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## Behavioral Health Advisory Board

Date: Friday, October 18th, 2024

Time: 12:00pm – 1:30pm

Location: Stan Owen, 2577 NE Courtney Dr. Bend, OR 97701

Attendees: Amber Clegg, Linda Nolte, Christina Lee, Lindsey Hoffman, Holly Harris, Kristin Mozzochi, Ashton Varner, Dana Murray, Jessica Vierra, Melinda Thomas, Julie McFarlane, Lorelei K., Roger Olson, Michael Shults, Lee Butler

<u>Agenda Items</u>		
12:00PM – 12:10PM	Welcome and introductions Approval of August Meeting Minutes Patti Adair motion to approve; Jessica second	Roger Olson
12:10PM – 12:20PM	<b>Director’s Report</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Jackson House- 16 bed residential facility.</li> <li>• They will receive 2 mil from state to passthrough to them, but they also come with their own resources. Some of that money is earmarked for people who are under civil commitment and therefore this facility would need to serve them at least for the first year, which is great.</li> <li>• The contract is in negotiations. Once signed, the hope to break ground and complete within 18 months.</li> <li>• Patti Adair would like the senator to hear about this facility from this group. Holly agreed. There is a lot of opposition to this when she discusses it.</li> <li>• Facilities in Klamath and Wasco that have the funds and momentum but unable to move forward because of federal regulations, so will likely be bringing it to legislature.               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Lee Butler suggested talking about this in Advocacy Subcommittee. This could be a great start to letter writing and advocacy.</li> <li>○ This is a hard topic to get everyone on the same page with this at both state and federal level.</li> <li>○ NAMI could be a good partner.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	Holly Harris



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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• A big issue is that the federal law is a maximum of 16 beds which isn't a lot- this all stems from old laws and asylums.</li> </ul> <p><b>Child Psychiatric Facility.</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Additional project with Jackson's house. Regional partnership working as a region with Acute Care Council, Crook and Jefferson Country, St. Charles. And PacificSource.</li> <li>• No money identified for it</li> <li>• Spoke with legislation about and hoping to secure funds.</li> <li>• Although Jackson's House comes with it's own resources, they do need some buy-in/contribution from the community</li> <li>• The hard part about children's facilities is that there are so many requirements and staffing challenges.</li> <li>• It was suggested we look at schools for land for this project.             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Holly will reach out to Melinda to discuss how the school districts can be involved and perhaps have representation at these meetings.</li> </ul> </li> <li>• This is a big need on this side of the mountain; not easy to have all children go to Portland.</li> </ul>	
<p>12:20PM – 12:45PM</p>	<p><b>DCHS Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion (DEI) Committee Presentation</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Ashton Varner, DEI Strategist DCHS</li> <li>• See attached annual report.</li> <li>• Ashton and the DEI Committee are always available to review materials.</li> </ul>	<p>Jessica Vierra</p>
<p>12:45PM – 1:00PM</p>	<p><b>Rack Card Discussion</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Formal apology for not sending the letter from Patti Adair's intern to the broader group.</li> <li>• Jessica highlighted and read aloud what she thought was the most important part of the letters.</li> <li>• Discussion, motion and vote:  <b>Discussion:</b>            Linda Nolte- used be an organizational development consultant- Part of what she did was to look for the win-win result when their was opposing conversation. She stated that we can't be everything to everybody and doesn't believe there is a win to leaving this on the card.</li> </ul>	<p>Jessica Vierra</p>



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	<p>Lee Butler- advising the county on behavioral health and accessibility of care isn't really talked about. Could go either way on whether the flag is on the card, but we must maintain a focus on access for this population. Subtle imagery could help show that we are inclusive, but also wants to avoid unnecessary fights. We should be mindful of what the intention was to leave it or remove it. We just need to be mindful of and acknowledge the specific needs of this population.</p> <p>Cameron suggested that if maybe the flag doesn't feel good to everyone, perhaps we had something simple that states "All are welcome".</p> <p>Christina spoke about allyship and standing with marginalized people, and thought the flag was a way to do so and suggested leaving it.</p> <p>Michael Shulz used the example of the blue line and how Deschutes County has chosen to keep the line. He really believes that regardless of the line, it the actions that matters, and perhaps if we didn't have the line it wouldn't be discussed and could really focus on actions.</p> <p>Lorelei also likes the idea of "all are welcome"</p> <p>Julie suggested that by having the flag we could be leaving other groups out, and that may not be where we want to spend our time. We should use the space to have something about inclusion but maybe not the flag.</p> <p>Jessica suggested that we just say we're DEI? Linda preferred not to use DEI as it can be triggering on both sides. We can say the same things without using the term DEI. Melinda agreed.</p> <p>Melinda would like to draft an eloquent statement to say we include all without using polarizing terms.</p>	
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	<p><b>Vote:</b>          Jessica motioned to remove the flag from the rack card with substitute language to be developed by Melinda Thomas. Linda Second, and all agreed.</p>	
1:00PM – 1:15PM	<p>Sub-committees</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Clarification and finalization</li> </ul>	Dana Murray
1:15PM – 1:30PM	Board openings	Roger

Subcommittee	Members
<b>Membership and Onboarding Committee</b>	<p>Cameron Fischer, Peter Boehm, Melinda Thomas.</p> <p>Need to work on applications- No longer needed to HR anymore.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Christina announced she will not be serving another term and will give up her seat on the board.</li> <li>Lorelei Kryzaneck will also be giving up her seat on the board.</li> </ul> <p>Roger will reach out to those whose terms will be ending.</p> <p>Youth position- no applications</p>
<b>Community Outreach</b>	<p>Lorelei Kryzaneck, Jill Adams, Julie McFarlane,</p> <p>Update: table their presentation until next month.</p> <p>They will rework their name and focus</p>
<b>Letters of Support/Advocacy</b>	<p>Table for now. Jessica suggested Melinda lead it. Melinda is okay with doing this, but would like to see others step forward to round out subcommittee membership.</p>



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<b>Calendar Committee and liaison</b>	
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