



Douglas County Local Public Safety Coordinating Council (LPSCC) Behavioral Health Subcommittee Meeting Minutes

Noon, Tuesday, Jan. 9, 2018

Courtroom 402, Justice Building, County Courthouse

PRESENT: Jim Burge, *Roseburg police chief*; Marie Dixon, *NAMI*; Kat Griffin, *defense attorney*; Misty McAbee, *UCAN*; Melissa McRobbie-Toll, *LSPCC Coordinator*; Michele Moore, *Cow Creek Tribe*; Matt Newey, *ADAPT/Compass*; Andrew Renyer, *Jail Deputy*; Mike Root, *Jail Commander*; Ann Marie Simmons, *Mental Health Court Judge*; Tom Sorrells, *ADAPT*; Debra Souza, *Compass*; Robert Wilson, *Treatment Court Coordinator*

COUNTY PASSES STEPPING UP

The Douglas County Board of Commissioners adopted a Stepping Up resolution on Jan. 3. This makes Douglas County the 18th county in Oregon and one of 400 counties nationwide to adopt Stepping Up. This means Douglas County has committed to the goal of reducing the number of people with mental illness in our jail. The group reviewed the “Six Questions” Stepping Up counties should ask themselves and discussed next steps. Below are some highlights of the discussion:

- **BASELINE DATA** – The first step in meeting the goals of Stepping Up is to find out how many people with mental illness are in our jail. We’re looking at gathering some initial data through the Brief Jail Mental Health Screen.
- **SCREENING** – Many jails use the Brief Jail Mental Health Screen (BJMHS) or similar form to identify and flag incoming inmates who may have a serious mental health issue. The 3-minute screen is administered within 24 hours of booking. Some jails do this at booking, and others do it through medical staff. **Action:** *The LPSCC coordinator and jail staff are looking into how to implement the BJMHS on a trial basis as a tool to begin gathering data on how many people with mental illness are passing through the Douglas County Jail.*
- **ASSESSMENTS** – Down the line, the goal is to provide follow-up assessments to those identified by the screen as possibly having a serious mental health issue. The assessments would serve to ensure that those people are connected to the proper services and medication. One possibility is to have Adapt/Compass provide those assessments – but, since inmates’ OHP is suspended in jail, another funding mechanism is needed to pay for the assessments. Data from the the Brief Jail Mental Health Screen will help Compass define the extent of the need for assessments and the potential cost. Current mental health services in the jail include: a part-time QMHP provided by Correct Care Solutions; a once-weekly “telepsych” service via video; and Debra Souza of Compass visits the jail to do crisis intervention and see if people meet the criteria for civil commitment.

- **SIM MAPPING** – The Subcommittee has expressed an interest in taking an inventory of Douglas County’s mental health services through the Sequential Intercept Model mapping process. This involves creating a visual flow chart to illustrate where the gaps in services are. The process takes a day and a half. **ACTION:** *Melissa McRobbie-Toll has obtained a statewide list of SIM facilitators and will work to set up a SIM mapping in Douglas County later this year.*
- **DATA TRACKING** – Once we’ve established baseline data, we’ll be looking at ways to track progress of various initiatives over time. It was noted that there are multiple definitions of serious and persistent mental illness (SPMI), and the group will work to define our vocabulary and parameters before data tracking begins.
- **OTHER** – Michele Moore wondered whether it is possible for the jail to alert the Tribe when a tribal member is booked in order to activate tribal services for that person.

BROCHURE/HANDOUT(S)

At a previous meeting, the group discussed creating a behavioral health brochure or resource list that could be handed out by police, the jail, Community Corrections and others. There is also an idea to create a re-entry flier that can be given to people being released from jail.

- **EXISTING FLYERS/BROCHURES/CARDS** – Existing literature includes: A Compass jail diversion brochure; a mental health resources list from GOBHI; a resource list that is handed out by police; a UCAN community resource guide; and more. **ACTION:** *Melissa will continue researching and collecting existing literature to ensure that the group’s efforts aren’t redundant.*
- **RE-ENTRY FLYER** – Mike Root had mentioned previously that it would be helpful to have a re-entry resource list to hand to people being released from jail. The group said such a list should include the following resources: Housing, transportation (Bay Cities, UTrans, TransLink), crisis lines, OHP and SSI reactivation resources, peer mentoring, Adapt/Compass contact info, etc. Rather than be in the form of a flyer or brochure, this info could be printed on a card that could be folded up to fit in a wallet. Kat Griffin suggested including a QR code that would pull up a website on people’s phones. Matt Newey said Adapt/Compass could create a webpage that lists resources. Mike Root said the vast majority of people being released from jail have smartphones.
- **BEHAVIORAL HEALTH FLYER** – The group will take a look at what’s already out there and discuss what type of BH resource list would be helpful.
- **NEXT STEPS** – **Melissa McRobbie-Toll** will compile existing flyers/brochures and bring them to the next meeting, as well as a list of phone numbers that should be included on a flyer/flyers. **Michele Moore** will check with Tracy De Pew about the possibility of the Tribe assisting with some initial printing costs. **Tom Sorrells** will check on whether Adapt has in-house capacity to design a flyer or handout.

UPDATES

- **NAMI** – Marie Dixon said NAMI has a “Family to Family” class starting Feb. 1. This is a place where families can share their experiences, fears and concerns related to mental illness. NAMI also has monthly meetings that are open to the public on the first Monday of each month at 6 p.m. at the Vine Street Baptist Church. The next Crisis Intervention Team training will be in September or October.
- **CRISIS RESPITE CENTER** – Matt Newey told the group that while there is still much interest in opening a crisis respite center, the project has been put on hold pending the outcome of statewide ballot Measure 101. The special election is on Jan. 23.

NEXT MEETING: *Tuesday, Feb. 20 at noon, location TBD*