



PBC BEHAVIORAL HEALTH, SUBSTANCE USE AND CO-OCCURRING DISORDERS – ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

Date: 5/13/2024 | Time: 2:00 pm

I. Call to Order 2:10

A. Roll Call

Members:

Ariana Ciancio, Lissa franklin, William Freeman, John Makris, Brent Schillinger, M.D., Rae Whiteley, Austin Wright, Jon Van Arnam, Charles Coyle, Al Johnson, Esq., Natalie Kenton, Maureen Kielian, Patrick McNamara, Daniel Oria, Sandra Sisson

Absent:

Sharon Burns Carter, Barbara Shafer, Angela Burns

Staff and PBC Representatives:

Dr James Green, Taruna Malhotra, John Hulick, Jill Singer, Dr. Ellen Jones, Twila Taylor, Helene Hvizd, Tammy Fields

B. Member and Staff Introductions

C. Chairperson Comments Chairperson Kielian stated she is re-reading her remarks from the April 13, 2024 meeting which were recorded in the 4/13/24 meeting minutes in their entirety.

Quorum

Yes

II. Agenda Approval

A. Additions, Deletions, Substitutions

B. Adoption Motion: William Freeman, Second Lissa Franklin, motion passes

III. Regular Business

A. Executive Committee Report Recommendations

The Executive Committee met on 5/2/2024 and reviewed progress made on the 2024 Plan Update. The minutes from 4/11/2024 were reviewed and amended as reflected in the handout distributed today. The agenda for today's meeting was presented and adopted with the addition of this Executive Committee Report.

B. Adoption of Regular Committee Meeting Minutes (4-11-24)

Motion: John Makris, Second William Freeman, motion passes

C. Approval of Behavioral Health and Substance Use Disorder Plan 2024 (draft)

John Hulick shared that the plan update has been an orderly and transparent process. Work from the bi-monthly subcommittee meetings is reflected in the Theory of Action and in the 2,3, or 4 priority recommendations identified by each subcommittee. The strike through version of recommendations reflects administration comments. Staff was ready with public comments and the six themes adopted by this group. The mental health workgroup was reconvened twice and a group (Drs. Jones, Howard, and Messer) met with John Hulick to assure fidelity to the process and review priorities. Their recommendation were to approve the Update and add two new sections as well as enhance the narrative around syringe services and Fire Rescue. Several edits came at the last minute and were not reviewed by Subcommittees.

Tammy Fields responding to earlier comments stated she read public comments that were submitted and talked to subcommittee members. She appreciates the experiences that Advisory Committee members have gone through and has her own related experience. Previous versions have been light on behavioral health and recommendations were made accordingly.

Patrick McNamara noted that the most significant change is in Prevention and Education Recommendations and they look enhanced. The overall spirit of all recommendations remains the same. The additions to housing reflect the need for housing for many at-risk populations.

Daniel Oria asked if the 90% for SDoH and 10% for acute or crisis care was added? John Hulick replied that it has been and Tammy fields noted it is also in the Executive Summary.

Jon VanArnam asked why the 90% SDoH and 10% for acute or crisis care is not in the Opioid Settlement recommendations. John Hulick stated it can/ should be added. Jon asked that more detail about the process of funding be added. Right now it is unclear.

Dr. James Green shared tht the county has processes that will be followed for accepting proposals and funding. The internal policies will follow the high level recommendations in the plan. The HCD also suggested a separate document. We have discussed doing this. There are already several White papers that do a “deeper dive” on some of the recommendations.

Austin Wright asked about details of syringe services enhancement. James Green explained this is an area where we have more written.

Lissa Franklin asked is there were restrictions on supplanting other funds. Dr. James Green stated that these are not Federal funds, and not subject to typical supplanting restrictions.

Maureen Kielian stated that the funds would not be used to fund failed programs. These are new funds and new opportunities.

Lissa Franklin shared that there are other funds that are used for failing Prevention and Education programs. Rae Whitely asked about had a follow up inquiry.

John Hulick stated that the review and edits were going on at the same time. This version focuses on edits made after the meeting on 4/11/2024. Content and recommendations are different. The subcommittee process invited input. The working group considered outlier comments in light of the 6 themes. Some edits were used verbatim (eg. Fire Rescue, HCD).

Patrick McNamara explained this is a work in progress. We want to make recommendations to the BCC based on the evolution of this group. This was not easy. It really involved the community. I applaud this work and encourage the BCC to focus on recovery.

John Makris asked if the group needed time to consider changes to the recommendations. Dr. James Green noted that the Plan fleshes out the recommendations. We want the process to go to the BCC on May 21. The plan is going through the correct channels to be sure it is actionable.

Tammy Fields explained that this plan is behavioral health and substance use. The opioid settlement dollars will be used for substance use disorder. Other funds in Community services cover behavioral health.

Arianna Ciancio asked if the plan states funds will be used for substance use disorder.

John Hulick stated that there are “allowable uses” for the funds.

Public Comment

Thomas DeBartolo shared that there is an inequality in pay for those working in the field. Individuals with experience are not paid the same as those with no experience but advanced degrees.

Staci Katz asked if the aim is to vote on the plan to go to the BCC. She urged people to serve on subcommittees and stated the importance of input. She asked members to please support the plan – it is a living document.

Debbie Strand owns a recovery in patient facility. She has open beds today because individuals are testing positive at entry. Want to serve the community to capacity.

Twila Taylor appreciates the added focus on youth in the Update.

Micah Robbins stressed that the process made sure the recommendations were a consensus of community input and not from individual entities. We get one shot at this – it is important to do it right.

Sheila Gaines reminded the group to be sure attention to black and brown communities and those at risk are included.

**Motion to accept the Plan Update: John Makris, Second Austin Wright, vote passes
2 abstention 1 Nay vote**

III. Other Business

- A. Staff Updates
- B. Member Updates and Non-agenda Items William Freeman shared a “Walk in my Shoes” event will be held November 16 and some on the Advisory Committee will be asked to participate
- C. Additional Public Comment BCC workshop meeting to be held on Tuesday, May 21, 2024.

IV. Adjournment

Motion to adjourn the meeting by William Freeman, Second by Dr. Brent Schillinger

The meeting adjourned at 3:20 pm