



*Behavioral Health Advisory Council Minutes
November 13, 2015
Cheyenne, Wyoming*

November 13, 2015 - Called to Order at 8:30 am

- ✓ Attendance: Rob Johnston; Aurie Garcia; Laura Griffith, Sam Boberly, Alice Russler, Brenda Stout, Nicky Harper, Jessi Westling, Jeff Lamm, Sue Wilson, Kelly Stewart, Sherry Mercer, Angela Mason, Kim Hair, Martin Kury, Ted Izzo – Did not have a quorum
- ✓ Council Business – What’s happening in Your Community?
 - Introductions
 - Motion to approve minutes – Laura, Brenda & Nicky approve the minutes
 - Jeff (DFS) – Audits are going on. Process of mock reviews and also Title 4E reviews (May)
 - Nicky – Got new case management system. Forging ahead with VIOLA (?). Partner with WDE and possibly DOC. Employment 1st trying to get off the ground.
 - Sherry – There is a person overseeing to make sure people coming through the ER for initial evaluations are well trained. They are making sure they get the correct aftercare at Sheridan Memorial Hospital. Sandy Dell is the contact.
 - Angela – Protection and Advocacy – Revised service animal publication. Service animal vs. companion animal.
 - Jessi – In September they had the largest number of clients served in the course of the program. They had 46 cases. Most calls were concerning legal issues. Title 25 meeting in November.
 - Brenda – ICP 10 system in place since October 10. It is going well so far. Navigent is reviewing data.
 - Martin – Probation and parole with CTC in Cheyenne. Trying to get a feel for disconnects.
 - Kim – Helping Martin and worked on the bylaws integrating substance abuse.
 - Laura – Recover Wyoming had a very vigorous September. Chris Herren (ex-basketball player) spoke and they had 300 people at the Civic Center and around 350 in Laramie.
 - Sue – Labor Committee in Buffalo. Tobacco Trust Fund spending more than we are getting. Felt strongly that prevention programs on top tier, especially in the corrections department. Coalition against domestic violence just appointed.
 - Ted – Advocating to get bill passed to renew contract for HUD. Rent has tripled. He went to town council and newspaper to get money so people can stay in their apartments. They only have until January. If contract not renewed, they won’t get their money for their homes. Many people with mental health and substance abuse will be out on the street. Youth activity director for Knights of Columbus working on Wyoming Lotto Commission. Next meeting 12/9/15.
- ✓ Nicky Harper
 - Perceived that people with SMI & SPI can’t work. They can be as productive as anyone else.
 - “You don’t fit it” stigma
 - Helping coaches help people be more productive.
 - Would come through budgeting process instead of a bill
 - One with Medicaid portion and one without.

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- ✓ Alice's Update
 - Alice's last meeting
 - Bring system of care. Significant improvement in wait time (1.3-2.6 days average). Ultimately same day access.
 - Measuring GAP scores use DLA 20. Measures functioning.
 - Tracking employment and housing – slight improvements.
 - Higher need clients benefit more.
 - Need to think of providers as businesses.
 - Have to make changes or our system will suffer.
 - We are at a critical phase and need legislative support.
 - Put funds where safety is an issue, not population.
 - Chris Newman makes decision about Alice's replacement on the Council and payment reform.
 - SAMSHA site visit went very well. Good exit interview.
 - Two pilot programs (Central and Southwest in Rock Springs and Natrona).
 - Wyolotto
 - ☑ Required to spend over \$200,000/yr in unclaimed prize money for treatment for problem gambling (they have established 4).
 - ☑ Maybe showing up for depression, but won't admit problem with gambling.
 - ☑ Bigger problem around where casinos are.

- ✓ Aurie's Update
 - Mental health report due December 10, still in draft form.
 - Where block grant dollars are sent to.
 - First episode psychosis treatment – WICHE. Adolescents and adults in early stages.
 - Add Regina to agenda for next meeting.

- ✓ Sam Boberly – DOC
 - Is compliance with case management being met? After audits it was found they are in the 90th percentile.
 - Are case managers engaging offenders?
 - Standardized assessment tools are great.
 - Follow up with housing/development not really being done sufficiently. Getting to information is difficult once paroled because information is entered differently by different parole officers.
 - Can be tracked through systems we support. A lot of people are not being tracked if they aren't in our system.
 - People should have care while incarcerated. Trying to do the right thing and proving best treatment.

- ✓ Kim Hair – Bylaw Changes
 - Integrating substance abuse

- ✓ Discussed who could/could not be a voting member
- ✓ Aurie & Rob to work on proposed changes to bylaws then email out to members.
- ✓ Rob to work on new member list.



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- ✓ Rob and Ted to be Chair & Vice Chair.
- ✓ Work on poster presentation – Check with Janet Jares about working on it.
- ✓ Ask about reimbursement for other Council Members if they travel to Cheyenne
- ✓ Move to one day meeting on Friday, March 18 from 10:00-3:00.

- ✓ Meeting adjourned 2:00