



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

Date: 10/17/24 | Time: 2:00 pm

I. Call to Order 2:03

A. Roll Call

Members:

Ariana Ciancio, Lissa Franklin, William Freeman, Brent Schillinger, M.D., Rae Whitely, Jon Van Arnam, Daniel Ori, Sandra Sisson, Austin Wright

Absent: Angela Burns, Sharon Burns-Carter, John Makris, Charles Coyle, Al Johnson, Esq. Natalie Kenton, Patrick McNamara

Staff and PBC Representatives:

Dr. James Green, John Hulick, Jill Singer, Helene Hvizd, Tammy Fields

B. Member and Staff Introductions

C. BHSUCOD Update

There have been a few changes to the membership of the Advisory Committee since the last meeting on June 13, 2024, which contributed to the delay in holding this meeting. Maureen Kielian resigned from Advisory Committee and Lissa Franklin resigned from her At-Large seat. Franklin is now an Ex Officio, representing SEFRA in place of Kielian. There were also 3 seats with expired terms: William Freeman, Franklin, and Pastor Rae Whitely. Freeman and Whitely were re-appointed by the Board of County Commissioners (BCC) on September 17, 2024. Franklin, as an Ex Officio, does not need BCC approval.

Individuals with terms expiring at the end of this month (October 2024) have re-appointments in process with the BCC. There are 2 vacancies that have been put out for Public Notice and are set to close on October 18, 2024.

Quorum

Yes

II. Agenda Approval

A. Additions, Deletions, Substitutions

Substitution: Franklin requested that item D under “Regular Business” be moved up to item C’s slot.

B. **Adoption Motion:** Lissa Franklin moved to move item D up; Freeman seconded. Vote taken and Motion passed unanimously.

III. Regular Business

A. Nominations for Chairperson and Vice-Chairperson

Because Kielian resigned and Whitely’s appointment lapsed, there is neither a Chairperson nor a Vice-Chairperson. Nominations were opened for Chairperson. Franklin nominated Whitely as Chairperson.

Helene Hvizd noted that the Operational Guidelines require Whitely to assume the role as Chairperson. Freeman nominated Franklin for Vice-Chairperson. Sandra Sisson seconded the motion. Advisory Committee was asked if there were any additional nominations for Vice-Chairperson. Hearing none, a vote was taken and the Motion passed unanimously. Freeman moved to close nominations. Sisson seconded. Vote taken, motion passed unanimously.

B. Adoption of Regular Committee Meeting Minutes (6-13-24)

Motion: Franklin moved to accept June 13, 2024 Meeting Minutes; Freeman seconded. Vote taken and passed unanimously.

C. Motion, Minutes and Quorum Review

Helene Hvizd recommended that one motion could be made to approve all affected Agenda, Minutes and Motions to Approve Agendas, Affected Minutes and Motions to Adjourn. Austin Wright moved to approve all affected Agendas, Motions to approve Agendas and Motions to Adjourn. Dr. Schillinger seconded and a vote was taken and passed unanimously. Minutes dating back to October 12, 2023 were reviewed and handed out to all members showing where Motions were made by one of three Advisory Committee members whose terms had lapsed.

Franklin moved to adopt the 6 themes from public comments on the 2024 Master Plan Update that were identified in the April 11, 2024 Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes: "Support for the Plan Update; Broken System, continued siloes; Align work with HIV (including syringe services), BH/SUD, and homelessness; Affordable, attainable housing for SUD and Mental Health; Centralized care coordination and crisis stabilization; Emphasize mental health, youth services, prevention and education." Wright seconded the motion. Prior to voting, a discussion ensued about Advisory Committee Member terms and specifically about the staggered terms that were less than the full term of three years. Freeman asked what the length of his new appointment is, which is 3 years. It was clarified that he (and others whose terms were less than the full 3 years) can be reappointed for a total of 3 three-year terms. There was no further discussion on term lengths. The pending motion to adopt the 6 themes from the 4/11/24 meeting was resumed, a vote was taken and the motion passed unanimously.

