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## Behavioral Health Advisory Board Approved Minutes

Date: Friday, June 18, 2021

Time: 12:00pm – 1:15pm

Location:

Virtual – Zoom Meeting

<https://zoom.us/j/97520288410>

Present: Jessica Vierra, Hailey Barth, Danielle MacBain, Michael Shults, Holly Moore, Janice Garceau, Lorelei Kryzanek, Paul Partridge, Christina Lee, Roger Olson, Kristin Gyford, Shannon Brister, Kim Drew, Cameron Fischer, Stephanie Sahleen, Peter Boehm, & Robby Cervelli.

<u>Agenda Items</u>		
12:00PM - 12:15PM	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Welcome and introductions</li> <li>• BHAB Co-Chair volunteers</li> <li>• July meeting – cancel?</li> </ul> <p>Roger Olson welcomed those in attendance and introductions were made. He noted that he is still accepting volunteers and/or suggestions for the vacant BHAB Co-Chair position.</p> <p>Roger asked the group if they would like to cancel the July 16, 2021 meeting, as many will be on vacation. Peter Boehm pointed out that there are only 12 meetings in a year and we still do not get everything accomplished. The group agreed to have the July meeting.</p>	Roger Olson
12:15PM – 12:25PM	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Legislative Update</li> </ul> <p>Janice Garceau shared a legislative update with the group and highlighted the following:</p>	Janice Garceau



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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• There are no budget cuts and BH will be receiving an inflation increase</li> <li>• \$21.5 million dollars was awarded in Aid &amp; Assist increases       <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ This will go to CMHPs and will be ongoing funding.</li> </ul> </li> <li>• \$25 million was awarded for CCBHCs       <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ This is one time money, but only because it's a demonstration project, not because lack of support</li> </ul> </li> <li>• \$130 million was awarded for regional development and innovation       <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ This is for housing and residential treatment facilities</li> </ul> </li> <li>• \$10 million was awarded as an ongoing appropriation for crisis dollars for CMHPs</li> <li>• \$20 million was awarded for the coverage of supervision costs       <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ \$7 million is dedicated to CMHPs to cover the cost.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	
<p>12:25PM - 12:30PM</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Comprehensive Behavioral Health Plan – Identified behavioral health service gaps and opportunities</li> </ul> <p>Christina Lee asked BHAB members to provide any feedback they have on critical behavioral health service gaps in Central Oregon. Christina is the liaison between the community and PacificSource, so she can help inform the CCO of BHAB member’s thoughts. The group identified the following major system gaps:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Available treatment beds</li> <li>• Mental health residential services for you</li> <li>• Quality foster care systems</li> <li>• Affordable housing</li> <li>• Substance use treatment services</li> </ul>	<p>Christina Lee/All</p>



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	<p>Peter Boehm stated he can't even count how many kids he saw with an SPMI who needed inpatient treatment, but never got it. There is a lack of providers who serve children with serious mental health issues.</p> <p>Danielle MacBain shared that she has a child who accesses I/DD services. She noted there are people that present normally but may have behaviors that are quite different, so figuring out access to available services can be challenging.</p> <p>Robby shared that he hears from folks at Narcotics Anonymous meetings that they are in desperate need of some time to get clean in a safe environment. He said a lot of people aren't grateful to have gone to jail, but are glad they were removed from their previously harmful environment. He added a huge gap is more housing/treatment options for long-term SUDs detox.</p>	
<p>12:30PM – 12:45PM</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Staff Morale</li> </ul> <p>Roger stated how important it is for the BHAB to support staff at DCHS as there is a state and nationwide phenomenon of low morale amongst behavioral health employees who are vacating from the public sector. He said it is incredibly important to make contact and visit with the local teams.</p> <p>Roger asked if any BHAB members would want to spend time with DCHS teams via zoom to give recognition of their hard work. Holly Moore stated this is a great idea as the Board offers a perspective outside of the leadership group and feedback will be empowering to staff.</p> <p>Janice said it is important to be clear about the team visits and explain the goal is to be supportive, not solve high-level problems for staff.</p> <p>Jessica Vierra asked about the formation of ad-hoc/subcommittees to support the BHAB and DCHS staff. Roger responded the formation of these committees will be</p>	<p>Roger/Christina/All</p>



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	<p>discussed at the next meeting along with Board development.</p> <p><b>ACTION:</b> Roger to work with Hailey and the Co-Chair on organizing team visits.</p>	
<p>12:45PM – 1:15PM</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Jail/Law Enforcement Discussion with Corrections Division Commander Captain Michael Shults</li> </ul> <p>Captain Michael Shults, Corrections Division Commander at Deschutes County Sheriffs Department, was in attendance to discuss mental health at the Jail. Captain Shults highlighted the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The entire criminal justice system is impacted by those experiencing mental health issues             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ The Jail is a hidden element that cannot say “no” to this work</li> </ul> </li> <li>• The Jail is part of the Stepping Up Initiative             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Resources and data are utilized to divert individuals with mental health issues or disabilities from incarceration</li> </ul> </li> <li>• In the reality of today’s world nearly 60% of individuals are coming into contact with LE because of mental health or substance use disorders</li> <li>• Communication between the Jail and the hospital system is improving</li> <li>• In 2020 the Sherriff’s Department budgeted for 4 behavioral health clinical positions to be housed within the Jail to address mental health issues</li> <li>• This year’s budget includes the remodeling of the jail system to include more public defenders (PD)             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ PD can help communicate the process of what a loved one is going through within the Jail</li> <li>○ The remodel also includes transforming the Jail into a place of wellness                 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ More beds, better infrastructure, less wait times for visitors</li> </ul> </li> </ul> </li> </ul>	<p>Captain Shults/All</p>



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	<p>Janice stated that the Sherriff's Department puts \$500, 000 a year into the Deschutes County Stabilization Center, and noted this is a strong partnership and an enormous investment.</p> <p>Commissioner Adair shared she is very worried about the need for more beds in Oregon for those with mental health issues. She explained the State keeps increasing their mandates without getting to the root of the problem, but shared as commissioner she will be working to address these issues.</p> <p>Captain Shults discussed the difficulty of filling job openings at the Sherriff's Department, and said the high cost of living in Deschutes County often deters applicants. Commissioner Adair discussed SB-391, which will allow additional accessory dwelling units in Deschutes County, and is hoping this will help with the housing prices.</p>	
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### Upcoming agendas:

- BH Satisfaction Survey
- CCBHC Report