

Tri-County Mental Health Board

Budget Committee Hearing Meeting Minutes: May 8, 2018

IN ATTENDANCE:

Sherman County Commissioner Tom McCoy
 Wasco County Commissioner Scott Hege
 Hood River County Commissioner Karen Joplin,
 Barb Seatter MCCFL Executive Director
 Mel Heuberger MCCFL Accounting Manager
 Angie Millard, MCCFL Executive Assistant
 Teresa Hepker, Public Participant

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GUESTS:

TOPIC	KEY DISCUSSION POINTS	ACTION/TASK/ DECISION LOG	REPOS IBLE PARTY	DUE DATE
COMMUNITY MEETING	Everyone participated in the community meeting			
APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES	The March 13, 2018 Tri-County Mental Health Board Meeting Minutes were approved as written and Presented at 11:20 AM	<i>Motion: Commissioner Hege Second: Commissioner Mccoy Approve: Unanimous</i>		
APPROVAL OF THE SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES	The March 23, 2018 Tri-County Mental Health Board Special Meeting Minutes were approved as written and Presented at 1:22 PM	<i>Motion: Commissioner Hege Second: Commissioner Mccoy Approve: Unanimous</i>		

<p>PUBLIC COMMENT</p>	<p>Teresa Hepker joined the meeting stating that she has family members who have suffered with mental illness, and is very curious about what is going on, and what can be done to improve things. Teresa stated that MH services in the community are taxed, and from her families perspective is insufficient, and is hoping that it will be improved in the future. Teresa mentioned that there are insufficiencies specifically in the amount of crisis beds available. Teresa wants to get more involved to help address these issues.</p> <p>Barb presented an overview of crisis services including the challenges involved such as involuntary vs. voluntary commitments in regards to what the law allows. Barb explained civil commitment procedures, and controversies related to this with examples of different scenarios. Some people think rules should be less stringent for commitments while others think more community based services are needed.</p>			
<p>FISCAL REPORT</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • BUDGET • FEBRUARY & MARCH FINANCIAL REPORT 	<p>Budget: The budget hearing was officially opened at 11:30 AM. Mel presented the 2019 budget. Members discussed the increase costs of health benefits. Commissioner Joplin inquired whether MCCFL has a wellness committee or a health insurance committee that takes a look at the package plan. Barb stated that there has been previously, but there has not been one for about three years, and that David has it on his radar to do this year for next year. Barb stated that there are two new policies that are included in the preliminary budget that have not been approved yet. One item is for a possible language differential, and the other is for a productivity incentive program for employees if PacificSource metrics are met. Commissioner Joplin Stated that as MCCFL further vets this concept and bring it forward, or if there is going to be some kind of replacement for COLA there needs be a clear policy so it is well understood. Barb stated that if there are any pay increases, or incentives they will begin in January, and will be based on where the financials are, and on whether the budget is being met. Barb explained why the local and regional IDD, and ECS services are in the red stating that they are limited fund programs. Barb briefly explained some possible changes coming up to the regional IDD program currently funded by GOBHI, and said that there should be additional information after a meeting tomorrow that she can bring to the next board meeting. Mel mentioned the new Hood River County Corrections contract starting April 1st that pays for a Recovery Mentor. Barb, and Commissioner Joplin explained that MCCFL hired someone that is embedded at county corrections. Commissioner Hege had questions about this program in which Barb, and Commissioner Joplin explained. Commissioner Hege requested that this program be discussed a little further in the future as they are looking for</p>			

	<p>something similar for Wasco County. Commissioner Joplin asked where the additional funding for Jail Diversion came from, and Mel explained that it was in the reserve specifically for this program, and is budgeted to be used for services to be provided. Mel also explained the additional crisis, and CCBHC medical billing revenues. Barb reported that there is currently a need for a new EHR system that is not in the budget. Commissioner Joplin asked what kind of goal has been set for replacement. Barb replied that there is a possibility that she may come back in June with adjustments to the budget. Budget meeting was closed at 12:10 PM.</p> <p>Financial Report: Mel presented the February & March financials showing a balance differences in revenue through CCBHC, but an overall positive number to the bottom line due to savings in expenses. Commissioner McCoy asked if MCCFL would be able to make up some of the missed CCBHC revenues. Barb replied that there will be increases in the upcoming quarters due to improvements, medical billings, and new employee ramp up, but MCCFL will not be able to make up some of the loss. Commissioner Hege inquired whether other CCBHC agencies are experiencing the same revenue shortages. Barb replied that she is hopeful to compare data with others during the GOHBI conference.</p>			
ADDITIONS TO AGENDA:	Commissioner Hege requested that future meeting packets include the financials merged into one PDF with the agenda, and meeting materials vs. sent separately.			
<p>EXECUTIVE REPORT</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • PACIFIC SOURCE CONTRACT UPDATE • NEW BUILDING UPDATE • LANGUAGE DIFFERENTIAL 	<p>Pacific Source: Barb reported that a contract is in and ready for a signature, and rates pretty close to previous rates despite the expected reduction and all other specifications have been agreed on. Barb reported a new development is that PS started paying Next Door a day rate for their behavioral health services from MCCFL Cap that is costing \$300,000.00 per year, and is currently in dispute. Barb stated that she plans to sign the contract when there is a plan in place for disputed claims.</p> <p>New Building Update: Barb stated that she had already talked to Karen and Scott about the development as of last week that US Bank had denied the expected loan, and explained in detail what had attributed to the denial. Commissioner McCoy asked if there is an alternative funding source. Barb replied Wasco County offered to cover the full loan amount that would include the loan amount originally budgeted through GOBHI, and will be putting a proposal together to take to the Wasco County Board of Commissioners. Barb stated that Columbia Bank is also currently reviewing a loan application for collateral loan. Barb Commented that</p>			

	<p>taking a loan through Wasco County for the amount originally budgeted through GOBHI would potentially allow MCCFL to keep the Lincoln Building. The Wasco County loan would be a ten year term, with a 20 year amortization and at similar interest rate as US Bank. Commissioner Joplin inquired whether a decision was needed in regards to the GOBHI loan at this time. Barb replied stating that it would need to be decided by board, but not until we analyze the pros and cons more closely. Commissioner Joplin said it seems like the GOBHI loan would potentially make for a cost savings due to a lower interest rate. Commissioner Hege stated that this would need to be analyzed. Barb stated that no decision is required today, but we will await the outcome of the Wasco BOD and discuss again at next MCCFL Board meeting. Karen requested that MCCFL stick to the plan approved, and that any alterations, or new considerations be brought to the board with a detailed plan. Barb closed the meeting by stating how grateful MCCFL is that Wasco County has stepped forward.</p> <p>Language Differential: This subject was mentioned in the budget section previously. The proposed P & P was presented with the meeting packet. Barb stated that the current percentage in the proposal would include a 5% increase to staff meeting the requirements. Commissioner Joplin asked where this idea had come from. Barb replied that it had originated from the retention committee a couple of years ago, and if approved by MCCFL per process requirements would be brought back to the next board meeting for vote.</p>			
	<p>Meeting adjourned at 1:25 PM</p>			

NEXT MEETING	June 12 th 2018 11:00 AM – 2:00 PM			