



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

**Noon, Tuesday, July 24, 2018**

*Room 310, Douglas County Courthouse*

**PRESENT:** Cherie Barnstable, *Compass*; Joanna Cooper, *HIV Alliance*; Marie Dixon, *NAMI*; Wayne Ellsworth, *Adapt/South River*; Gary Klopfenstein, *Roseburg police*; Misty McAbee, *UCAN*; Melissa McRobbie-Toll, *LSPCC Coordinator*; Andrew Renyer, *Sheriff's Deputy*; Paul Robertson, *Adapt/OTP*; Lt. Mike Root, *Sheriff's Office*; Claire Sidlow, *HIV Alliance*; Ann Marie Simmons, *Mental Health Court Judge*; Robert Wilson, *Treatment Court Coordinator*

**GUEST PRESENTERS (via video):** Brandon Wright and Mollie Epstein, *OpenLattice*

**ABSENT:** Greg Brigham, *Adapt*; Josh Eggleston, *Sheriff's Deputy*; Mike Fieldman, *UCAN*; Kat Griffin, *Umpqua Valley Public Defender*; Heather Johnson, *Compass*; Marion Kotowski, *Up2UsNow/Opiate Task Force*; Todd Luther, *Mercy Medical Center*; Michele Moore, *Cow Creek Tribe*; Christin Rutledge, *Douglas Public Health Network*; Tracy Simpson, *Correct Care Solutions*; Tom Sorrells, *Adapt*;

### **OPEN LATTICE**

The group welcomed guest presenters Brandon Wright and Mollie Epstein of OpenLattice, who appeared via video. OpenLattice is a public benefit corporation that provides a data-sharing platform to help agencies share information about frequent justice system users. Key presentation points included:

- **Silo effect** - Information on criminal justice system users with mental illness is often “siloeed” and isn’t shared between agencies. OpenLattice enables info sharing between entities such as law enforcement, jails, behavioral health providers and hospitals.
- **HIPAA** – OpenLattice’s information sharing approach is compliant with HIPAA, 42 CFR Part 2, CJIS and other regulations. Each participating agency signs a one-on-one info-sharing agreement directly with OpenLattice, which acts as the “hub” of a data-sharing wheel. Each agency can select what info it shares. Police can often share more than health providers due to privacy laws.
- **Usage examples** – a) If an opioid-addicted person is about to be released from jail, OpenLattice can send a notification to a social service agency to arrange a warm handoff, or b) a behavioral health provider can be notified if a client is arrested or booked into jail.
- **Using data to determine costs** – OpenLattice enables jurisdictions to see how often an individual is using resources such as law enforcement, the jail, EMTs, hospitals, etc. This data enables the jurisdiction to calculate the public cost of an individual frequent system user. This knowledge can be valuable in targeting services, shaping public policy and obtaining grants.
- **Price of OpenLattice** – OpenLattice services for small jurisdictions like Douglas County begin at \$10,000 and can go into the tens of thousands depending on the services requested. OpenLattice is flexible on pricing. Data storage is free.

- **Logistics** – OpenLattice is often able to pull information electronically from local data sources once a local system is connected to OpenLattice. However, sometimes it makes more sense to have agencies input data manually (such as when the data is on paper).
- **Other jurisdictions** – Portland, Maine, and Baltimore, MD, both use OpenLattice. In Oregon, OpenLattice has been in touch with Marion and Clark counties.

The Subcommittee discussion after the presentation included the following points:

- **Info-sharing agreements** - Judge Simmons would like to know more about the MOUs that various agencies would have to sign to participate in OpenLattice. The Oregon Judicial Department has strict rules on info sharing, as does Compass.
- **Stakeholder buy-in** - Marie Dixon noted the importance of engaging various agencies in this discussion before pursuing OpenLattice participation. She also said there needs to be some sort of sustainability model.
- **One-way sharing** - Robert Wilson said primary OpenLattice users could be on the law enforcement side, as police are freer to share information than health providers.
- **Utilizer history + examples** - Paul Robertson said it would be helpful for agencies to be able to immediately view a brief history of individuals they encounter, such as police contacts, the last date a prescription was filled, etc. He said he would like to see examples of how jurisdictions are using OpenLattice and how they were able to share info in compliance with HIPAA
- **Compass** - Cherie Barnstable will talk to Compass' executive team about OpenLattice.

## **HIV ALLIANCE**

The Subcommittee was joined by HIV Alliance representatives Joanna Cooper and Claire Sidlow. They shared that current HIV Alliance activities include participation in OR HOPE, a project in collaboration with OHSU that involves a research component. Individuals using the HIV Alliance's needle exchange are asked about their drug use and drug history in exchange for a gift card. The individuals are also linked with a peer support specialist who connects them with resources including medication-assisted treatment (MAT). OR HOPE is part of a nationwide project that is happening in eight states.

HIV Alliance works with many homeless individuals and sometimes provides rides to places like Adapt or UCAN. A second portion of the research study will include additional outreach. Other HIV Alliance activities include Narcan trainings and Hepatitis C/Syphilis testing. Services in Southern Oregon are expanding, including in Grants Pass, Cave Junction and Medford. Funding is being sought for additional peer support specialists.

## **RESOURCE LIST**

Marie Dixon has begun distributing hard copies of the resource list developed by the Behavioral Health Subcommittee. She and Melissa McRobbie-Toll will also be sending out PDF version electronically for agencies to print on their own. Anyone who needs the PDF or hard copies should contact Melissa at [mmcrobbe@oregoncounties.org](mailto:mmcrobbe@oregoncounties.org)

**NEXT MEETING:** *Noon on Tuesday, Aug. 28, in Courtroom 402*