
Meeting Minutes – July 23, 2021

Council Member Attendance

<i>Allison George</i>	<i>Chris Lobanov-Rostovsky</i>	
<i>Jenny Wood</i>	<i>Peggy Richie</i>	
<i>John Draxler</i>	<i>Angela Cifor</i>	
<i>Bill Cecil</i>	<i>Beale Tejada</i>	
<i>Glenn Tapia</i>		
<i>Tim Hand</i>		
<i>Chad Dilworth</i>		

Welcome and Introductions

Approval of the Minutes

The approval of the minutes for both the March and May meetings were tabled to a future vote by the Council as they were not ready for review.

Senate Bill 19-222 Individuals at Risk of Institutionalization

Ms. Camille Harding is the strategy and innovation officer with the Office of Behavioral Health (OBH). She is with the Council today to present the implementation plan for Senate Bill 19-222, a shared requirement between OBH and Health Care Policy and Financing (HCPF) to address a behavioral health safety net within the State of Colorado. The behavioral health task force safety net subcommittee developed several recommendations for redesigning the delivery of safety net services for populations in need. These recommendations were used in the development of the implementation plan that Ms. Harding is presenting today. Ms. Harding reviewed the framework for the plan developed by the OBH and HCPF. The levels of care and the associated models for payment; the changes that this plan will bring, specifically highlighting current areas of concern; the timeline, the high-level overall goals, high-level goals for reaching underserved populations were reviewed during the presentation. Ms. Harding also discussed the plan's proposal for regulatory review to make sure that the processes within the plan have time limits, there are timeliness standards so clients are not waiting for treatment and to define next steps for those who needs exceed the capacity of the delivery system.

She then summarized the system levers for improved oversight, accountability and transparency and the identified goals for each of those levels. Ms. Harding completed her presentation and the participated in discussion with the council members.

Discussion by the council followed. Mr. Tapia advised the group that collaboration between the criminal justice system and the behavioral health system is necessary. He asked Ms. Harding to expand specifically on what services will be geared towards the justice involved population. Ms. Harding reviewed some of the details around the criminal justice population to include:

- Risk/need identification,
- Criminal justice assessments,
- Treatment matching,
- Separation of populations by risk need.

He noted that the collaboration is so important as there is a lot of cross-over between the criminal justice world and the behavioral health world. Mr. Dilworth asked about the criminal justice clients that are difficult to treat and what controls will be in place to help them find the care they need. Ms. Harding discussed one of the ideas how these treatment needs might be defined so that the clients that need them can get them.

Mr. Lobanov-Rostovsky cautioned against over-regulation of providers as there are already levels in place. He noted that this plan could add another level of regulation that would push providers not to participate. Ms. Harding explained different scenarios where no additional regulation would be needed and also where this oversight could be helpful to bring resources to communities that have limited access to the different types of treatment.

There was a comment from audience member, Mr. Doug Carrigan, about concerns that criminal justice/community corrections has not been involved in many of these decisions, especially with regard to rural areas to which Ms. Harding explained that this is still a work in progress. She advised that there will still be opportunities to make changes to address the needs of different population groups. There was further discussion from the council members and Ms. Harding around the needs within the criminal justice population.

Mr. Tapia thanked Ms. Harding for her work on this project and noted that she is doing a great job. He and other council members thanked Ms. Harding for her presentation today.

DOCT Update


Mr. Hand began by explaining that this topic is the result of some county sheriffs not allowing beds in their jail facilities for community corrections clients. Mr. Hand and Mr. Johnson began discussing this issue and it was recognized by Mr. Johnson that this is a public safety concern and further discussion was needed to develop some processes and consistency around the state as to how these returns to custody are handled. A small work group was convened and included staff and leadership from the

OCC, community corrections programs and providers, DOC and Parole. This initiative has been endorsed by both Mr. Johnson at the Division of Adult Parole and Ms. Ruske from the OCC. Mr. Hand thanked many of the staff involved in the development of this initiative. Mr. Hand reviewed the intent of the project and then Ms. Owin explained the form developed by the committee and gave an overview on how the process works. Ms. Barton commented that it has been a very collaborative process and they were able to remove duplicative work. This new process will begin on August 1, 2021.

