

PUBLIC SAFETY COORDINATING COUNCIL

MINUTES

TUESDAY,
January 25, 2022

11:30

ZOOM VIDEO CONFERENCE

MEETING CALLED BY	Eric Guyer
ATTENDEES	Joshua Aldrich, Lee Ayers, Scott Beauchamp, Benjamin Bloom, Alicia Brown, Dave Carter, Travis Christian, Dave Dotterer, Lisa Edwards, Eric Guyer, Beth Heckert, Tira Hubbard, Justin Ivens, Julia Jackson, Danny Jordan, Tyler Lee, Jennifer Lind, Lorenzo Mejia, Robert Mountain, Jennifer Mylenek, Jackie Newman, Nathan Olson, Tracy Owen, Michael Parsons, Tina Qualls, Mark Reagles, Nate Sickler, Randy Sparacino, Rita Sullivan, Noah Symington, A. John Watson, Brittany Whitmire, Kim Whitney, Lindsay Zamudio

- Eric Guyer opened the meeting at 11:30
- Opening Remarks: Eric Guyer welcomed everyone to the January PSCC meeting.

MINUTE ADOPTION – NOVEMBER

ERIC GUYER, CHAIR

DISCUSSION	
No suggested revisions were identified for the November minutes. Judge Mejia provided a motion to adopt, seconded by Travis Christian. A roll-call vote was requested, all were in favor, and none were opposed. The November minutes were officially adopted.	

Agenda Topics

BEHAVIORAL HEALTH PLANNING GRANT AND INTERSECTING INITIATIVES

DISCUSSION	
<p><i>Julia Jackson, Director of Behavioral Health at Jackson Care Connect</i></p> <p><u>Behavioral Health Planning Grant Snapshot</u></p> <p><u>Grant Funding Through OHA –</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • \$50,000 for each recipient, and no applicants were denied • Funds are to be used for assessments, planning, and final recommendations to OHA as to how the agency plans on advancing equitable access to meet the needs of BH, specifically individuals who are at risk or are in a marginalized population bracket. • Other grant recipients that have formed a Planning Partnership with in this region are Hearts with a Mission, Youth 71Five Ministries • Other grant recipients include Natives of One Wind Indigenous Alliance, Coquille Tribe, an Crossroads • Grant funds are very restrictive <p><u>Planning Grant Partnership Collaboration and Efforts -</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Aligned on language to be used in a housing survey to get firsthand information from individuals with lived experience on what the current housing issues are by utilizing Listening Sessions and a 6-question survey • Conducted Key Informant Interviews with 20+ housing providers and stakeholders • Planning steps for a Housing Summit to review the obtained data. This will occur in the end of May <p><u>Housing Experience Survey Trends -</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Available housing is simply too expensive: low income, bad credit or no credit, poor rental history, inability to prove residency and pass drug tests • Additional barriers: history/current legal charges, debilitating mental health issues, inability to generate consistent income, on-line application difficulties • Concerns regarding immigration status, not having a social security card, lack of bilingual staffing assistance, fear of navigating a complex system • Pandemic related stressors: current or history of domestic violence due to isolation and stress, lack of housing due to the Alameda fires, economic closures impacting employment • Recommendations: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Permanent supported housing 	

2. Recovery Housing
3. Mass affordable housing for general public
4. More shelters for those in transition or crisis.

Key Informant Interviews -

- Housing emergency is severe and increasing
- Recommendations:
 1. Permanent, supported housing of all types
 2. Transitional housing
 3. Low barrier recovery housing
- Critical to pair supportive services with housing
- Need for an overarching coordination/collaboration process to leverage emerging opportunities

Intersecting Initiative -

- Housing
- Behavioral Health Resource Network- Jackson County Resource Network
- Crisis Resource Network (CRN)

JCC's Vision to Support Housing -

- Facilitate open lines of communication between the different housing tables in order to coordinate project visions and leverage resources
- Elevate health equity, diversion, and inclusion practices in the planning and delivery process:
 - Engage lived experience voice
 - Promote housing models that allow for equitable access
- Financially support housing operations:
 - Funds peers, case managers, system navigators to support the behavioral health needs of tenants
- Focus on permanent, supportive housing and recovery housing:
 - Capacity building (expanding staff, start-up supports for new projects/growth)
 - Capital building
 - Technical assistance for supported housing operations

