



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

Noon, Tuesday, Dec. 17, 2019

Room 310, Douglas County Courthouse

VOTING MEMBERS PRESENT: Marie Dixon, *NAMI*; Carol Eck, *Mercy Behavioral Health Director*; Mari Hernandez, *DHS*; Gary Klopfenstein, *Roseburg police*; Jason Mahan, *Municipal Court Judge*; Robert McAdam, *Umpqua Health*; Lt. Mike Root, *Sheriff's Office*; Dane Zahner, *HIV Alliance*

VOTING MEMBERS ABSENT: Cherie Barnstable, *Compass*; Greg Brigham, *Adapt*; Larry Clark, *UCAN*; Meredith Concepcion, *Jail mental health provider*; Dennis Eberhardt, *Cow Creek Tribe*; Kat Griffin, *Umpqua Valley Public Defender*; Gary Marquardt, *VA*; Christin Rutledge, *Douglas Public Health Network*; Ann Marie Simmons, *Mental Health Court Judge*; Robert Wilson, *Treatment Court Coordinator*;

GUEST PRESENTER: Sue Goldberg, *Umpqua Health Alliance*

OTHERS PRESENT: Debi Hollander, *Compass*; Melissa McRobbie-Toll, *LSPCC Coordinator*; Todd Luther, *Mercy Medical Center*; Paul Robertson, *Adapt Corrections*; Jennifer Smith, *DHS*; Erik Swallow, *Umpqua Valley Public Defender*; Sgt. Doug Walton, *Roseburg police*

MEETING MINUTES APPROVAL/MEMBERSHIP:

Coordinator updated the group that the full LPSCC approved the draft Subcommittee membership list at its Dec. 3 meeting. LPSCC also decided on the following rule for Subcommittee votes on recommendations to the full LPSCC: A quorum shall consist of *the majority of those in attendance*.

Action: Marie Dixon moved to approve the minutes from the Subcommittee's Nov. 26 meeting. Gary Klopfenstein seconded. **Motion passed unanimously.**

UPDATES:

- **Mobile Crisis** – (*Coordinator*) - Mobile Crisis program is fully functional, operating from 1:30 p.m. to midnight seven days a week. Sgt. Walton noted that there is room for Mobile Crisis expansion; not all calls involving mental health receive a response from a counselor. Coordinator invited Subcommittee participants to the Dec. 18 stakeholder meeting at Roseburg PD.
- **Sobering Center** – (*Coordinator*) – The financial picture for the proposed Sobering Center on Diamond Lake Boulevard is looking promising. Newly available state grant funding for Sobering Centers resulting from HB 2339 is expected to close the funding gap for the first year of Sobering Center operations. Adapt and partners are working on the application for that funding.
- **Connecting Point** – (*Jennifer Smith*) - 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.

- **Compliance Court** – (*Judge Mahan*) – Individuals are ordered to attend Compliance Court by Municipal Court Judge Mahan. In Compliance Court, they appear before Judge Simmons to check in about things like whether they are taking their medications or need any services. Compliance Court engagement so far has been limited to a small handful of individuals.
- **IMPACTS** – (*Coordinator/Erik Swallow*) - 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. A Douglas County steering group is pursuing this funding. Erik Swallow serves on the statewide IMPACTS steering committee. He said the committee will be reviewing draft regulations for the program, which targets people with drug/alcohol and/or mental health issues who have 4+ jail contacts per year.
- **Housing** – (*Coordinator*) - Douglas County housing partners have formed a team to pursue \$20 million in new state funding for supportive housing. The team is participating in a 5-month training program. The LPSCC Housing Subcommittee and HTAG will hold a joint meeting at 11:30 a.m. on Jan. 8 at United Way with a guest presentation by Connor McDonnell of Oregon Housing & Community Services.

GUEST PRESENTER: Sue Goldberg, Umqua Health Alliance

Sue Goldberg, Senior Director of Decision Support and Budgeting for Umpqua Health Alliance (UHA), told the group about a frequent-system-user data analysis that she is working on and a new partnership between UHA and Oxford House.

Data – UHA pulled Jail information on individuals booked 4 or more times in the past 12 months. UHA then analyzed Emergency Department usage by those individuals who were UHA members. Among that specific group, health care costs totaled \$583,000 (\$153,000 of which was Emergency Department costs). One frequent utilizers had 17 jail bookings in that one-year period, and another had 32 Emergency Department visits. UHA is working to calculate these users' jail costs.

Oxford House – UHA is working on housing issues and is partnering with Oxford House to cover the first month's rent and application fees for UHA members coming out of residential treatment. UHA members who exhibit forward progress may receive rental assistance beyond the first month. Rent is usually around \$400 per month. There is peer support to assist residents in attending AA and NA meetings. Oxford Houses are democratically run, and all residents need to be working, do chores and be sober. Oxford has 6 men's houses and 3 women's houses in Douglas County. Vacancies are listed at www.oxfordvacancies.com. Chief Klopfenstein said there have been very few problems with Oxford Houses over the years.

Transportation – UHA also provides non-emergency transportation to medical appointments through a contract with Bay Cities Brokerage. This service has been expanded to provide transportation to and from AA and NA meetings.

Action: *Coordinator will prepare a list of programs that offer transitional housing rental assistance, including UHA's program, and share it with the group. Coordinator will also begin working on a resource cheat sheet for providers, organized by type of service offered.*

ROUNDTABLE UPDATES

- **Chief Gary Klopfenstein, Roseburg police** – Chief Klopfenstein is looking into implementing a program where individuals cited for offenses associated with homelessness can take their citation to a place like Connecting Point and receive a stamp showing they spoke with service providers. If the citation is stamped, they won't be charged. The idea is to get people connected to services and housing rather than punish them for nuisance crimes related to homelessness. The group responded to the idea enthusiastically.
- **Todd Luther, Mercy Medical Center** – Oregon State Hospital is pausing civil commitments through Dec. 27. Mercy Medical Center is expected to be impacted by this decision. Here is an article detailing the move: <https://www.oregonlive.com/health/2019/12/oregon-state-hospital-halts-civil-admissions.html>
- **Dane Zahner, HIV Alliance** – HIV Alliance is continuing to offer naloxone trainings to various agencies. Two overdoses occurred in HIV Alliance's offices in the past couple of months. In overdoses involving fentanyl, up to four naloxone doses may be required. Agencies are urged to have naloxone kits on hand. HIV Alliance continues to distribute kits at Connecting Point.
- **Catherine Paul, Citizen** – Catherine Paul recommended that home-visiting nurses be engaged in conversations about service connections. The nurses assist vulnerable individuals, meeting them where they're at.
- **Paul Robertson, Adapt** – Adapt has hired two full-time Certified Recovery Mentors (CRMs) and is hiring a third, which will give Adapt a total of four CRMs. The hope is that the mentors will have a presence at the hospital, be available to meet inmates being released from Jail, provide transportation and assist with individualized barrier removal including obtaining an ID, employment, etc.
- **Erik Swallow, Umpqua Valley Public Defender** – UVPD just hired a case manager who will be mostly focused on child dependency cases but will also work with clients with mental health and substance abuse issues. The case manager will help defendants navigate the legal process.
- **Marie Dixon, NAMI** – NAMI recently held a Family to Family class with 18 participants who have family members with mental illness. The Chadwick Clubhouse continues to grow and thrive, and organizers are now looking for a bigger space. The Clubhouse teaches individuals with mental illness life skills and helps with socialization. Adapt has donated a van.

NEXT MEETING: *Noon on Tuesday, Jan. 14*