Franklin moved that settlement funds be spent 90% on Social Determinants of Health (SDoH) prioritizing housing, recovery supports, care coordination and environmental strategies to include youth, families and community education, and 10% on deep-end and crisis care. Freeman seconded the motion. Question asked whether treatment is included within the 90%. Discussion and comments by Franklin, Daniel Oria, Sisson that led to agreement that treatment was included. Oria seconded the Motion. Vote was taken and passed unanimously.

Franklin moved to adopt language from the June 13, 2024 regarding the use of Opioid Settlement Funds to supplement rather than supplant other funding. Freeman seconded. Discussion ensued about the need to clarify what is meant by supplant in language that is understood and accomplishes objective of not replacing funds from other sources. Language that members and CSD administration agreed with is as follows: "Monies from the opioid settlement fund shall be expended to expand the availability of services and supports described in the Master Plan and not to supplant funding otherwise available for those purposes." Jon Van Arnam moved to amend Franklin's motion to the language noted immediately above. Sisson seconded. Vote taken and it passed unanimously.

D. Master Plan Update/Subcommittee Report:

Jill Singer provided a summary of the last 2 sets of subcommittee meetings that focused on standards, outcomes and measures, as well as the development of a cross-walk (handed out to all members) that aligned Settlement Fund recommendations to the state settlement agreement core strategies, approved uses, SDoH, Resiliency Indicators and Standards, Outcomes and Measures.

John Hulick reported that the Agenda Item for the Oct. 22, 2024 BCC meeting stems from the workshop that took place in June (2024). Supporting documents included a draft of the expense plan, a link to the plan itself and some technical tweaks- i.e., spelled out SDoH, aligned with the 90-10 recommendations. Clarified that there are no contracts going before the BCC, the only thing being asked is to approve how funds can be used – categorically and level of funding. Proposed Expense Plan used a leveled-out sum over a 20-year period so that no funded entity or program has to worry about spikes and valleys in funding levels. Within Housing and Transportation- there is a recommendation to prioritize women and women with children. Clarified that neutral care is budgeted at \$1.5 M, not \$4.5 M. Also included in the funding recommendations is training; secondary and tertiary prevention and a partnership with Housing and Economic Development (HED), which will be funded solely by accrued interest (\$1.6 M annually). Other things on the horizon – Asset Mapping (already started) and being done with other Departments.

IV. Other Business

- A. Staff Updates – Tammy K. Fields noted that the community event on the crack-epidemic really “sat with her” – it was a really amazing workshop and was glad to be there to hear the conversations. Also, there have been new parties added to the National Lawsuit, one is Target and there will be more. Attorney involved with the multi-state litigation was asked to join (virtually) the last scheduled meeting which ended up not being held as explained above. Tammy asked if there was interest in rescheduling, which there was and she will reach back out to the attorney.

James Green announced there will be an Economic Mobility Summit on Dec. 9th, 2024 and encouraged everyone to sign up to attend.

- B. Member Updates and Non-agenda Items - Oria mentioned the Neutral Care Coordination proposal and was interested in input from this Advisory Committee. Ariana Ciancio commented on the crack-epidemic event and said that it increased attention to all overdoses and pointed out disparities in treatment and neighborhoods. Whitely noted that he is working to build a Health and Wellness Hub – beginning with infrastructure to build pop-ups for real conversations. Freeman mentioned his organization’s (People of Purpose) event on November 16th “Walk In My Shoes” in Wellington from 6-9pm.

- C. Public Comment – Staci Katz expressed concern about the absence of families at the table with the Advisory Committee Members.

IV. Adjournment

Wright moved to adjourn the meeting; Schillinger seconded. Vote held and passed unanimously.

The meeting adjourned at approximately 4:45 pm