



DATE: May 31, 2023
TO: Clackamas County Board of Commissioners
FROM: Cindy Becker, Project Manager – County Administration

REQUEST: Confirm mission and purpose of the proposed Blue Ribbon Panel (BRP), and decide on names of potential members to invite to serve.

BACKGROUND: On April 26, the BCC held a Planning Session regarding creation of a Blue Ribbon Panel to address the needs of individuals who have chronic behavioral health challenges. Staff is requesting confirmation and direction on the following topics.

BRP Purpose: The Board discussed developing a recovery-oriented system of care for individuals with mental health and addictions issues, of which housing is a key component. This differs from the initial Board discussion to have a focus on homelessness and housing in general.

Recommendation: Confirm BRP mission and purpose

Selection of Panel Members: The attached document lists suggested participants from the BCC, H3S, and community-based organizations.

Recommendation: Reach a consensus on 5-7 people to invite as participant members of the BRP

Scheduling: While there are many options, the BRP commitment will be more successful if there are fewer meetings over a compact timetable.

Recommendation: Staff will schedule a 1.5 day meeting in mid-September following an online poll of participants' availability

Attachment: Planning Session notes, 4-26-23

Clackamas County Commissioners Planning Session

4-26-23 - 1-2:30 p.m.

Smith, Shull, Schrader, West, Schmidt; (Savas excused)

Purpose

The purpose of this Planning Session was to determine next steps in convening a Blue Ribbon Panel (BRP) and conducting community outreach. The end goal is to identify short and long term actions needed to implement a recovery-oriented system of care focused on individuals with chronic Behavioral Health challenges. (Note: Behavioral Health includes mental health and addictions.)

Background

H3S staff – Mary Rumbaugh, Denise Swanson and Egan Doherty – provided the Board with an overview of services in place today and those under development. They also identified gaps in the system. Key points included:

- The BH system has evolved over the years from one where the State contracted with the County for all services to one where there is a mixture of players, funding sources, and contracts. Coordinated Care Organizations now hold the Medicaid contracts with the State. They, in turn, contract with the County for certain functions while the State contracts with the County for certain other functions.
- Clackamas has developed many of the components of a system of care, but future growth is dependent upon funding and the ability of providers to attract and retain a qualified workforce.
- Services are no longer limited to residents of an individual County; residents of the metro tri-county area can go to any designated clinic in the area for services.
- Health Centers are the largest BH provider in the County and provide a range of treatment and coordination services to individuals, adults and families regardless of insurance.
- The demand for BH services has skyrocketed over the past few years.
- Housing remains a critical issue for individuals with chronic and persistent BH challenges.

Discussion

Target Population

The Board agreed that the target population is Individuals with chronic mental health and addictions issues. This target is specific in that it does not include all individuals that need housing nor those individuals with mental health and addictions issues who are stable and living in the community.

Blue Ribbon Panel

The intent of the BRP is to bring in “outside” thought leaders to:

- Articulate the components of an effective recovery-oriented system of care including a the feasibility of a recovery-oriented treatment center
- Analyze the County’s current system of care
- Identify gaps and;
- Make actionable short and long-term recommendations

Community Outreach

The Board agreed to hold focused meetings with stakeholder groups to solicit their perspectives and recommendations regarding expanding services to this population including housing. The groups identified include:

- Business owners
- Local elected officials
- Providers
- Peers
- School Superintendents/ESD

Funding

Potential funding resources will need to be identified and a funding plan created as priorities emerge for recommended short and long-range actions.

Next Steps

BRP Meeting Planning

- The Board agreed to hold an in person 1.5 day meeting including discussion/presentation by the Panel members and break-out groups with stakeholders. Follow up meetings will be held via zoom if needed.
- The Board will need to provide a timeframe for the 1.5 day meeting from which we can confirm most, if not all, of the selected Panel members. Once that is solidified, representatives from key stakeholder groups can also be invited.
- An agenda will need to be developed as well as all logistics including location.
- A packet of pre-meeting information about existing services and resources along with a set of focused questions/topics will need to be developed and sent to the Panel members before the meeting.

Selection of BRP members

The key is to bring balance of different perspectives with a manageable sized-panel, ideally 7 or 8 people. Attached is a list of names that have been recommended by the BCC, H3S, and Community-based Organizations (CBOs).

Once Panel members and a meeting day and time are selected, staff will meet with each to discuss the purpose, process, expectations and other relevant information for the Panel.

Affiliation	Name
Local/Inside Oregon	
Clackamas ESD	Larry Didway
Local Elected Official	Mayor McGriff
Clackamas Fire Paramedic	Amy Jo Cook
Chamber of Commerce	TBD
Faith-Based or Non-Profit	TBD
Business Leader	Dan Fowler or Rick Armstrong
Assoc. of Oregon Counties	Gina Nickels
Peer (lived experience)	Janie Gillickson (MHAO)
Health Care Leader	Dr. Sean Stone, Providence ED
Clackamas Resident	Anthony Stacy
Health Share CCO	Jill Archer, Care Oregon BH Vice President
Public Safety	TBD
Homelessness	Kevin Dahlgren, Homelessness Coordinator, Gresham
Domestic Violence	Melissa Erlbaum – Executive Director, Clackamas Women’s Services
Outside of Oregon	
BH Experts	Tom Wolf, Pacific Alliance for Prevention & Recovery (in recovery)
	Dr. Keith Humphreys, Professor Psychiatry & Behavioral Science, Stanford (testified against M110)
	Sheldon Bailey, Sr. Policy Advisor to the Shadow Minister of Addiction in Canada (in recovery)
	Robby Sidhu, Fresh Start Recovery Centre, Director of communications, Alberta, Canada
	Jennifer Kent-Carpentier, Fresh Start Recovery Centre, Director of Operations, Alberta Canada
	Dr. Rob Tanguay, Psychiatrist specializing in pain and addiction
Homelessness	Dr. Marybeth Shinn or Dr. Jill Khadduri – Center for Evidence-based Solutions for Homelessness. Co-Author, In the Midst of Plenty: Homelessness and What to Do About it.
	Ana Rausch, VP of Program Operations, Coalition for the Homeless of Houston/Harris County
	Kevin Nye – Author, Grace Can Lead Us Home: A Christian Call to End Homelessness. Housing Director
	Robert Marbut, American homelessness consultant/former ED of US Interagency Council on Homelessness

Note: Individuals not selected to be on the Panel should be invited to the 1.5 session.