



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

**Noon, Tuesday, Feb. 25, 2020**

*Room 310, Douglas County Courthouse*

**VOTING MEMBERS PRESENT:** Cherie Barnstable, *Compass*; Dennis Eberhardt, *Cow Creek Tribe*; Kat Griffin, *Umpqua Valley Public Defender*; Jason Mahan, *Municipal Court Judge*; Gary Marquardt, *VA*; Lt. Mike Root, *Sheriff's Office*; Ann Marie Simmons, *Mental Health Court Judge*; Robert Wilson, *Treatment Court Coordinator*; Dane Zahner, *HIV Alliance*

**VOTING MEMBERS ABSENT:** Greg Brigham, *Adapt*; Larry Clark, *UCAN*; Meredith Concepcion, *Jail mental health provider*; Gary Klopfenstein, *Roseburg police*;

**OTHERS PRESENT:** Sue Goldberg, *Umpqua Health Alliance* ; Nick Heuberger, *Jail deputy*; Heather Johnson, *Compass*; Melissa McRobbie-Toll, *LSPCC Coordinator*; Catherine Paul, *Citizen*; Paul Robertson, *Adapt Corrections*; Libby Sparks, *Adapt*;

### **MEETING MINUTES APPROVAL:**

**ACTION:** Judge Simmons moved to approve the January minutes. Jason Mahan seconded. **Motion passed unanimously.**

### **UPDATES:**

- **Mobile Crisis** – (*Coordinator/Cherie Barnstable*) – One of the two Mobile Crisis counselors transitioned to another role within Compass. Recruitment efforts are underway to fill that position, and two interviews have been conducted. When fully staffed, Mobile Crisis operates 1:30 p.m. to midnight seven days a week.
- **Sobering Center** – (*Coordinator*) – Adapt is moving forward with plans to open a Sobering Center in a facility on Diamond Lake Boulevard. A steering group has been formed that consists of funding partners. Operational details are being decided by a smaller work group. Adapt has applied for OHA grant funding to help cover operation and startup costs.
- **IMPACTS** – (*Coordinator/Sue Goldberg*) – Steering group continues to meet to position Douglas County to apply for IMPACTS grant funding. RFGP is expected sometime in the late spring or early summer. Grant will target individuals with mental illness who are frequent utilizers of the Jail, ED and State Hospital. UHA, which is part of the steering group, has compiled initial data on people booked 4+ times into the Douglas County Jail in 2019. Of those 347 frequent Jail utilizers, 245 were likely UHA members. Among those UHA members, the most frequent Jail utilizer had 19 bookings, and the most frequent emergency-department visitor had 27 ED visits. The combined UHA health plan & Jail cost for the 245 UHA members was \$2,459,204. The updated report also included each individual's number of days in SUD treatment.

- **Compliance Court** – (*Judge Simmons*) – A handful of individuals have been appearing in Compliance Court. Those individuals have demonstrated positive behavior changes and have continued engaging in services.
- **Supportive Housing team** – (*Coordinator*) – A Douglas County team that consists of Adapt, NeighborWorks Umpqua, HADCO and UCAN is wrapping up a 5-month technical assistance training through Oregon Housing and Community Services (OHCS) and is now preparing to apply for OHCS funding to create new supportive housing units locally.
- **Housing Subcommittee** – (*Coordinator*) – Changes have been made to the JRI-funded Transitional Housing Program through the Subcommittee. Third-party administrator has been removed, Robert Wilson simplified the form and the process has been streamlined. LPSCC has allocated \$24,000 to this program to provide rental assistance to RSAT grads in the 2019/21 biennium.

### **JOSEPHINE COUNTY JAIL NALOXONE PROGRAM**

Dane Zahner of HIV Alliance shared that the Josephine County Jail has begun implementing a plan to distribute naloxone upon request to individuals being released from Jail. The Jail has installed kiosks that will provide a 6-step naloxone training. Inmates interested in naloxone will fill out a brief form and will be given intramuscular naloxone upon Jail release. HIV Alliance is providing the naloxone at no cost.

