

**PIERCE COUNTY HUMAN SERVICES
BEHAVIORAL HEALTH ADVISORY BOARD MEETING**

3:30 – 4:20 p.m.

June 12, 2023

Members: Aphrodite Sauser, Representing Elevate Health - present
 Chris Ladish, Representing Hospital Systems – present
 Danelle Reed, Representing MH/SUD – excused
 Elizabeth Grasher, Representing Veterans - present
 Hayley Smith, Representing Outpatient Treatment - present
 Jeannie Larberg, Representing Rural Communities - present
 Jeremiah Dunlap, Representing Lived Experience - present
 Kimberley Bjorn, Representing Rural Pierce County - present
 Chief Lauren Wallin, Representing Law Enforcement/EMS - present
 Lovey Offerle, Representing Advocate Agency (NAMI) - present
 Tara Rittenhouse, Representing Lived Experience - excused

Non-Voting Chair: Heather Moss, Director, Pierce County Human Services - present

Members: Dr. Anthony Chen, Director, Tacoma-Pierce County Health Department - excused
 Tiffany Speir, City of Lakewood - present
 Vicky McLaurin, City of Tacoma - present

Staff: Anika Moran, Special Advisor to the Director - present
 Arrika Rayburn, Program Specialist 3 - present
 Taffi Wheeldon, Program Specialist 3 - present
 Katherine Thorn, Program Specialist 1 - present
 Becki Foutz, Administrative Assistant - present

Guests: Elizabeth Allen, Jaclyn Kirby, Cynthia Fedrick, Mayor Joshua Penner, C. Rogers, Nancy Henderson, Kerri

MINUTES

TOPIC/ WHO	DISCUSSION	ACTION
Call to Order/ Welcome Heather Moss	Heather welcomed all!	Welcome!
March Minutes Approval Heather Moss	Chief Wallin moved to approve the March minutes. Hayley seconded. Vote was taken; no one opposed.	Minutes of the 3/20 meeting were approved as amended.

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<p>RFP Hayley Smith</p>	<p>Hayley provided an overview of the RFP process: applications were reviewed by the BHAB Scoring Subgroup (Hayley, Jaclyn, Lovey, Danelle, and Tara.) Each organization was interviewed. Following interviews, subgroup members met to recommend and prioritize applicants using a rubric that staff provided based on the NOFA criteria. Sixty applications were received, with over \$69M in requests. Nine did not meet threshold criteria. The subgroup scored 51 applications and recommend 28 to receive funding, totaling \$29,998, 250. Some organizations are recommended to receive less funding than requested, in order to fund as many programs as possible.</p> <p>Factors considered were how well the proposal matched BH Tax funding targets, program cost effectiveness, County fiscal risk analysis, efficacy of proposed interventions, and for existing programs, past performance, including ability to maintain staffing and provide contracted services.</p> <p>The 28 programs listed below are recommended for funding. Nineteen out of the 28 are currently funded programs. Two currently funded programs were not selected to receive funding: Community Healthcare’s Integrated Behavioral Health proposal and United Way’s Behavioral Health Navigator program.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Pierce County Sheriff’s Department Co-Responder Program: \$3,780,000 • Seneca Family WISE, TCM & Outpatient Services: \$3,000,000 • Comprehensive Life Resources School Connect: \$3,029,700 • Greater Lakes Mental Healthcare Jail Diversion: \$2,124,200 • WorkForce Central Pierce Cty Behavioral Health Consortium: \$1,989,200 • Mary Bridge Children’s Hospital YES Pierce County: \$1,876,000 • Valley Cities Steven A. Cohen Military Family Clinic: \$1,733,400 • ACTS Outreach & Community Education Program: \$1,180,000 • First 5 Fundamentals Family Connects: \$1,200,000 • TCPCHD Teen MH First Aid: \$1,100,000 • MultiCare Behavioral Health Alternative Response Team: \$955,000 • TPCHD NFP & Black Infant Health: \$747,200 • Comprehensive Life Resources BH Shelter Program: \$730,800 • Pierce County Alliance Misdemeanor MH Court: \$627,000 • Pierce Transit Hardship Assistance Response Team (HART): \$610,600 • TACID Wellness & Recovery Program: \$551,000 • Communities in Schools of Lakewood Youth Wellness Project: \$547,000 • Pierce County Alliance Felony Drug Court: \$522,000 • Horses Guiding Humans Foundation Heal with the Herd: \$750,000 • Behavior Bridges Preventing BH Crisis for Autism and DD: \$750,000 • TPCHD MH First Aid (non-Teen): \$350,800 • TPCHD Child Wellness: \$340,000 	<p>Thank you, subgroup members, for all your hard work!</p>

