

Yakima County Human Services
BH SUD Coalition
MEETING MINUTES

CALL TO ORDER

The **March 25, 2024** BH SUD Coalition Meeting came to order at **3:00pm**.

INTRODUCTIONS

Members present: Cassidy Leslie (TTS), Trevor Downey (WSP), Megan Tweedy (Community Member), Melissa Denner (Merit), Hope Baker (ESD 105), Chad Morris (CHCW), Mary O'Brien (YVFWC), Hope Neidhold (Millennium Health), Jeremy Welch (DOC), Monica Jenkins (DCYF), Kim Clemmons (Comp. Healthcare), Rick Glenn (Yakima City Council), Whitney Gregory (Comp. Healthcare), Annette Rodriguez (YHNS), Commissioner Linde (Yakima County), Rod Myers (Lived Experience), Kyle Schaefer (Lived Experience), Megan Takamori (BC), Ken Braconnier (Comp. Healthcare)

Zoom: Sherran Campos (YVFWC), Renee Kollman (TTS), Michael Clement (Comm. Member), Ben Beck-Coon (YVFWC), Lynda Boggess (MultiCare), Shamira M (Comm. Member), Renee Hall (DCYF), Chris De Villanue (ESD105), Angela Bazan (Nami Yakima)

Human Services staff present:

Melissa Holm, Esther Magasis, Deann Bergquist, Ivan Orozco, Lance Larsen

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OLD BUSINESS

Approval of minutes

Approval of Minutes: February 26, 2024, BH SUD Coalition Meeting.

Megan Tweedy moved to approve the minutes from the February 26, 2024, BH SUD Coalition Meeting. Megan Takamori seconded. No one abstained/denied. The motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS

Priority Setting
Group Activity/
Top Three
Priorities
Discussion

BHSUDC members did an exercise to determine priorities for changes to the local behavioral health/substance use disorder response and treatment system. Prompt: If you had a magic wand and could change one thing, what would it be?

Three systems priorities were identified by the group:

1. Increase in supportive housing availability with wrap-around services, including BH/SUD, medical, and dental
2. Medical detox
3. 24/7 warm handoffs between providers, LE, and other partners engaging with people in crisis

WA State Opioid
Dashboard

Melissa gave an update that Washington State is continuing to develop a data dashboard. Yakima County will be participating in a trial of the site as it is

Update	developed. Melissa will send out additional information as it becomes available.
Jail Overdose Prevention	<p>Director Welch from the Yakima County Department of Corrections and Commissioner Linde presented a project regarding wristbands intended to monitor vitals of recently booked inmates who enter into jail while experiencing SUD. Director Welch explained that the first five days or so of incarceration are often highly dangerous for individuals in active addiction, and there have been several recent deaths in the jail due to overdose.</p> <p>As a precautionary measure, the Jail is exploring implementing a wristband system that monitors vitals for those most at risk. The cost of implementation would be \$90,000 for the cost to purchase 25 wristbands, plus \$50,000 per year for the cost to operate the program. Commissioner Linde added that while this is a new expense, recent lawsuits in other jails have established a legal precedent for in-jail overdose deaths leading to seven-figure lawsuits – which would be a much larger cost.</p> <p>The Board of County Commissioners are going to consider funding these monitoring wristbands out of the Opiate Settlement Funds. This is a project which would receive priority consideration due to both the responsibility and liability the County holds when it comes to inmate safety. There is no decision happening today – this agenda item is just for transparency to ensure that the BHSUDC members know that the project has emerged and has been part of BOCC discussions.</p> <p>Action Item: Director Welch will send Melissa a link to the wristbands so that she can share the information with BHSUDC members who are interested in learning more.</p> <p>This is the link: Custody Protect Monitor Detainees' Wellness Real-time (4sightlabs.com)</p>
Human Services Department Director Announcement	<p>Esther will plan to be at next month's meeting in person but will likely miss a few months following April's meeting as she will be out on maternity leave. Lance Larsen, Finance and Admin Senior Manager, will serve as the Interim Director for the Human Services Department while Esther is on leave.</p>
Next Meeting	<p>DATE: April 22, 2024</p> <p>Location: Hybrid Zoom and In-Person at Yakima County Resource Center</p>
Adjourn	With no other business, the meeting was adjourned at 4:28pm.