

MALHEUR COUNTY COMMUNITY MENTAL HEALTH, LOCAL ALCOHOL AND DRUG AND DEVELOPMENT DISABILITIES ADVISORY COMMITTEE

MINUTES: September 23, 2020

LOCATION: TBD, contingent upon social distancing/meeting of 25+ restrictions

Attendees: Susan Gregory, Leanne Swetland, Melissa Williams, Connie Tanaka, Micaela Cathey, Jenn Suzuki, Jim St. Michell, Elizabeth Johnsen, Brian Wolfe, Kellie Dickinson, Anna LaRosa Melissa Williams, Wendy Hill

Absent:

- **Welcome**
 - Review of meeting minutes
Second page of minutes, Melissa Jacobs should be Melissa Williams, this should be changed. Jenn S. moved to approve meeting minutes with correction. **Motion Carried.**
- **Alcohol and drug prevention and treatment services**
 - Updates/ Review of Services
 - Outpatient.**
 - Have started adolescent groups.
 - Are also adding to adult groups. Still looking at implementing more. This is part of their treatment plan. It's not optional. This is included in their service plan. Kellie will speak to Marie to confirm this.
 - Jenn Suzuki – Is Lifeways able to serve all that need this? Currently it is serving the currently enrolled, not for an outside group at this point.
 - LRC**
 - Have conducted interviews and made offers. Still working on CADC, RN, and Administrative Assistant positions.
 - Medicaid assisted treatment – still only have one client. It's going well. Working on referral and intake flow. Having weekly meetings to hone in on process and how this will integrate with other services. The Health Department is not part of the MAT for Lifeways; however, we have connected with them for projects, and still working in that direction. Lifeways and the Health Department do have a monthly meeting.
 - Hire date for positions is October 5. If fully staffed, will train for a week or so. Admission for clients around October 15.

Juvenile treatment provider that can bill private insurance update – this position is posted, will need to find someone and then can begin. We are also working with clinicians we currently must get credentialed to handle this as well. Lifeways will update the group when this happens as there are several kids that need this service.

Kellie asked Susan if they can connect after the meeting if these clients can access the current clinicians. Kellie would like to meet with the billing department with Susan to see what the issue is with billing on these clients. **Kellie to reach out.**

- Needs
None at this point.
- Priorities
Get LRC up and running. Adolescent group requirement attendance.

- **Community Mental Health**

- Updates/ Review of Services
No major updates. Continuing with telehealth procedures. Client need for in person meetings. Moving forward with recruitment for new executive director for Malheur County. Mental Health Community Corrections position has been filled. Hannah has been introduced to community corrections, but no schedule on when she will begin working out of the jail. The office space cannot accommodate social distancing. There are some logistical issues, once this is completed, they will work on a meeting. Jail wrap around program – this is jail diversion program. A lot of this is communication issues, trying to get this back onboard.

Systems of care program – There are multiple levels of work groups. When COVID hit, the meetings fell off the radar. Lifeways has GOBHI support for this. They are working on getting this meeting back as a priority. Unsure when next meeting is scheduled.

Micaela will reach out and update all at the next meeting on the status of this. Chris Barnes is the expert on the structure of these meetings. Melissa Williams believes there should be a standing meeting on the books, maybe right before or after this meeting. This is the Wrap Around Executive Committee Meeting.

Wendy joined the meeting at 12:52 pm MT.

- Needs
- Priorities

- **Developmental Disabilities**

- Updates/ Review of Services
No halt in services, still processing eligibility, have gotten three new transfers which have started services. Change in foster home, one DD has closed as DD and will transfer to a MH home.
Putting together a ppt for eligibility process.

Susan would like a heads up when clients come in from out of county. Susan is mainly speaking to a heads up when kids from out of county come into our adolescent homes. Have any fires created an impact on our homes? Some of the foster homes have burned and are looking at placing them all over the state. We don't have many beds open for DD clients at this point. Kids homes are full. All adult homes are full at this point. Having some issues with individuals being released from corrections and not coming into services for initial assessment. This client does not want to go outside Malheur County.

PSW and online schooling – Leanne has asked the state. They cannot go into the school, they can assist in home, however no educating or tutoring. Only if indirectly related to goals. If the parent is present and assisting, then the PSW can assist with toileting, feeding, hygiene, etc. Some counties are going to propose they would like PSW's to come into the schools for support.

- Needs
- Priorities
- **Schools**
 - Updates/Review of Services

Have been working with Lifeways and are currently scheduled to serve 5 out of 7 schools. Valley Family is serving one of the remaining schools with county money. Was able to get a list of students receiving wrap services. Working on an MOU with Lifeways to share a little more info, such as list of students who are in services.

Micaela advised that as we move into in person meetings, there are talks about what if there is COVID exposure. How can disclosure take place? This should be added to the logs that the school is required to keep, this would go to the health department and they would take it from there. Ron and Melissa can communicate to each other if there is such an event.

Jenn Susuki wanted to give a shout out to Ron VA, as well as Judi T and Paula O for the communication and trainings.

Juvenile Department – kids are struggling with distance learning. Trying to communicate more with students.
 - Needs
 - Priorities
- **Questions/ Discussion/ Public Comment**

Jenn - We would like to come up with a way to measure our progress. If this group is successful, what would be different? Some of the metrics that Liz shared at last meeting should be part of this, as well as number of students served in schools, etc.

Brian - Jail is not taking any misdemeanor charges into the jail currently. Need to figure out a way to help people that go to jail vs. getting the mental health services they need. Brian feels we are going backward with this. Sarah Poe had eluded to this in a prior meeting. Micaela advised this is definitely a focus for Lifeways. Jail diversion can help with this. Kellie Dickinson is also meeting with the health department. Micaela is in support of this being a target goal. Need to set some type of a goal for reducing this. Brian felt the jail diversion program has been very successful. Micaela would like to have some more conversation with Brian Wolfe regarding this on a one and one. Brian would like his jail team in attendance as well. **Micaela to send email to Brian to meet.**

Jenn asked if there are any numbers they can set as a baseline number to show progress in this area.

Kellie asked if Jim St. Michell would like to join Brian Wolfe in their meeting regarding jail diversion. Brian advised he would like to join the meeting. Brian feels that the restrictions of COVID are driving this, and he feels the health of our community is suffering. There was some discussion about the hospital being overwhelmed and where we are at.

Liz asked if there was an outline set up last year that we could use?

They did Sim mapping last year. Jim St Michell never did receive anything after that.

Micaela stated she received a copy from GOBHI. She will get a copy to Tammy who will send out to group.

Liz will go through metrics program and look over and will make some process goals to formalize at next meeting.

Bob Dickson joined the meeting at 1:32 pm MT

- **Action Items and Next Steps**
Reach out for court signed copy of bylaws.

- **Adjourn**

Meeting adjourned at 2:33 pm MT.

Respectfully submitted,

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