### Tri-County Mental Health Board
**Meeting Minutes: February 12, 2019**

#### IN ATTENDANCE:
- Hood River Commissioner Karen Joplin
- Sherman County Commissioner Tom McCoy
- Wasco County Commissioner Scott Hege
- Barb Seatter MCCFL Executive Director
- Al Barton, MCCFL Deputy Director
- Angie Millard, MCCFL Executive Assistant

#### GUESTS:
- None

#### TOPIC | KEY DISCUSSION POINTS | ACTION/TASK/DECISION LOG | RESPONSIBLE PARTY | DUE DATE
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**COMMUNITY MEETING** |  |  |  |  
**APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES**
The January 8, 2019 Tri-County Mental Health Board Meeting Minutes were approved as written and presented at 11:08 AM | Motion: Commissioner McCoy  
Second: Commissioner Joplin  
Approve: Unanimous |  |  |  
**PUBLIC COMMENT**
There was no public comment |  |  |  |  
**EMPLOYMENT TREND**
David was not present due to the MCCFL closure. Members reviewed the report included in the meeting packet. Barb reported that she could invite David to the next meeting if members wanted additional information. Commissioner Joplin stated that she is interested in getting more information on the reasons associated to the separation in MH. Is it related to the increase in paperwork from OHP requirements? If it is this is important information to communicate to the CCO. Barb stated that this was a very good question and believes the data will show that this can in part be attributed directly to paperwork requirements. Barb reported that AOCMHP and directors at the state level have been saying this for some time now and that it is causing work force issues. Barb confirmed that additional information will be provided to members as requested. Barb | Have David provide data for separation to determine % of paperwork burden. | Barb to inform David | 3-12-19
mentioned that David is facilitating another retention committee who recently conducted an employee survey. Barb stated that one of the questions on the survey asked staff why they stay at MCCFL, and what would make them stay even longer. Barb reported that the results just came in with 90 of 130 employee participation. Results will be ready to share with members by the next meeting.

**FISCAL REPORT**

Mel was not present due to the MCCFL closure. Members reviewed the December financials included in the meeting packet. Barb stated that her only concern is the amount of money not spent on employee wages due to staff turnover, and the amount of time it takes to fill positions. Less staff equals fewer encounters that can in turn reduce funding through PS. Members discussed possibly increasing staffing levels to compensate for turnover. Barb reported that there have been many new hires recently and she will ask Mel to forecast wage expenses with current staff levels to evaluate further. Barb announced that the state has sent out an official notice declaring the extension of CCBHC funding through the end of June. Barb mentioned that the state applied for a federal grant for integrated health care that could bring in an additional $190,000.00 to support integration of physical health. Barb announced that there is a physician with a certificate to provide Suboxone for medication assisted treatment who is very interested in providing services at MCCFL. Barb stated that this physician is being considered as a part time employee. This position would be covered by the grant to support integration. Barb confirmed that a physician would generate revenues through billable services also. Al reported that having a physician will also increase billable services for nursing staff that is currently being provided, but not all billable. Dr. Patrizio is the physician who is interested and has received great references from several physicians. Commissioner McCoy asked why there was a negative amount of revenue in line item “Client Fees/Private Pay” and Barb stated that Mel would be asked for clarification to be provided to members.

**EXECUTIVE DIRECTORS REPORT**

**PacificSource Contract Update:** Barb provided a recap on current staff changes at PacificSource confirming that Kristen Dillon is now the person MCCFL will report to, and the BH representative for the Gorge. Members discussed both emails and conference calls with Kristen since the change began. Barb confirmed that she did express to Kristen that MCCFL hopes that there will be additional BH capacity expertise support at PS. Commissioner Joplin stated that there is an opportunity to solidify the position for MCCFL when creating the MOU for CCO 2.0 which will require a substantial amount of Barb’s time. Commissioner Joplin recommend that contract negotiation include pushing the risk to PS, and try to eliminate some of the administrative requirements. This would help PS be more successful and give more administrative responsibility and risk to the CCO. Barb reported Kristen stating that MCCFL does not generate enough “Notice
of Adverse Benefits”, or service enough children in Wrap services. Barb explained that MH services are much different than physical health services as physical health may deny client requested services where mental health may deny how often someone requests services if not appropriate, but does not deny services in general. Members discussed the states expectations of children services being unreasonable in that they came up with an arbitrary number that is not supported by the requirements to obtain services in the population that is served. Commissioner Joplin stated that these are the kinds of issues that board members need to be aware of to address/change before crafting the county MOU’s with PS or the local MH authority.

Sherman County EOCCO: Barb reported that the LCAC recently made decisions about whether they wanted to switch their CCO and asked commissioner McCoy to give a summary of the results. Commissioner McCoy reported that after meeting with PS and MCMC there was no reason found to switch from their current CCO. Commissioner McCoy stated that later their clinic reported wanting to change primarily to provided non-emergency surgeries without having to go to Hermiston, access to Providence, and to be able to participate in the Columbia Gorge provider network. After CAC negotiations they were able to get what they needed, and voted to stay with their current CCO. Commissioner McCoy stated that they are hopeful that clinic staff can get into the network. Barb gave Commissioner McCoy kudos for how they handled this process where everyone was informed and had a say. Al stated that he could contact Christina about participating in the CAP. Al reported that he would contact Christina to arrange a meeting for her to meet with himself, Shira and the Dan. Members discussed a list of letters of intent across the state for potential CCO changes and the process of applicants.

Legislative Update: Barb presented the list of bills included in the meeting packet explaining that some priorities have already changed. Barb reported that a top ten priority list was provided to the health and human services committee that will be forwarded to members. Barb stated that some of the priorities included:

- IDD budget
- Eligibility
- Brokerages
- Case Management
- Supporting CCBHC’s
- Supporting programs to improve their aid and assist 370 populations

Contact Christina at the Sherman County Clinic to arrange a meeting
- Not support senate bill 137
- Changing the amendment for House bill 2843

Meeting adjourned at 12:41 PM

**NEXT MEETING**

March 12, 2019 11:00 AM – 2:00 PM