

Yakima County Human Services
BH SUD Coalition
MEETING MINUTES
January 22, 2024

CALL TO ORDER	The January 22, 2024 BH SUD Coalition Meeting came to order at 2:59 pm .
INTRODUCTIONS	<p>Members present: Trevor Downey (WSP), Jon Schlenske (Comprehensive), Lynda Boggess (MultiCare), Shannon Young (MultiCare), L. Paul Scheider (Community Member), Melissa Denner (Merit Resources), Megan Tweedy (Community Member), Wendy Hall (Community Member), Hope Baker (ESD 105), Meagan Takamori (Barth Clinic), Jeremy Welch (DOC), Stuart Leonard (Comp/DOC), Ken Braconnier (YUGM), Rod Myers (Community Member), Kyle Schafer (Community Member -lived experience), Cassidy Leslie (TTS), Kyle Curtis (YCC), Emily Nelson (ESD105)</p> <p>Zoom: Haley Martineau (DCYF), Mary O'Brien (YVFWC), Dawn Mason (Coordinated Care), Renee Hall (DCYF), Annette Rodriguez (YNHS), Sherran Campos (NCAC), Karley Floyd (Public Defenders Office), Maria Beltran (Community Member)</p> <p>*If you don't see your name or your organization name here, please email Deann at Deann.Bergquist@co.yakima.wa.us</p> <p>Human Services staff present:</p> <p>Melissa Holm, Esther Magasis, Deann Bergquist, Ivan Orozco</p>
OLD BUSINESS	
<i>Approval of minutes</i>	Approval of Minutes: 12/11/2023 BH SUD Coalition Meeting.
NEW BUSINESS	
Final Charter Review	<p>Melissa Holm and Esther Magasis reviewed the updates in the BH SUD charter and the two specific priorities for action in 2024. Cassidy Leslie mentioned that having a plan for BH SUD like the YHC 5-year plan might be useful and there was a suggestion by Esther that this goal be moved out of the 2024 goal and make it an ongoing plan from year to year. The YHC Homeless Coalition Charter with revisions was shown to the members and Melissa asked if this could be adopted for the BH SUD Coalition Charter.</p> <p>Commissioner Curtis asked to also review the mission since the Mission Statement needs to be agreed upon by the membership. There was a motion by Cassidy Leslie to adopt the Mission Statement for the BH SUD Coalition Charter after the members had reviewed the draft version with the updates during the meeting.</p>
Review Systems Map Priorities - Review of Behavioral Health Systems Maps	Cassidy Leslie spoke to the low participation on the review of the Systems Map Priorities and it was suggested that the low response (13) was not sufficient so Melissa will be sending the JotForm out again prior to our next meeting.

Review of MHST
Awards from 2023
RFPs

Esther Magasis reviewed the funding and how it was awarded to the various internal partner agencies involved. She also reviewed the external partner awards that will go with the internal partner costs. She continued with the External Partners who participated in the RFP process.

A question was posed regarding accountability for awards received and verification that the money was used appropriately before reimbursements are processed.

Melissa Holm explained that to improve the way the award spending is tracked, there will be quarterly checks on the data around how the funds are used and for whom. These two pieces combined give a better picture of how the funds are being spent and how well our agency partners are meeting the required objectives.

Rod Myers asked that our coalition work towards filling any gaps in the systems mapping data that can be identified with objectives, measurable data and at what frequency measurement. Esther responded that each project that was approved was filling the gaps revealed by the system mapping data. Mental Health Funding Decisions will be posted on the Yakima County Human Services website in the same way that homeless housing and assistance contracts are and the website, once live, will be shared with this group. Megan Tweedy suggested to the coalition that we should all try to regularly reach out to our contacts and keep them involved.

Opiate Settlement
Fund

Esther Magasis explained Yakima County will be receiving funds from this settlement over the next seventeen years, along with many other Washington counties. We don't yet know the actual dollar amount that will be available for our county or how it will be utilized, but that is currently being worked on.

Megan Tweedy asked everyone to focus on the fact that this is for opioid prevention. Toppenish schools have recently provided Narcan training and the primary request from parents was education on fentanyl prevention.

ACTION ITEMS

1. Ken Braconnier moved to approve the minutes from the December 11, 2023, BH SUD Coalition Meeting. Hope Baker seconded. No one abstained/denied. The motion carried.
2. A motion was made by Cassidy Leslie to adopt the YHC Homeless Charter Mission Statement language for the BH SUD Coalition Charter. Rod Myers seconded. No one abstained/denied. The motion carried.
3. Melissa will send out just the Jot Form for the Review of the Systems Mapping again with a deadline prior to our next meeting.
4. A motion was made by Rod Myers to have the BHSUD Coalition serve as the local Opiate Settlement Fund advisory taskforce for the BOCC (Board of County Commissioners), by suggesting priorities or strategies for these dollars for the board to consider when making decisions regarding their use. Megan Tweedy Seconded. No one abstained/denied. The motion carried.

5. Esther requested feedback from the members attending today's meeting on the OPIOD settlement with ideas provided to Human Services prior to the next meeting.
6. Megan Tweedy will send two links to informative sites/documents and an article on how the opioid dollars are being spent to Esther.

Next Meeting

DATE: **February 26, 2024**

Location: Hybrid Zoom and In Person at Yakima County Resource Center

Adjourn

With no other business, the meeting was adjourned at **4:30 pm**.