

Malheur County Advisory Committee  
November 9, 2022  
1:30 pm MT

Attendees: Tammy Cortright, Melissa Williams, Steve Jensen, Jenn Susuki, Jim St. Michell, Christine Phillips, David Goldthorpe, Leanne Swetland, Ron VanAusdal, Connie Tanaka, Anna LaRosa, Suzanne Steele

- **CALL TO ORDER**

- **Introductions of new participants**

Introductions of all participants were made.

Tammy to add Ted Martinez to meeting.

- **Review of previous meeting minutes**

Motion to accept minutes – VanAusdal name misspelled, to be corrected on minutes.

No public comment

- **Lifeways**

Steve provided an updated for Lifeways.

BURN measure 110 funding update. 3 agencies Lifeways, Origins, EOCIL. EOCIL – apartments, Origins – services, Lifeways is extending services and housing. This money was split three ways. Attempting to find housing to support need in area.

Should this be a topic for another meeting, to outline what the plans are?

- ✓ This will be added to the next meeting agenda. Will be able to identify the direction we will be going.

MRSS – Mobile Response Services. This is an additional requirement from the state to provide additional mobile response. This is coming from OHA. This requires a team to go with law enforcement to provide services at the scene. This will reduce hospitalizations and ED visits and provide jail diversion. This will be rolling out in January. Still a lot of steps as well as staffing. The state may push this back to July. Steve to keep this group updated on roll out date.

CDDP – Beginning of next year, DD Services will be having their own advocacy meeting. This group has not been able to provide participation of clients. This is an intricate piece of DD services. Leanne is hoping that some that participate in this meeting would also like to participate in their meeting. They will be meeting monthly for individuals and providers but quarterly for community members. Leanne currently has an individual training in IOS. They will have a train the trainer in which they can train other individuals in the community. Still growing census. Staffing is nearly 100% staffed at this point.

**St. Alphonsus – Hospital Update - Anna**

Continuing with COVID emergence plan, focus on staffing (slowly getting better) ED continues to work well with the Lifeways Crisis team, thank you for the collaboration.

**Lifeways SUD Program - Suzanne Steele**

Have changed times for clients to have availability to attend drop in groups. We are starting a parenting program, which is not completely ready. We now have same day assessments for clients. Are now inside the jail providing assessments as well as starting a SUD group at parole and probation. Finalizing making the MAT program more accessible to community. Increasing victim impact panel. Focusing on bringing in certified peer recovery mentors. Now have MRT for youth clients available. Have also hired an employment specialist for the SUD group.

**Lifeways Outpatient - Ron VanAusdal**

Access continues to be a struggle, but we are meeting the CMHP requirements. Struggling with having licensed clinicians for private insurance. Supported Employment has grown. Children's team has taken children's team to where it needs to be. Still struggling with clinicians in general.

**Melissa Williams – Ontario School District**

Busy in Ontario School District. Student behavior is ramped up. Transition program is rockin' and rollin'.

**Jenn Susuki - Ontario School District Wellness Coordinator**

Behavior in schools is stressful. Wondering if we could move toward MDT meetings in each community, and dig into each student in depth. It was asked to Dave Goldthorpe how this could be done without violating privacy rules. Dave advised it could be done after the regular MDT. Would we need to change the format in any way? We would need to include Jackie in these discussions. Does it have to be limited to criminal situations? Dave advised that there is no limit, just a requirement to include community partners.

**Dave Goldthorpe**

Austin Robishaw has been reaching out to his office to better the assessment process.

With no further business, the meeting adjourned at 2:35 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Tammy Cortright  
Lifeways

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