

# MARION COUNTY HEALTH ADVISORY BOARD

Meeting Minutes  
March 21, 2017  
5:30 P.M. to 7:30 P.M.

**Present:** Patrick Vance, Mike Mann, Deborah Carlson, Sierra Nelson, Melinda Veliz, Tracey Robichaud, Judy Scott

**Absent:** Renee Stewart, Marybeth Beall

**Staff:** Scott Richards, Cary Moller, Pam Hutchinson (Absent), Yana Conner (Recorder)

**Guests:** Cindy Becker – WVBCN Director, Karin Perkins – Clinical Supervisor

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Call to Order/Introductions/Approval of Minutes – Patrick Vance – Chair  
Patrick called the meeting to order, introductions followed

Patrick entertained a motion to approve minutes, members voted, motion carried, January minutes were approved.

## **Announcements/Updates:**

### **Administrator Recruitment Update – Scott Richards**

The members congratulate Cary Moller as the new Health Administrator.

### **National Public Health Week April 3-9, 2017 – Pam Hutchinson**

(Moved to April Announcements)

### **Welcome – Cindy Becker – BCN Organizational Report**

Cary Moller introduces Cindy Becker, Executive Director of the Mid-Valley Behavioral Care Network (MVBCN). Cindy has been in this role for three months. After the departure of Scott Tiffany, previous Director, the Board asked Cindy to review and evaluate the system of the BCN and provide feedback and suggestions. After Cindy's findings, the Board was very welcoming of the assessment and supportive of moving forward. The BCN asked Cindy to step into the role of Executive Director and she was happy to take it.

The BCN manages the mental health benefits for Marion County and Polk County and addiction benefits for the region. The money that WVCH receives for behavioral health is about 10% and the BCN manages those funds for all members. Cindy has six goals to improve the BCN; access, health promotion, integration, person-centered, quality, operational excellence. Plans will be put together for each goal. (Please refer to the Vision, Mission, Goals and Values handout). One of the biggest issues is access to treatment and recovery services in a timely manner. There are about 16 providers; Marion County being the largest provider. The BCN is in the process of hiring two Access Coordinators. These coordinators will do the back office work as they will have access to information for all providers. This will eliminate the stress of the individual seeking help. Cindy announces that the BCN has recently contracted with a couple more providers. Cindy continues to explain the plan for each goal listed in the Vision, Mission, Goals and Values handout.

The BCN website will be re-done. They are also re-doing the utilization management process. The goal is to have the right people receive the right services at the right time. MVBCN standing committees is another area of improvement that Cindy is working on. The BCN used to have separate meetings for

mental health and addictions and now they are combing the two groups to create six different standing committees; BCN Advisory Council, Clinical Quality, Health Promotion, Consumer Advisory, Contracted Providers, and Finance. (Please refer to the MVBCN Standing Committees handout). They are looking for community members for each of the groups listed.

Cindy is planning to communicate all the new changes at MVBCN through these committees, the new website, social media, and getting out in the community. An animated video will be posted on the website.

### **IDD Awareness Month – Karin Perkins**

Cary welcomes Karin Perkins, Clinical Supervisor at Developmental Disabilities Program. Karin helps staff the Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities Advisory Committee. Some of the focus in this committee has been awareness. Last couple years, the Commissioners have proclaimed March as Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities Awareness Month in Marion County. Karin passed around a copy of the proclamation. A banner has been posted around Marion County. A poster series is displayed in the windows at Courthouse Square. This year, the committee wanted to promote on social media so they created a postcard to pass around. The postcard states facts and a few challenges (such as liking Facebook pages that support people with IDD, becoming a mentor, etc) to promote IDD awareness month. This postcard was mailed and emailed out to various agencies in Marion County. One of IDDAC's main focuses is to help people obtain community employment.

Cary invites the group to the Marion County Supports & Services Fair on April 12, 2017 at 3:00-7:00 PM at the Keizer Civic Center.

### **Quorum Discussion – Patrick Vance**

The group discussed lack of attendance to the Health Advisory Board. The quorum discussion was brought up again after a conversation with Legal Council reminding us of expectations, rules, goals, structure, and what to do in case of lack of quorum, etc. This is being discussed with every statutory group in the department. The group discussed different options to increase and maintain good attendance. The members expressed feeling they do not advise or contribute to the Health Advisory Board.

Patrick suggests a work session for the April meeting to continue this discussion and brainstorm ideas. The members agree. Patrick, Mike, Cary, Yana and Lisa, Volunteer Coordinator, may meet prior to the April work session to prep.

### **Other:**

Melinda is on the Woodburn City Council - Congratulations to Melinda!

### **Future Topics:**

#### **HAB Meeting Adjourned.**

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**2017 Meeting Schedule:**  
January 17, 2017  
February 21, 2017  
March 21, 2017  
April 18, 2017  
May 16, 2017

June 20, 2017  
September 19, 2017  
October 17, 2017  
November 21, 2017  
December 19, 2017