

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

MINUTES: May 10, 2023

Attendees: Tammy Cortright, Melissa Williams, Dave Goldthorpe, Steve Jensen, Jenn Susuki, Ron Van Ausdal, Michele Belnap, Christine Phillips, Dan Joyce

- **CALL TO ORDER**

- Introductions of new participants
- Review of previous meeting minutes

Meeting minutes from February were approved as submitted and seconded.

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

None presented

- **LIFEWAYS**

- Client Access

The information for 2022 that was submitted to GOBHI regarding client access was shared with the group. Continuing to hire staff.

New Youth Center is still in process. Should be opening in July.

- CCBHC

Discussed integrated care that is providing primary care services within Lifeways. We are certified to do this, but do not have practitioners to do this. Looking at bringing someone in, however it is on pause at this time. Looking at what direction to go with certification. We will go with one of the two certifications. Looking at grants, and did not submit a grant this year, but will submit a grant next year and look at applying next year.

- Housing opportunities

Hopeful that Lifeways will break ground on a 12 bed housing unit in September. Goal is to make this transitional housing. Would like to bring individuals in seeking treatment and transition them out after wrapping with services.

Lifeways has purchased a duplex and will house 6 – 8 individuals seeking SUD services. This will be a recovery model house. This will be opening up within a couple weeks.

- Crisis Response Unit

Moving forward with 24 hour crisis teams going out in the community. Working with law enforcement to meet with individuals where client is. Currently getting MOU's in place and there will be more to come on this.

Crisis stabilization center was discussed. We have submitted a grant. Have not heard back on this. Even if grant is not received, Lifeways plans on moving forward with this.

- Michelle Belnap has applied for services through Lifeways for her mentally handicapped son. Continually hears she will need to take him to a residential facility in Portland. She would like to know what she can do to bring services to this area.
- Steve J – would like to address this issue. He will work with staff and contact Michelle and identify gaps with this issue and maybe partnering with another agency. Advised that he is working with senior leadership on where Lifeways needs to expand to. Michelle advised that Kim Leos is their case manager. Michelle discussed assisted living, personal social workers, etc.
- Christine Phillips was recently in a meeting with individuals in Salem. Vocational Rehabilitation was discussed. This may provide some assistance to Michelle B. child. They are now reaching out for assistance from them. Looking at funding with Lifeways to provide assistance.
- Jenn S – last June a meeting was held regarding gaps in community and this was discussed.

Ron – re identify gaps and obtain funding. Christine P – none of this group had control of meeting last June.

Steve – traditionally Lifeways has had some hard lines, but with changes in community, our lines need to expand. As we look at gaps, can we narrow the lines we work in and how can we work with partners in our community to shore up gaps and make sure each agency has understanding of what other agency can do at all times.

◆ **ROUNDTABLE**

- Updates/Review of Services

Jenn S – Malheur education early learning center has grand opening soon. If interested let Jenn know. May 19th @ 11:00 am.

Dave Goldthorpe – no updates.

Dan Joyce – no updates.

Melissa W. – OSD – three weeks of school left. Having an event next week. Some misconceptions. It is called Tigers matter focusing on healthy living. Students have created a video and provided quotes. This will be presented at an assembly. In the afternoon will have a conference with 30 presenters with a wide range of topics. This is experimental. Some funding has been contributed from Lifeways. This is next Thursday. All welcome to attend.

Michelle – did support the court. So many kids attended. Also would be happy to help do research to help with anything to bring services to this community.

Melissa W – there is also a summer camp. Does not have dates but will get them.

Ron V – mental health teams are flourishing. SUDS team is continuing to explode. Prevention Program – Judi has partially retired. Paola will be heading this program moving forward.

- Meeting adjourned at 2:11 pm MT.

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