### **CONNECTING POINT**

**BACKGROUND & UPDATE:** The Connecting Point is a weekly “resource room” that was launched by the LPSCC Behavioral Health Subcommittee in 2018. It initially operated out of Room 310 at the Courthouse but due to low turnout it moved to the Dream Center, where participation increased dramatically. A citizen concern about ADA accessibility in 2019 led the Connecting Point to officially move next door to the First Presbyterian Church. Larry Clark of UCAN was the point person at the Church, and reported very little or zero turnout there most days. UCAN voiced a concern that it was not worth Larry’s time to be there. Last week, LPSCC Coordinator informed the Church we would no longer be using their community room. For now, Connecting Point continues to operate out of the Dream Center temporarily until a permanent location can be found.

**FORM:** LPSCC Coordinator presented a draft Connecting Point form for group editing. The draft form would be primarily intended for the collection of data on whom we are reaching through the Connecting Point for the purposes of informing Subcommittee and LPSCC, applying for grants, identifying the population’s most acute needs and more.

The group’s feedback included the following points/questions/recommended edits:

- Form would be filled out by service provider on behalf of individual (some individuals are illiterate and would not be able to fill it out on their own)
- State the purpose of the form at the top; possibly include short intro/explanation that could be read to individual by service provider
- Replace “sex” with “gender” and leave a blank space to allow any answer
- Replace “Are you a veteran?” with “Are you a service member?”
- Replace “Do you have a place to live?” with “Did you sleep outdoors last night?”

- There was concern that asking individuals what services they would like assistance with would result in the expectation that those services would be provided. Concern could be partially addressed by changing wording to something like, “Do you have an unmet need in any of these areas?”
- Add “health care” as a field
- Change “driver’s license” to “ID card”
- Add question: “Do you feel safe?”
- If someone is a tribal member, add “Which tribe?”
- A key benefit of Connecting Point is the opportunity for service providers to establish rapport and a positive relationship with individuals. Adding the form could potentially get in the way of that connection.
- The Dream Center has a check-in desk. Connecting Point form could potentially be integrated with check-in protocol
- It is important to consider how the individual filling out the form (or being assisted in filling it out) will benefit from it
- Could Connecting Point data be cross-referenced with data collected elsewhere?

Other points of discussion included:

- **Resource card** - Wallet-size resource form developed by Subcommittee should be updated (if needed) and redistributed to increase awareness
- **OHP enrollment** – Sue Goldberg noted that enrolling someone in OHP could help them get many of their needs met quickly
- **Added participation** – UHA and the Cow Creek Tribe may be able to participate. Adapt may be able to send a peer mentor to Connecting Point every Monday.

## **ROUNDTABLE UPDATES**

- **Ava Fugate, *Citizen/Mother*** – Ms. Fugate shared that she lost her daughter to an overdose on Feb. 4. A month before the overdose, her daughter had briefly entered detox but had been quickly released. Her daughter had spent time in jail and in transitional housing, and had interacted with services and law enforcement in Douglas County and in Portland. Ms. Fugate had built relationships with local officers and crisis counselors in the hopes of increasing safeguards for her daughter. Ms. Fugate is working to increase awareness about addiction and resources in Douglas County.
- **Dane Zahner, *HIV Alliance*** – Fentanyl is found to be present every day in the drugs of Douglas County, including meth and heroin. HIV Alliance continues working to distribute naloxone throughout the county and beyond. HIV Alliance also distributes fentanyl test strips, including at Connecting Point. Dane will share fentanyl data.
- **Judge Simmons, *Mental Health Court*** – Discussions are underway regarding expanding RSAT eligibility to other counties and contracting out beds.
- **Paul Robertson, *Adapt*** – Adapt has hired a new RSAT counselor to replace a counselor who left several months ago. Staff have also been added to other departments following turnover.

- **Gary Marquardt, VA** – The VA has seen recent turnover but staffing levels are being built back up.
- **Robert Wilson, Treatment Court Coordinator** – Douglas County’s Drug Court now has an alumni group, and the group will be holding its first event at Adapt on Feb. 29: A chili cook-off.
- **Sue Goldberg, UHA** – Through a new partnership, Umpqua Health Alliance has provided Oxford House rental assistance to 37 members, spending a total of \$25,000 since mid-December. In Oxford Houses, residents can stay as long as they like. Sobriety and UAs are required.

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**NEXT MEETING:** *Noon on Tuesday, March 24*

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