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<p>RFP continued</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Clover Park Technical College Student Counseling Services: \$281,150 • Oasis Youth Center Bridging the Gap: \$392,500 • Progress House Association Clubhouse: \$262,000 • Asia Pacific Cultural Center Mental Health Program: \$216,500 • MCFHC Expanded Peer Therapeutic Drug Court Services: \$183,000 • HopeSparks Hip Hop Therapy: \$169,200 <p style="text-align: right;">TOTAL: \$29,998,250</p> <p>Geography was considered; some programs were proposed specifically for rural areas, Key Peninsula, for example.</p> <p>The NOFA indicated \$28M of funding available; we had additional dollars added from liquor tax, bringing us up to about \$28.5. Recommendations are for \$29.9, so the group has some prioritization to do. Also, they need to prioritize the programs that were not recommended for funding, so that if we have any programs that can't/don't use the funding (like we did last period), or if we receive additional dollars, we can distribute it to programs that can without re-screening or announcing another fund round. A list of the programs not recommended for funding, in order of priority, was shared. Hayley asked Jaclyn and Lovey if the priorities needed to be adjusted.</p> <p>Jeannie moved to approve the list of programs to be funded. Lovey seconded the motion. Heather asked if there was any further discussion. None. The vote was taken; none opposed.</p> <p>Kimberley asked how we're getting information out to the community about this process, to get more engagement? Generally, the Department puts it out on social media and newspapers, but there might be specific areas of the community or populations we're not getting to. Taffi said that when we sent out the RFP our new Grant Resource Page was referenced, including onboarding and invoice training that we had done with previous providers, in order to help new applicants understand. Heather shared that the Department's working on finding the right balance of being safeguarding stewards of public funds while at the same time helping smaller organizations to have a more equitable chance. We'll continue to work on that into the next biennium.</p> <p>Kimberley moved to approve the recommended wait list for BH tax funds. Chris seconded the motion. Heather asked if there was any further discussion. The wait list does not have recommended funding amounts; determining that would be another step.</p>	<p>The list of programs to be funded was approved.</p>

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<p>RFP continued</p>	<p>The vote was taken; none opposed.</p> <p>The Council will probably vote on the recommendations at the end of July or beginning of August; it will go before the Council Health & Human Services Committee first. They meet on July 18, so it will likely be on that agenda as a first review.</p>	<p>The wait list was approved.</p> <p>Once we have the Council voting date, it will be shared with the group so they may attend if able.</p>
<p>Public Comment</p>	<p>Heather invited attendees to make public comment, if desired.</p>	<p>None.</p>
<p>Good of the Order/Community Announcements Board Members</p>	<p>Lovey said they're looking for someone to replace her as NAMI Pierce County President. Her term ended in December and she's still working! If you know of anyone really passionate about mental health, please spread the word. It is a working board, not an advisory board. You would make a difference in people's lives.</p> <p>Jeannie reported that recently Sumner-Bonney Lake School District held a MH suicide prevention event for athletes, their families, and coaches. Marcus Trufant was keynote speaker and almost 250 people attended. She got quite good feedback from parents and looks forward to doing more prevention work. She gave a shout-out to the Health Department and Courtney. SBL School District will provide some MH training for adults as well. Jeannie conducted a survey afterwards and it indicated that parents, students, and staff have many needs, so she'll be building out community outreach engagement.</p> <p>Kimberley's been very engaged with WSH in her new position, and still tapping into rural communities to see what's needed there.</p> <p>Thanks to Jeannie for sharing the information on the Surgeon General's warning about the impacts of social media and technology and youth mental health.</p>	

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Adjournment- Heather	Heather noted that the next meeting is in September, so have a great Summer, everyone! By September we should have approval from the Council and be working on the contracts. She suspects that we'll have information to share about outcomes and data from current providers, so we can look at the impacts of the investments that the Board is helping the county make. The meeting adjourned at approximately 4:20 p.m. Elizabeth will be serving on the interview panel for our new Behavioral Health Manager and Heather will ask her to share some information about that afterward.	Thank you all!

The next *Behavioral Health Advisory Board* meeting is scheduled for Monday, September 18 at 3:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Becki Foutz
Administrative Assistant