

Health and Safety Subcommittee

of the CoC Collaborative Committee

Minutes for September 27,2022

In attendance: Samantha Dompier, Jayne Downing, Josie Silverman-Méndez, Elaine Lozier, Christina McCollum, Kat Mullins, Corissa Neufeldt, Kathy Savicki, Janet Scott, Lt. Treven Upkes, Kari Wilhite

1. The meeting was called to order at 1:09 pm with a quorum. Attendance listed above. Co-chair Samantha noted that her fellow co-chair, Chris, is unable to attend today's meeting. Josie announced she is now the Deputy Director of the Willamette Health Council (WHC) and will be representing WHC at subcommittee's meetings from now on.
2. Jayne moved to approve the August 30, 2022 meeting minutes and Kathy seconded the motion. Josie abstained as she was not in attendance during the meeting. The minutes from the August 30 meeting were approved unanimously.
3. Action item follow-ups:
 - Samantha provided an update that Chris Barber is scheduling a meeting with key organizations supporting behavioral health related work in Marion County and Polk County as a follow up to the behavioral health survey the subcommittee facilitated earlier this year. The co-chairs intend to help shape a conversation about discharge planning and next steps at the upcoming meeting. Josie asked if hospitals have been involved in the discharge planning conversations held at subcommittee meetings. Samantha shared that the hospital are not currently represented on the subcommittee, but that the co-chairs and staff are conducting outreach to potential representatives. Previously, the subcommittee discussed that representatives from the ACT teams and discharge planners from the hospitals would have an intimate knowledge of the current processes and challenges.
 - Both Polk County and Marion County public health departments provided information to CoC staff consultants regarding infectious disease questions in the HUD NOFO applications.
4. Samantha shared that the Church at the Park submitted a project that was selected by the CoC for the special HUD NOFO. Partners including JD Health and Wellness, Bridgeway, SmileKeepers, and Marion County Health and Human Services committed \$687,560.17 to support the project. Additionally, the Salem Housing Authority committed 15 vouchers to the project.
 - The project proposed is a Care Team made up of Outreach, Care Coordination, Housing and Employment case management targeting people with the highest service needs.
 - The Special NOFO application is due on October 20, 2022.
 - A comprehensive plan is needed for the Special NOFO application. CoC staff consultants have been convening partners and people with lived experience every two weeks. Some subcommittee members attend this meeting. Josie recommended that the draft comprehensive plan be brought to this subcommittee for review and feedback before or after submission if needed. **Action: Sam will connect with Jan and Janet about bringing the plan to the subcommittee.**

5. Jayne shared that the Center for Hope and Safety submitted a project that was selected by the CoC for the Annual NOFO. They received a \$27,000 contribution from Salem Health for the project.
6. Samantha facilitated a conversation about what the subcommittee hopes to learn from the meeting Chris is organizing with behavioral health involved organizations.
 - Corissa shared that a comprehensive understanding of current behavioral health resources would be helpful. Kathy observed the subcommittee could likely gather that information through other means as directed by the leaders coming to the meeting.
 - Kathy recommended that Chris ask the leadership about the biggest barriers and challenges they see and what creative ideas we ought to be exploring. She suggested that the leaders hear from a couple articulate people who can share on-the-ground experiences, particularly the challenges.
 - Lt. Upkes expressed a more coordinated, information sharing across key stakeholders to prevent siloed activities would be a good outcome.
 - Josie suggested this subcommittee continue to work with the CoC staff consultants to evaluate the subcommittee position and role within the CoC governance structure to ly bring these ideas to life more effectively.
 - Corissa asked if we had gathered information from the perspective of someone navigating services. Sam explained that Chris had completed community cafes at two different shelters to collect information directly.
 - Elaine asked if the is Acute Care Council is mapping existing behavioral health services. Christina shared they have done mapping of services in the past for a grant application, but it was not current or comprehensive across the spectrum of services.
 - Janet mentioned challenges with support animals and housing options. Jayne shared about a legislation proposal to help pay for vet care and animal services. CHS takes animals, but it is expensive to meet health needs of animals.
 - To help identify gaps, Jayne recommended having a preliminary map of behavioral health services to present at the meeting Chris is coordinating. **Action: Samantha, Josie and Elaine will work on a map template utilizing the Incorporated Care for Kids asset map.**
7. The next subcommittee meeting will be held on Tuesday, October 25 from 1-2 pm. The meeting was adjourned at 1:53 pm.