

Malheur County Advisory

Meeting Minutes

1/24/24

12:00-1:00 PM

Attendees: Chris Barnes, Jenn Susuki, Lucas Hooker, Michael Ray, Ron Van Ausdal, Sarah Poe, Ted Martinez, Chris Phillips, Tim Heinz

- Metrics for Malheur County
Chris B. shared the metrics for Malheur County with the group.

A discussion on referrals took place regarding referrals for the Malheur County children's team.

Luke asked where the data for these metrics come from.

Chris explained how the metrics are gathered.

Michael Ray indicated that he does not have access to this data.

- ✓ Chris B. advised that she will get him access. Luke asked Chris if Dillin Richards (Lifeways) could also have access to this. Chris B. asked Luke to forward Dillins' email to her and she will work on access.

- Updates and Any Agenda Items not included on this one.
Tim – No Updates. They continue to expand in ERDC up to 13 kids with more in que. TECP up to 31 kids.

Ted – Senate bill 745 – sex trafficking – they will be doing observational assessments which could start some DHS calls. They are now required to do these quick observational assessments. This is data that the state is collecting as well as mandatory reporting to the DHS hotline.

Sarah – Reminder for families with children to have updated vaccinations. This needs to be done by February 21st.
Working on health equity conference. This is to identify

disparities within our community. Health equity conference is September 25 with reception in evening, and September 26 will be all day. There will be 40 presenters this year.

The warming shelter that was open 1/13-1/19 served about 70 people meals each day. With that closed, St Matthew's is holding a meal site for lunch each day from 1/23 until 2/2. Please share.

<https://malheurhealth.org/2024/01/23/meal-site-now-open/> There was a teen at the shelter.

Chris P – CQI yesterday. This went as well as anything data can be. They have approximately 150 open cases. At this event they pull randomly 8 cases. Some areas didn't look so great, but had some great input from the nurse at the health department. Great conversation regarding safety at the end of presentation.

Michael Ray – We were awarded a network grant from GOBHI to update some equipment. The children's team is not yet at full capacity and they are hiring. They are looking for 3 clinicians QMHP, a wrap care coordinator, and a family youth partner. The family youth partner will need to be a QMHA. Positions can be located and viewed on Lifeways website: <https://www.lifeways.org/lifeways-benefits>

Jenn S – Started attendance court. Jenn attended one last week. Staff was not fully in attendance and only one youth showed up due to weather. It went really well and exactly how it was envisioned to work. Levi Anderson was there and Jenn advised he is always such a great addition to the team as well as Madison from Lifeways.

Lucas H – No updates

Ron V – have been looking for a building for a crisis center. They think they have finally found a place that meets all the needs. The board has approved with starting to look at options to purchase either part of whole building. This will be a crisis center for youth and adults. May use the old DMV building if this other option falls through.

Chris B – GOHBI is looking for a new CEO. Karen is retiring in June. They have hired a CBHD. Melissa. Chris will make sure introductions are made to the group. Chris took over the ADA team. They are also hiring a BCBA – entry level. Also hiring an RBI – direct day to day work with kids in Baker area.

Chris would like to see someone from Ron's group attend the GOBHI session that she sent out the information on a while ago. Chris will also put this in chat. Below is the link:

We hope you can join us for the **rescheduled session Wednesday, January 31 at 3 p.m.-4:30 p.m.** [Please register for the updated session](#), and Zoom will send you an email with a calendar invitation.

- Where are we on the following Gaps in Services:
 - Youth Centered Activities
Chris attended the Community in Action open house. Ron stated that the youth center is increasing in services since the opening. They have opened up the group room and are holding community group type meetings. Juvenile probation would like to begin holding groups at the new location.
 - ✓ Chris B will drop by some flyers to the Youth Center to remind of the meetings that they can attend and get paid for.
 - Gaps in Mental Health Crisis and traditional outpatient Services
Chris P – always seem to call the wrong phone number. Definition of crisis means different things to different people. Ron agrees that there are too many phone numbers to call. Ron asked Chris to let him know when the phone number called doesn't get an answer or no return call back.

- ✓ Ron will look into the break down.

Sarah stated there is a gap in our community for community members using but need detox and want to start MAT. Ron would like them to refer them over if needed. Chris Barnes advised that Baker does have an adult detox.

Ron advised that Lifeways is also looking for a building to provide detox services, this is still up in the air.

- Discussion that Practice Level Workgroup is having on High Level youth that Teachers aren't prepared to handle
Multiple counties have sent this to the state. They are looking at this. Chris has been connected to Rachelle Meyer with Oregon dept. of education. Chris will connect her with this group. There is a mapping of the community going on to look into this.

- Next Meeting
Will look at arranging an in person location.

With no further business the meeting adjourned at 1:01 pm MT.

Respectfully submitted,

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