



## Behavioral Health Advisory Board (BHAB)

March 19, 2019

### MINUTES

**In Attendance:** Cyndi Smith, Cindy Wolverton, Charles Hanset, Ellen Schanen, Matti Neal, Marcia Roi, Sela Barker, Leah Becknell (Beacon), Sam Lewis (Beacon), Brette Greenwood-Wing (SWACH), Beth Robinson (Clark County District Court), Brad Alberts (Clark County District Court), Larry Worthington (Recovery Café)

**Via Phone:** Nika Kermani, Sasha Bentley, Christina Kaufman, Keri Stanberry

**Absent (excused):** Kathy McNicholas, Kay Roberson, Rick Doster

**Absent (unknown):**

Topic	Summary	Action Items
Introductions and Icebreaker		
Community Updates	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Clark County Collective Impact Opioid Taskforce – March 22, 2-4 pm, Water Resources Center</li> <li>Drug Take Back – April 27, 10 am – 2 pm Various Locations</li> <li>Leading for Social Justice and Equity, April 11 9 am – 5 pm, Stevenson: <a href="https://hlcequitytrainingskama2019.eventbrite.com">https://hlcequitytrainingskama2019.eventbrite.com</a></li> <li>HLC Policy Committee and HLC Committee seeking new members. More information and how to apply here: <a href="https://healthylivingcollaborative.org/seeking-new-members-for-key-hlc-committees/">https://healthylivingcollaborative.org/seeking-new-members-for-key-hlc-committees/</a></li> <li>SWACH Board of Trustees recruiting new members <a href="https://southwestach.org/seeking-board-members-for-southwest-washington-accountable-community-of-health-swach/">https://southwestach.org/seeking-board-members-for-southwest-washington-accountable-community-of-health-swach/</a></li> </ul>	
Approve February Meeting Minutes	With the exception of a minor typo (FYSPRT not FYSBRT), no changes to the minutes from the February meeting. Matti Neal moved, Charles Hanset 2 <sup>nd</sup> motion to approve minutes from February meeting; all approved	
Special Guest Presenter, Beth Robinson, Clark County Therapeutic Specialty Courts	<p>Beth Robinson with Clark County District Court gave an overview of the Therapeutic Specialty Courts which include Mental Health Court, Veterans Court, Substance Abuse Court, and DUI Court.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Therapeutic Courts have shown to be a better way to reach people</li> <li>Whole team working with people</li> <li>How can we change behavior not just punish?</li> </ul>	



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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• If you go through the “pre-plea” program and graduate Mental Health Court, your conviction will not show on your record.</li> <li>• 12-month minimum program</li> <li>• Other than Mental Health Court, referrals to Specialty Courts have declined.</li> <li>• Mentoring is a crucial part of the program – partnership with CVAB</li> </ul> <p>Charles Hanset shared a personal story of how effective the Therapeutic Court system can be.</p>	
<p>Special Guest Presenter, Jan Wichert, Vancouver Housing Authority and Bridgeview Resource Center</p>	<p>Jan Wichert with the Vancouver Housing Authority discussed the new Bridgeview Resource Center</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• VHA provides services to help people stabilize and stay in housing</li> <li>• Working with multiple agencies for each family to get them to be in the best place</li> <li>• Families not in VHA housing need services, too</li> <li>• Want central location for any low-income person/family to learn about programs available to help</li> <li>• Bridgeview has space for partners to provide services</li> <li>• Space was built with input from partners</li> <li>• Navigator on site to connect people to resources</li> <li>• Organizations which have signed partner agreements agree to “enhanced referral” – warmer hand off to services/partners; if you take the time to go, you are guaranteed to talk to a person and get help</li> <li>• Referrals are not made only to Partners; referrals are made to whatever service/organization is needed, however Partners have made the commitment for the enhanced referral/welcoming hand-off experience</li> <li>• Trauma informed approach</li> <li>• The hope is that individuals and families experiencing low-income see this as a starting point and opportunity to discover new resources. If they are welcomed in to a space, and trust the people there, they might be inclined to try something new.</li> <li>• Not yet open to new partners. Will re-evaluate after Bridgeview has been open 6 months.</li> </ul>	
<p>Block Grant Update</p>	<p>Sam Lewis with Beacon Health Options presented the recommendations which came out of the scoring committee for the Substance Abuse Block Grant.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 6 organizations recommended to receive funding</li> </ul>	



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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Majority of SABG funding is required to go to individuals in our community who are uninsured or under-insured</li> <li>• Total of all requests was significantly greater than the amount available for funding (well over \$1 Million requested)</li> <li>• “Partial Funding” – organization requested funding for multiple programs but recommendation from scoring committee was to fund fewer programs than requested, but each program approved would receive full funding</li> <li>• “Reduced Funding” – organizations requested funding for a specific program, but recommendation from scoring committee was to fund the program only partially</li> <li>• “Partial and Reduced Funding” – organization requested funding for multiple programs, but recommendation from scoring committee was to fund fewer programs than requested and only provide partial funding for approved program(s)</li> </ul> <p>Cyndi Smith moved to approve the recommendations by the scoring committee as presented, Marcia Roi 2<sup>nd</sup>; all approved.</p>	
Closing thoughts, questions, wrap up	Next meeting: April 16, 2019, Molina offices in Vancouver	