



*Behavioral Health Advisory Council Minutes
April 15, 2016
Hilton Garden Inn
Casper, Wyoming*

April 15, 2016 - Called to Order at 8:30 am

- ✓ Attendance: Rob Johnston, Martin Kury, Kim Hair, Jessi Westling, Chris Rudd, Kellie Webb, Kim Summerall-Wright, Angela Mason, Sam Borbely, Dania Ballard, Paul Demple, Jane Fogelman, Sue Wilson, JoAnn Numoto, Aurie Garcia
- ✓ ABSENT: Trish Bannon, Elizabeth Parker, Philip Shupe, Ted Izzo, Sherry Mercer, Laura Griffith, Marilee NiEtain, Nicky Harper, Jeff Lann, Jeff Wasserberger, Fred Snelson
- ✓ Council Business – What’s happening in Your Community?
 - Introductions
 - Rob Johnston – Chairs committee, GLBT representative. Integration of services in Casper. Identify gaps and what needs are.
 - Sue Wilson – Representative. Continue working on Title 25. Introduced a bill that she will bring back to session to set up grant to fund community to bring together various groups to figure out where gaps are in services available for mental health and substance abuse. Small and creative projects.
 - Jessi Westling – Ombudsman. Submitting 3rd Quarter report. Discussed 5 top issues. Numbers are still up.
 - Kim Hair – Consumer. Recovery, drug abuse
 - Martin Kury – Consumer. Disconnect between probation/halfway house.
 - Chris Rudd – Veterans Outreach program. Great strides for veterans.
 - Paul Demple – Involved with Title 25, Governor’s task force. Payment reform WAMHSAC co-chair on Data Group.
 - Amanda Jones – NAMI. Rob trying to get on council. Build affiliates to entire state of Wyoming.
 - JoAnn Numoto – Department of Education.
 - Dania Ballard – MHSA Administrator. Payment reform. Contract season underway.
 - Sam Borbely – Department of Corrections. Correction needs and assessments. Going to lose some services due to budget cuts.
 - Kellie Webb – Tribal representation.
 - Kim ? – Couldn’t hear her
 - Jane Fogelman –
 - Aurie Garcia – State Planner, BHD.
- ✓ Reviewed Proposed By-Law Revision
 - Maintain better communication
 - There are openings – two community members. Rob will send letter asking if they want to continue on the Council. Then he will send a letter to Governor’s office asking they be removed followed by recruitment. Family member adult open, family member related to a child open.
 - Rob to follow up with Governor’s office to check on expiration dates for appointments.



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- ✓ Dania's Update
 - Title 25 activities – Legislative mandating gatekeeping. Currently have \$4.4 million dollar budget and running \$15 million plus. Direct outpatient commitment. Get people help before they have to be hospitalized. Crisis stabilization is very important. Don't just divert people, but have other places for them to go other than the hospital. Layoffs are having effects.
- ✓ Aurie's Update
 - Update on Mental Health Block Grant. Southwest and Yellowstone will be piloting two programs on first episode psychosis treatment. Providing support, education, etc.
 - Thomas Long (SAMHSA Project Officer) will be visiting Wyoming in June.
 - BHD rewarded a \$1 million grant for opiate and drug addiction. Conference in September in Cheyenne focused on medication assisted treatment.
 - From a consumer point there is no peer-to-peer support/connection.
 - Discussed problems of youth – convoluted process
 - Gaps with service providers
- ✓ Dania went over the Payment Reform
 - Went over Priority Populations and how money is being fairly distributed throughout the states for centers.
 - Rough model that is still being worked on.
 - Went over different work groups that are working on the Payment Reform.
 - There are barriers that need to be crossed before we can work on them (i.e. funding, housing)
 - Dania asked if anyone was interested in being a part of one of the groups
- ✓ Integration mental health and behavioral services with primary care – Presentation
 - Handout distributed - IMPACT
 - Talked about depression – need for collaborative treatment
 - Went over team members and what they do – Everyone they come in contact with are part of the patient's care.
 - Goal to serve 550 patients, they are very successful in treating depression at the Community Health Center with IMPACT.
 - Not about quick fix, it is about teaching them skills
 - Patients have positive feedback about IMPACT
- ✓ Revision of bylaws reviewed
 - Suggested adding “substance abuse related addicted disorders”
 - Requested “substance use and addictive disorders”
 - Sam volunteered to work with Aurie & SAMHSA for exact wording.
 - Handout on strategic plan
 - Next agenda review the block grant application draft
- ✓ Public Comment
 - Caller (who would not identify herself) asked what is being done to recruit psychiatrists to the state of Wyoming and increasing number of psychiatric (in patient) beds. Caller suggested



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looking at number of beds that are designated for those with acute psychiatric needs as opposed to mental health beds that are available

- ✓ Next meeting to be held August 11-12
- ✓ Meeting adjourned