



Behavioral Health Advisory Board (BHAB)

February 19, 2019

MINUTES

In Attendance: Kathy McNicholas, Kay Roberson, Cyndi Smith, Christina Kaufman, Ellen Schanen, Keri Stanberry, Marcia Roi, Rick Doster, Sela Barker, Leah Becknell (Beacon), Sam Lewis (Beacon), Brette Greenwood-Wing (SWACH), Jamie Smeland (SWACH), Alicia Molina (Molina), Kate Budd (Council for the Homeless), Michelle Karnath (FYSPT)

Via Phone: Nika Kermani, Sasha Bentley

Absent (excused):

Absent (unknown): Matti Neal, Charles Hanset

Topic	Summary	Action Items
Introductions and Icebreaker		
Community Updates	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • CHAPS Network Meeting – February 21, 4-6 pm, Bridgeview Resource Center, 505 Omaha Way, Vancouver • Leading for Social Justice and Equity, February 21, 9 am, VHA - https://equitytrainingvancouver2019.eventbrite.com • HLC Legislative Lunch – February 28th in Olympia. • HLC Policy Committee and HLC Committee seeking new members. More information and how to apply here: https://healthylivingcollaborative.org/seeking-new-members-for-key-hlc-committees/ • HLC Quarterly Meeting, March 5, 1 – 3:30, Bridgeview Resource Center (CHW Lunch prior to meeting at Noon – RSVP Required) 	
Approve November Meeting Minutes	Minor edits (fixing typos) suggested by Rick Doster. Rick Doster moved to approve the January minutes with those edits; Cyndi Smith 2 nd ; all approved.	
Special Guest Presenter, Kate Budd, Council for the Homeless	<p>Kate Budd provided an overview of the programs and services provided by Council for the Homeless</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Rejuvenating Homeless Action Plan • Every community in WA State must have coordinated entry system for those in need of shelter & housing = Housing Solutions Center (“HSC”) • The Housing Initiative LLC (CFTH’s affordable housing subsidiary) is developing The Pacific – supportive housing with 18 units in the process of permitting; groundbreaking should be by Fall 2019 	



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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Not enough of any service in our community – people are well fed but all other services are direly needed • Shelters are not cost effective – need to shift system so we are moving people from the streets directly into housing rather than a shelter. Everyone in a shelter/non-permanent housing is still in a homeless situation • Housing first and harm reduction approaches are best practices – incremental steps to become healthier • HSC refers based on need – those in the highest need are the highest priority. • Respite room – transitional shelter for people released from hospital but need more care than would be safe to deliver if they were on the streets • Second Step Housing – transitional housing with a focus on youth under 25 and those in domestic violence situations • Supportive housing, a best practice program for people with high needs, include supportive employment and Social Security assistance • Foundational Community Supports (FCS) is a new Medicaid benefit for people experiencing homelessness – run by Amerigroup • People with limited income need affordable housing, too – need to prevent those who have been stable from falling into homelessness • Policy opportunity to support – Make no cause eviction notices illegal • 300 people on the HEN waitlist • Discussion about need for additional housing options as there is no middle - there are single family homes (often outside the price range of those getting assistance from VHA or other programs) and there are apartment complexes – there is nothing in between. 	
<p>Special Guest Presenter, Michelle Karnath, Family, Youth and System Partner Round Table (FYSPRT)</p>	<p>Michelle Karnath, one of the Tri-Leads for the SW Washington Family Youth System Partner Round Table, provided an overview of the program.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 10 Regional Round Tables in the state • Regional groups meet monthly; State wide meets quarterly • Tri- Lead model – Leader representing Family, Youth and System Partners • WISe = Wraparound with Intensive Services 	



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	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• SW WA FYSBRT has additional Youth Advocacy and Empowerment meeting to build youth leadership	
Block Grant Update	<p>Sam Lewis with Beacon provided a very quick update on the Block Grant process</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• 8 organizations submitted requests for SABG funding, including those providing services in Klickitat County• Scoring Committee to meet Friday, March 1st to discuss proposals and make funding recommendation	
Closing thoughts, questions, wrap up	<p>Drug Take Back Event April 27th</p> <p>Next meeting: March 19, 2019, Molina offices in Vancouver</p>	