

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

MINUTES: November 10, 2021

Attendees: Christopher Liu, Jenn Susuki, Leanne Swetland, Tammy Cortright, Wendy Hill, Dan Joyce, Jim St Michell, Rebecca Stricker.

- **CALL TO ORDER**

Meeting was called to order at 1:36 pm MT.

- Introductions of new participants
No new
- Review of previous meeting minutes
Previous meeting minutes from September were not reviewed or approved.

- **PUBLIC INPUT** -please limit remarks to 5 minutes

No public input

- **LIFEWAYS**

- Crisis services and dispatch are being rolled out. Pilot testing dispatch now in house. This will have a local response. Currently on 2nd week and working out kinks. Will send out more info when finalized. Will be available to all community partners. This will be 24 - 7 days a week.
- Mobile crisis response is also rolling out. Have secured a vehicle.

Wendy asked if this would be for all ages. As of now, there will be no age restrictions. Will roll out MH first and then a SUD component later.

Wendy also asked about staffing. Staffing is always a challenge. Will always have at least two individuals on call and available. Wendy asked if Lifeways would be looking at other community partners to assist.

- ✓ Dr. Liu will look into this and reach out.

Rebecca asked whom would they reach out to for a client or staff if they are in danger of harming themselves. Rebecca also stated that the recent crisis they have at the Health Department – to say Lifeways was awesome with their response.

Jenn asked if the mobile crisis would travel outside of Ontario. Christopher Liu stated the CMHP is over all of Malheur County. It may take a little more time outside of Ontario in rural areas.

Dr. Liu will have more information in the next couple of weeks regarding the crisis team. He feels we need to be more proactive as a team. Hope to see more funding from the state level.

- Crisis center- still actively looking for funding. Team is looking for land to build crisis center.
- Lifeways is actively looking for new board members. Dr. Liu asked if any of this team has any interest or if they know of anybody that would be interested.
- We are currently expanding our peer center. Looking for space. Dr. Liu asked if anybody knows of any to please reach out. This would be just for adults now, but also looking into a space for children down the road as well.
- Lifeways will be conducting some crisis incident stress management trainings. His is asking if anyone from this team would like to attend the training. CISM – hope to have all Lifeways staff trained in next two weeks. If interested reach out. Some of this training is self-guided. There are two components. This is a twenty-hour training. Everyone on this meeting is asked if they would like to attend. Reach out to Dr. Liu if interested.

Christine joined the meeting at 1:51 pm MT.

- Big change in leadership at Lifeways.
 - ✓ Wendy Hill asked how to get her staff into the CISM training. Christine Phillips also would like her team to participate. Dr. Liu asked anyone interested to reach out to him. Lifeways will pay the cost for any team members to attend this training.
- Jenn Susuki initiated a conversation regarding who is going to chair this and how it will work.

ROUNDTABLE UPDATES

- Jim St. Michell stated he really is appreciative of the jail diversion program getting started back up.
- Rebecca Stricker had nothing new today.
- Christine Phillips said it is a beautiful day to work hand in hand with Lifeways. Had a child they have been working with and child is now in hospital. Teamwork and supports for this child is humongous. Greatly appreciates the partnership. With Dr. Liu's leadership, feels we are walking hand in hand. Entire staff at DHS have noticed this.
- Jenn Susuki wanted to compliment Leanne regarding help she lended to them. Some barriers were ran into that they are working through.

Anna La Rosa joined the meeting at 2:06 pm MT.

- Jenn S will be meeting with Ron V for preschool program today.
- Leanne said to both Jenn S and Christine – she is happy to walk anybody through processes. Leanne will work on a power point to share. Leanne does have a list of services that she can send out that her program provides.

Jenn advised there is a training on the 17th. She will send Leanne an email. PACT?

- Anna – big struggle with staffing. FEMA travelers are now at the hospital. Hope to extend through January. Working on vaccine rollout.
 - ✓ Tammy to work on logistics of quarterly meeting.

- Adjourn

With no further business, the meeting adjourned at 2:12 pm MT.

Respectfully submitted,

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