

Yakima County Human Services
BHSUD Coalition
MEETING MINUTES

CALL TO ORDER

The **July 22, 2024** BHSUD Coalition meeting came to order at **3:00pm**.

INTRODUCTIONS

Members present: LaDon Linde (Yakima County), Cassidy Leslie (TTS), Lori Bethay (Comm. Member), Kim Clemmons (CH), Rod Meyers (Comm. Member), Kyle Schafer (Lived Experience), David Elofson (SYV), Trevor Downey (WSP), Kate Urwin (WA211), Megan Tweedy (Comm. Member), Alicia Stromme Tobin (SYV), Ken Braconnier (CH), Stuart Leonard (CH)

Zoom: Shannon Young (MultiCare), Meagan Takamori (BC), Dawn Mason (Coord. Care Health), Elizabeth (Comm. Member), Erika Ochoa (YHD), Erin Feeley (COM), Lynda Boggess (MultiCare), Mary O'Brien (YVFWC), Chris De Villeneuve (ESD105), Angel Bazan (NAMI)

Human Services staff present:

Melissa Holm, Deann Bergquist, Lance Larsen

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OLD BUSINESS

Approval of minutes

Approval of Minutes: June 24, 2024 BH SUD Coalition Meeting.

Rod Meyers moved to approve the minutes from the June 24, 2024, BHSUD Coalition Meeting. Lori Bethay seconded. No one abstained/denied. The motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS

Update on Mental Health Sales Tax Dollars (MHST)

Trevor Downey and Cassidy Leslie presented an update on where we are as a coalition and how we can move forward now that the BHSUD Coalition Charter was approved by the Board of County Commissioners. Commissioner Linde spoke to the Mental Health Sales Tax dollars, the priorities for which the tax dollars need to be applied. He mentioned the current tools being utilized with some of the MHST dollars, including a new scanner that can detect drugs, the new drug sniffing dog, remote mail screening and new bracelets. He explained that this is an expensive but necessary process to stop the drugs from getting into the jail, and he supports the priorities the coalition has established and the goals the group has set with these priorities to address the problems before individuals go to jail. He mentioned the budgets limits and how early treatment is just as important.

The need for more education and prevention were mentioned as well. There is some funding that gives family's access to programs that offer help to those affected by a drug related death which are available in many of our local schools, but not all of them.

Melissa mentioned that Barth Clinic has additional treatments and rapid rehousing, PNWU is working on a rehabilitation program and will be able to provide Physical and Occupational Therapy to those that need it.

There was discussion regarding the need for more family education and support

around drug and overdose prevention education. More community members need to be reached with this information and education choices made more accessible to the general public. Cassidy Leslie mentioned they are now open for walk in assessments and outpatient clinic during the week from 9:00am to 5:00pm Monday-Thursday and Friday from 9:00am- 3:00pm. Melissa mentioned that Merit Resources is now able to take walk in assessments, and Ken Braconnier from Comprehensive said they will provide the mental health piece for these walk-in assessments.

Action Item: Melissa will send out the Opiate Settlement Fund information via JotForm for feedback. For example, which ones are in alignment with our priorities, which ones would you recommend being moved on to another phase, and are we at a point to go to RFP in our community?

[Opioid Settlement
Fund Results](#)

Tabled to next meeting.

*Safe Yakima Valley
- Alicia Stromme
Tobin*

Alicia spoke about how the Working Together To Create Change using her slide deck. The project life was reviewed and she started with the Goals of the Project. It covers four counties, with two goals encompassing firearms and associated gun violence. There are Three Components to the project which were reviewed in depth. She explained how the first component priorities were established as well as a group to work on the second component. The second component deals with data surrounding the firearm events and deaths. The third component looked at those that didn't die from firearm events. They had to use manual tracking of these gun violence deaths in the area. She then reviewed the overdose epidemic and there data shows there were 6,200% of overdoses not being tracked. Crime in Washington has risen in very large numbers and the violent crimes were reviewed by county. Currently, there are more people with mental health disorders in the justice system now than ever before, and the numbers continue to grow. She showed a Sequential Intercept Model that broke down the resources available in each county. The Collective Impact was discussed along with the 5 conditions of collective impact. She showed the Continuum of Care graph that showed Promotion, Prevention, Harm Reduction, Treatment and Recovery and then a breakdown of these with additional ways to achieve each strategy. Why Prevention was discussed and why it is important to be looking at this prior to Intercept 0. Substance use disorder can be stopped sooner, which means prevention is key. She explained how the ODMAP is a tool that can be used to solve these issues in a way not previously used, and this speeds up the treatment process and improves the communication between treatment agencies, including police, hospital and other relevant agencies. The Putting it all Together slide listed out the tools discussed today, but especially the data, which when used together will help us reduce the number of overdose deaths. Next steps will be to contact all agencies to get set up on ODMAP, but the cost was \$5000 per agency. Some other agencies may agree to share costs. The Next Steps will bring all of this together over the next twelve months.

*Washington 211
Program - Kate
Urwin*

Kate Urwin presented a Power Point with a brief history of how 211 came about. It came to Washington State in 2006. Yakima is one of the larger hubs in Washington.

Action Item: Kate Urwin's Power Point will be sent out with the meeting minutes.

Next Meeting

DATE: **August 26, 2024**

Location: Hybrid Zoom and In Person at Yakima County Resource Center Training Room A.

Adjourn

With no other business, the meeting was adjourned at **4:40pm**.