Crisis Resource Network –

- Engaged Jefferson Regional Health Association as Executive Owner: review proposals, give input, support with engaging funding sources
- Established a functional Community Engagement Committee
- Re-started Monthly Stakeholder Meeting in January
- Calendar of Listening Sessions chaired by NAMI *funded by BH Planning Grant, JCC, United Way
- Implementing Workgroups: funding, Community Engagement Committee, Mobile Crisis, Stabilization Center
 - Review programs/resources already in our crisis system
 - Identify gaps
 - Name the proposed population
 - Identify proposals to fill gaps
 - Engage possible agencies/funding
 - Produce proposals with specific numbers/amounts to be reviewed by Steering Committee, Community Engagement Committee, and JRHA

Jackson County Resource Network (BHRN) –

- An entity or network of entities that receives funds to provide services to all in need of treatment and support for substance use concerns (housing, harm reduction, peer support, supported employment, substance use disorder)
- 22 entities in JCRN applied for funding; additional 6 included as referral partners
- No wrong door Peers, case managers, robust referral system with follow up
- Over 400 applications received by OHA; funding tentatively will be announced mid-February
- \$277 million dollars available
- Connection to the Strategic Planning Initiative *SPI: OHA funded project to engage counties experiencing high SUD burden (8 months of free support and technical assistance to advance and address gaps in harm reductions, treatment, and recovery care coordination services that are not eligible for measure 11 crimes)

The Strategic Planning Initiative (SPI) –

- This comes from an OHA funded project to engage counties through technical assistance
- It includes 8 months of free support and technical assistance to address issues related to a high burden within gaps in harm reduction treatment and recovery care coordination services
- The consulting entity in Jackson County that was retained is Comangined Health and Synergy Health Consulting. His entity works through a contract between OHA and Lines for Life, and will be responsible to facilitate and provide this technical assistance

- SPI was set up to take advantage of legislative funds for this region. It was originally designed for rural areas, but Jackson County does not have a rural designation. Due to this, the group has pivoted to position itself in coordination with each other to increase the ability to leverage resources as they come available

Questions/Discussions:

Jennifer Lind explained that BHRN is similar to the housing planning grant, and that these are legislative funds that have been designated specifically for BHRN. The process on how to implement these will occur after the funds have been dispersed. OHA is figuring out how to implement this, and that is why the funding has been pushed back. OHA did not expect 400 applications, rather they thought the fund requests would have already been packaged and organized as networks. However, since they did not require that in the grant application process, the fund requests did not come in as prepared networks. What is now being seen, is an acknowledgment that there needs to be change, the funds need to be expended, and a plan on how to do this across the state needs to be put into place. As a result, partners have been encouraged to apply to the part of the network that they feel that they could best fill, and to request a maximum budget in order to hold space for as much funding Jackson County is able to secure. After that, the hard work will begin to make sure it is a coordinated response and that it makes sense as a system.

Eric Guyer summarized his understanding of the presented information. He said that his understating, is that by design there is a group of people who represent voices that were not traditionally involved in past decision makings, or who were adversely affected by the war on drugs, and these people will make up the 110-grant committee. Once OHA distributes this money to the communities, it will be on OHA itself in regards to its regular structure, and it will be on the CCO's locally to figure out what this BHRN will look like in the community and how they build their plan around it.

Jennifer Lind clarified that OHA has not put the CCO's in the center of this strategic planning. Instead, the CCO's are off to the side. Close collaboration with the partners from Jackson County has occurred to discuss how Jackson Care Connect can help even though they are not required to be a part of the planning.

Eric Guyer added that he has had some conversations about this, and that the main questions in our community is around the fact that there has been recent planning around community health assessment and commitment, and a plan was already put in place. What people do not understand is that the previous funding was through the state and it had very specific topics. Those studies focused on the intersection of where law enforcement connects with people who are suffering from SUD, and that is where they will be making some recommendations of needs based on those two pieces.

Julia Jackson added that there has been some assessment fatigue in this area. She said that with the behavioral health grant, they are working hard at pulling those past resources out, and including that information into the new plan so they can honor the time and energy spent on those past assessments. She also emphasized that SPI is a short-term assistance program that will only provide services for 8 months. She said that BHRN is a long-term strategy that is changing the structure on how they engage together as a network. This is similar to the changes that are occurring in the Crisis Resource Network Structure as to how they will be able to include members voices and experience at planning tables. Additionally, the Behavioral Planning Grant is short term and acts as an intervention on how to move forward with long term supportive housing.

Eric Guyer spoke about how within our community, there has been a lot of attention around low barrier housing elements, the idea of a 24/7 crisis response, and the idea of a BHRN. In particular, within the line of 110 where we take police response to behavioral health, jail responses to individuals in the community, and hospital responses. Questions are being asked as to whether we will have services in place as we do this work under a new umbrella.

Next Scheduled PSCC Meeting: February 22, 2022
Meeting Adjourned: 12:45 pm