Mr. Draxler and other council members commented that this was a great endeavor and it will help clients and staff alike.

Review and Discuss Action Items

- UA Standard Update – The new UA standard went into effect July 1, 2021. All boards and programs were notified. The OCC had held off the implementation of this revised standard due to the pandemic but sent the standard out implementation on July 1, 2021 to align with the time frames for programs to request standards waivers as they make adjustment in response to the pandemic.
- Judges Information Sheet – Judge Bland and Ms. Ruske met this week to discuss this initiative. Judge Bland has reached out to the Judicial Training Coordinator to see if there is a training format for this topic that would meeting the requirements for continuing education credits to foster more participation from Judges.
- Bylaws Review/Update – Ms. Bacchi is working on setting a meeting with the review committee to map out the edits and updates needed to make sure the by-laws are reflective of what the Council would like them to be.
- Standards Review – The council was presented with the options for review of the standards at the May meeting. Due to the ongoing work needed for the legislative RFI, PBC, audits/RFP's and CCIB 2.0, the OCC will prepare for the process outline and then engage stakeholders after the first of the year to start the review work according to the proposed plan. After some discussion with the council, it was determined that there is not a separate subcommittee needed to examine the intent.
- CLEAR Act Report – Jack Reed from the Office of Research and Statistics will attend the September meeting to give a summary of the CLEAR act report.
- EDI – Mr. Reed's presentation on the Clear Act is the next step for the Council's EDI discussion. Additionally, Ms. Owin and Ms. Barton are developing a bias and decision-making training. Ms. Ruske commented that the OCC will gladly accept any ideas from the Council about what else our office can do to address equality, diversity and inclusion in community corrections.
- Senate Bill 19-222 – This presentation was done today.
- Repurposing Community Corrections – The idea of allowing misdemeanants in community correction has been raised by several Council members. Ms. Ruske did determine, through the Attorney General's Office that it would take a legislative change to pay for



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misdemeanant clients with state community corrections funds. The subcommittee will plan a meeting to review more specific details about this topic. Mr. Hand offered to organize a meeting for this subcommittee.

- EMBARC – Greg Mauro will present regarding the Cognitive Behavioral Therapy pilot program at September Council meeting.

Standing Items

Updates

(Katie Ruske, Wendy Bacchi)

- PBC – The Performance-based contracting project is moving forward. The first workshop has been held and reviewed the engagement process with a large stakeholder group. There are more, smaller stakeholder workshops scheduled in the next couple of months to review the specific areas of the plan. There is a website for this project that will contain all the PBC documents, recordings of the workshops as they are completed.
- CCIB 2.0 – The CCIB 2.0 project is still on-time and on budget. As this is an agile build, we are able to see the functionality in pieces and the pieces for entering a client, submitting staff for backgrounds, and giving staff access to the system are nearly complete. The development team will now start on the billing side of CCIB. It is scheduled to be up and running by the end of the fiscal year.
- September Meeting In-Person – Mr. Draxler proposed a vote to meet in-person for the September meeting. Due to the strong feelings of several council members, it was agreed to have a hybrid September meeting where members could come in-person or log in to the Web-ex event.

Announcements

- ATC Sterling is going to open eight female beds in their facility.
- Larimer County has plans to break ground on a new facility for female clients. There will be 17 additional female beds and they will be able to expand the treatment services they offer.
- Allison George advised that with the stimulus money and some bills that were passed last year, they will be starting the RFP process to acquire hotel/motel properties for permit-supportive housing or non-congregate sheltering.
- Larimer is also working closely with Mesa County to implement 3-quarter house programming. Mr. Draxler also noted that there is a 3-quarter house in the 13th judicial district.

Adjournment

Next meeting – Friday, September 24, 2021