



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

**Noon, Tuesday, Nov. 26, 2019**

*Room 310, Douglas County Courthouse*

**PRESENT:** Greg Brigham, *Adapt*; Meredith Concepcion, *Jail mental health provider*; Dennis Eberhardt, *Cow Creek Tribe*; Carol Eck, *Mercy Behavioral Health Director*; Mari Hernandez, *DHS*; Heather Johnson, *Compass*; Jason Mahan, *Municipal Court Judge*; Robert McAdam, *Umpqua Health*; Melissa McRobbie-Toll, *LPSCC Coordinator*; Lt. Mike Root, *Sheriff's Office*; Ann Marie Simmons, *Mental Health Court Judge*; Jennifer Smith, *DHS*; Libby Sparks, *Adapt*; Betty Wagner, *Jail mental health provider*; Sgt. Doug Walton, *Roseburg police*; Robert Wilson, *Treatment Court Coordinator*; Dane Zahner, *HIV Alliance*

**GUEST PRESENTER:** Tim Novotny, *Bay Cities Ambulance*

**ABSENT:** Cherie Barnstable, *Compass*; Larry Clark, *UCAN*; Sgt. Jeff Eichenbusch, *Roseburg police*; Wayne Ellsworth, *Adapt/South River*; Kat Griffin, *Umpqua Valley Public Defender*; Vicki Johnson, *Compass*; Debi Hollander, *Compass*; Gary Klopfenstein, *Roseburg police*; Todd Luther, *Mercy Medical Center*; Gary Marquardt, *VA*; Paul Robertson, *Adapt Corrections*; Christin Rutledge, *Douglas Public Health Network*; Claire Sidlow, *HIV Alliance*;

**UPDATES:**

- **Mobile Crisis** – (*Coordinator*) - Second QMHP is trained and Mobile Crisis program is fully functional, operating from 1:30 p.m. to midnight seven days a week. A stakeholder meeting is planned for Dec. 18 to share updates and successes so far.
- **Sobering Center** – (Greg Brigham, *Adapt*) - Adapt has secured a property on Diamond Lake Boulevard that is currently undergoing environmental evaluations. The Sobering Center development team has visited multiple sobering centers in other cities to study their facilities and staffing patterns. About half of the \$250,000 in state startup funding received for the project was used to secure the facility. Annual operating costs are estimated at \$350,000. With commitments from Douglas County, Myrtle Creek, Sutherlin, Roseburg, Umpqua Health and Adapt, there remains a funding gap of a little over \$100,000 to cover the first year's operating costs. Stakeholders are hopeful that funding authorized by HB 2339 will fill that gap. The tentative plan is to build the center with a 12-bed capacity but initially staff it for 6 beds.  
**ACTION ITEM:** *Coordinator will check on status of that funding.*
- **Connecting Point** – (Mari Hernandez, Jennifer Smith, *DHS*) -The First Presbyterian Church has allowed service providers to use its community room on Monday mornings for the Connecting Point, but attendance there has been low and some service providers continue to operate out of the Dream Center. **ACTION ITEM:** *Coordinator will work on a draft intake form for Connecting Point to allow the group to gather basic data.*

- **Compliance Court** – (Judge Simmons, *Circuit Court*; Judge Mahan, *Municipal Court*) – Individuals are ordered to attend Compliance Court by Municipal Court Judge Mahan. During Compliance Court, they appear before Judge Simmons to check in about things like whether they have a place to live, are taking their medication, or need any services. Compliance Court provides an opportunity for the Court to monitor individuals’ progress and provide assistance.
- **Behavioral Health Justice Reinvestment** – (*Coordinator*) - The Legislature has authorized \$10.6 million in new grant funding for initiatives that target frequent system users who cycle through the Jail and Emergency Room. Approximately 4 pilot communities will be selected for this effort. Douglas County has formed a steering committee to position itself for this opportunity.
- **Supportive housing team** – (*Coordinator*) - Douglas County housing partners, through the LPSCC Housing Subcommittee, have formed a team to pursue \$20 million in new state funding for supportive housing. The first step in attaining this funding is to form a local team to participate in technical assistance training. Douglas County’s application was ranked highly and the local team was accepted into the training program.

**GUEST PRESENTER: Tim Novotny, Bay Cities Ambulance**

Tim Novotny, general manager of Bay Cities Ambulance, told the group about Bay Cities Brokerage, which provides non-emergency medical transportation to Umpqua Health Alliance members. Transportation assistance includes rides, bus passes, wheelchair transportation services and more. One of the program’s goals is to prevent unnecessary Emergency Department visits. Transports are mostly local but sometimes individuals are taken to Grants Pass, Medford, or even out of state. Individuals need to have a minimum number of appointments scheduled per month to qualify for a bus pass. Tim can be reached at: [timn@baycitiesambulance.com](mailto:timn@baycitiesambulance.com)

**JAIL RELEASE CONNECTIONS**

Jail-release connections (and other connections) became a topic of discussion at this meeting. Questions/points touched on included:

- Can Jail inmates immediately access primary care upon release?
- Jail medical staff report some delays in receiving inmates’ medication records and getting inmates into treatment upon release
- Heather Johnson, who works in Jail diversion at Compass, offered to be a point of contact for Jail medical staff
- Are there opportunities to partner with Bay Cities Brokerage to get releasing inmates to treatment? Or to transport individuals contacted by Mobile Crisis to treatment?
- Adapt has peer mentors who may be able to meet inmates at the time of release and walk them to treatment provider
- In the coming year, Adapt/Compass will be working to fully integrate Compass Behavioral Health with primary care and addiction services.
- Capacity for Jail discharge planning is needed
- Steering group pursuing IMPACTS grant funding should discuss these gaps

## **MEMBERSHIP**

Coordinator passed around a draft Subcommittee membership list for the group to review. The list will be presented to the full LPSCC for review and approval at its next meeting on Dec. 3. Listed members will have the ability to vote; others will still be able to attend, participate in discussions, etc.

## **ROUNDTABLE UPDATES**

- **Meredith Concepcion, *Jail medical*** – Meredith provides mental health services in the Jail 20 hours a week as an employee of Wellpath, the jail medical provider. She replaces Betty Wagner in this role.
- **Dane Zahner, *HIV Alliance*** – HIV Alliance can provide naloxone training for any interested agency. The trainings typically take about 45 minutes but can be shortened. HIV Alliance has been participating in the Connecting Point.
- **Mari Hernandez, *DHS*** – DHS is participating in Jail in-reach on Fridays in cooperation with Wayne Ellsworth of South River Community Health Center.
- **Rob McAdam, *Umpqua Health Alliance*** – Rob is the new behavioral health director for Umpqua Health Alliance. Among other priorities, his areas of focus include examining the OHA’s new behavioral health requirements that are part of CCO 2.0. He is also working to expand UHA’s behavioral health case management team.
- **Dennis Eberhardt, *Cow Creek Tribe*** – The Cow Creek Tribe’s tribal health clinic is open to the whole community, not just tribal members. The behavioral health department now has child and adolescent psychiatry.
- **Greg Brigham, *Adapt*** – Genoa Pharmacy, a national company that specializes in behavioral health services, has opened in Adapt/Compass’ Madrone Building. The pharmacy’s approach includes developing relationships with the individuals it serves in order to provide high-quality care and assist with barrier removal.

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**NEXT MEETING:** *Noon on Tuesday, Dec. 17*