

Thursday December 2nd, 2021

8:30am – 10:00am: Meeting

Virtual Meeting

Join by computer: meet.google.com/vzs-kfuf-jgi

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Meeting Notes

1. Measure-110 RFP Update: Julie Dodge, BHD Director

- Oversight Council extended the deadline to 12/16/21. Multnomah County is not putting the proposal as a full BHRN. We are proposing to offer resources and support for anybody in our County with a focus on lifting up our call center. We want the folks can get direct access to all providers, not just the list of phone numbers whom to reach. Screening completed at the call center through CDC and peers, with dedicated staff having different language capabilities, representing communities of colors; connect them directly with someone from the PATH team or the navigators in the provider's system. Connections will be to people, not to phone numbers. Looking to develop a strong marketing campaign related to substance abuse that would run all year round and keep this visible.
- In the application, there is no need to say that agency is linked with a particular BHRN. The Oversight Council can connect you to a BHRN. For this large county, it makes sense to have multiple BHRNs.
- BEACON is a separate proposal and County is not applying for those funds.
- Multnomah County will do a collaborative partnership with Northwest Family Services for the proposal to serve Latino youth.
- Morrison Family Services asked for a letter for support from the County for a BHRN for FIT collaborative. Julie Dodge asked for a template and confirmed support.

- Julie also spoke about the workforce and suggested building your budget to what it costs to do services. Build budgets to cover all your personnel costs, supplemental costs, benefits, overhead.
- Feel free to reach out to Julie Dodge and Frederick Staten for any additional clarifications to BHRN.
- Substance use is up in the County. In a time of social stress, people use and we are seeing long-term results. Data is showing that meth overdose is nearly twice, what it was. It was asked if there is a group of people that wants to be part starting a conversation of how we can better integrate all of our resources to be more effective. 1) Couple people who would like to get together and plan how we might have a conversation; 2) if there are more to participate and do some work session, some brainstorming together.

Following participants volunteered to participate:

Julia Mines – Miracles Club (julia@miraclesclub.org)

Christin Anderson – VOA (ChristinaA@voaor.org)

Jessica Macklin – Treatment Services NW (Jessica@nwtreatment.com)

Kitty Martz – VPGR (kitty.m.cgrm@gmail.com)

Belinda Kjensrud– Morrison Child and Family Services
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Amee McFee – 4D (amee.mcfee@4drecovery.org)

Carolyn Haats - DDA (carolynm@ddaoforegon.com)

Barb Seatter – Lifeworks NW (barb.seatter@lifeworsnw.org)

2. Other Business

The agenda has been shifted to continue the momentum of discussion of needs and challenges that are experienced by the providers. Frederick asked what is going well, in what areas can we do to provide better support or provide better collaboration with partners in the community?

- We need to break down the system, to avoid staying in the conversation, put the people first and put the people we served first.
- The bureaucratic layer is so thick, especially for a small organization.
- Communication needs to be clearer and we need to move from conversation to how we operationalize the conversation that we have.

- Lack of employment, how a system can address workforce shortage and avoid overtime of the current staff, which leads to burnout. When you cannot provide staff, services and infrastructure have to be shrunk. How we are going to address the long-term impact of the lack of applicants in the workforce among all of us?
- Train employees on self-care. Intentional recruiting people of color.
- How we are as a system held accountable so that these conversations are not continuing to be circular?
- Work with the County to have more proactive about what is already in place and the County processes (contract renewal and execution). We could use a specialized person at the County that could help organizations get grants, etc.

3. Current Provider Needs & Challenge

COVID impact meeting - Attendance has been dropping off? Is this meeting still useful? What would work for folks?

- Safe and good meeting, shared updated information on changes in regards to the COVID, PPE needs
- Helpful to connect, share information, learn about events, helps to get PPE needs met
- Bi-weekly frequency works well
- Goods information comes from this meeting; after advertising at the meeting vaccine events has been more attended
- It would be beneficial to have a BIPOC peer mentor meeting in the County. Addictions team volunteer to support meeting administratively.

4. Program Spotlight: Volunteers of America (VOA)

- Home-Based Recovery (HBR): IOP and Supported Housing

Flyers are attached to the meeting notes email. See the contact sheet for each house contact.

Charles Hanset - Housing mentor manager from VOA: Please reach out with any questions. Contact me if you know someone who needs services (chanset@voaor.org, phone 503-334-7620).

5. Updates

FY23 County Budget Overview

- We want to ensure you all understand our county budget cycle since we often get funding requests throughout the year.
- The program areas start to work on their budgets in DEC and JAN.
- This process usually ends in early FEB when county divisions and departments have to wrap up with their submissions.
- Commissioners typically start to hold community forums and budget hearings in May.
- We do Contract Renewals beginning in MAR.
- All of this planning is for the fiscal year that will start on July 1st.
- We want you to be aware of this process because while you can always request changes to your contracts at any time throughout the year, between now and JAN is really a great time to let us know about funding requests/proposals for new services for FY23.

OHA State Funding in current FY22 provider contracts

- Starting this past January, our large state-county Behavioral Health (CFAA) contract switched from a 2-year agreement to a calendar year agreement (JAN-DEC) that now straddles two county fiscal years.

Impact:

- If you have this state funding in your contracts, you will see in FY22 that the funding is broken into two periods JUL-DEC and JAN-JUN.
- Since, 1/1/22 starts a new state annual contract, the funding in your contracts for JUL-DEC **will NOT be able to be carried over** to the second period of JAN-JUN.
- Therefore, if you know you will not utilize all your funding for JUL-DEC or if you know you will over-utilize this funding, let us know ASAP. Our goal is to keep precious dollars in this county and adjust contracts to ensure you are able to meet the demand for your services.

Monthly invoice reminder

- Given our state-county contract, it is critical that we get your monthly invoices in on time. They are due per your contracts on the 20th of each month for expenses incurred the previous month.
- As of today, we should have received all provider invoices for JUL, AUG, SEPT and OCT.
- Some of you with Cost Reimbursement services submitted annual budgets to us and we are still working to approve all of those budgets. This should not delay your submission of monthly invoices. We can do any needed adjustments on a later invoice if that is needed.

Please reach out to our team for any questions or concerns.

6. Announcements:

- Monthly Program Spotlight Sign-ups:
 - Looking for providers to sign up in 2022 for Program Spotlight presentations to share info/highlight programs:
 - Email Elizabeth Rees to sign up (elizabeth.rees@multco.us)

Upcoming Meetings:

Next Provider Meeting: Quarterly Billing Meeting on Thursday, December 16,
2021: 8:30 am – 9:30 am

Meeting minutes, billing manual/policies, and other documentation can be found on our provider website: <https://multco.us/mhas/addiction-provider-resources>