

# Minutes



Mental Health Advisory Committee  
 April 21, 2022  
 10:00 – 11:00 AM  
 Virtual: Webex (Video or Call in)  
 In-Person: 2045 Silverton Rd NE, Suite A, Salem, OR 97383 in the Inspirations Conference Room  
 Recorder: Sara Taylor

**Attendees:**  Dr. Satyanarayana Chandragiri  Dr. Leon Harrington  Nichole Miller  Michael Mann  Valerie Geer  
 Kristin Kuenz-Barber, Co, Co-Chair  Earlene Camarillo, Co, Co-Chair  
**Staff:**  Phil Blea  Ann-Marie Bandfield  Ryan Matthews  Sara Taylor (R)

Agenda Item	Notes
<b>Call Meeting to Order</b>	Meeting called to order at 10:00 AM
<b>Approve Minutes</b>	Minutes approved as written.
<b>Defining this committee.</b> <b>What should we expect from one another?</b>	Ryan We don't want anyone to leave a meeting wondering what they really contributed to the committee. The purpose is to advise the county mental health programs. We can't change policies, but we CAN advocate for the needs of our community. This committee can be a voice and a guide. Ex: There's a high need for our unsheltered population, but they don't meet the requirements to receive services and assistance through our Adult Behavioral Health program enrollment. Even though the county has short term help at crisis center, we need long-term assistance. THIS committee can help problem solve and examine where we are prioritizing. Bringing together experts in their field who's voices can help achieve the goals Marion wants to achieve, while staying in the scope of what we are capable of doing. Useful and purposeful committee to give ideas and how to put things into action with a 2 way dialogue.
<b>State funding:</b> <b>-Background</b> <b>-Intended Purpose</b>	Ryan The State is designating \$6.3 million for Marion County. We have the opportunity to meet with partners and getting projects going that otherwise couldn't be funded.  Parameters: Focused on BH housing, construction, and development cost. Not exactly service cost. They are more for capital investments. Who can build the facilities, we need land, contract may give us 3-4 years

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	<p>given the scope of construction projects. We WANT to hire a housing navigator/coordinator to help us navigate through projects. Not sure if its mental health ONLY, or can it be used for addiction as well?</p> <p>Still waiting on contract language which will hopefully be provided in the next couple months.</p>
<p><b>Open discussion!</b></p> <p><b>Where do you think the funding can be best utilized?</b></p> <p><b>Where are there gaps in our community?</b></p>	<p>Valerie: The most needed and challenging things for the loved ones of the unsheltered is wondering what long-term supported housing environment is out there? “Wouldn’t it be great if there was a community housing environment with staff that provides autonomy and community for people with mental illness?”</p> <p>Michael: Do we have a sense of where the funding is being dispersed?</p> <p>Ryan: An immediate need that we’ve identified is a secure residential facility to assist Salem Health, Jails, Salem hospitals, ect.</p> <p>Do you know anyone who has an idea? Connect them with me!</p> <p>Leon: Josh from Catholic Community Services have been working the last 1.5 years who has lots of funds and properties, are having a meeting to work on that same area.</p> <p>Valerie: Feedback on are there any housing models where it’s mixed. People who are financially low but okay with sharing housing with mentally ill? This helps the feeling “normal” and take away the stigma.</p> <p>Phil: There are restrictions on how many people from each type of group can reside, generally we buy units within housing complexes and they get divided up amongst the groups. However, historically, they sometimes influence each other negatively and lose their benefits.</p> <p>As much as we try to do anti-stigma campaigns, communities are still upset because “not in MY backyard.”</p> <p>Fostering Hope Initiatives: Surrogate mothers and fathers for people who need support getting through tough times</p>
<p>Let’s end on a positive note!</p> <p>What has Marion County done to make an impact on our community?</p>	<p>Michael: Salem arts association is having an art exhibit. Trying to build a sense of support in the community where people with mental health issues can be engaged and involved.</p> <p>Ryan: Groundbreaking ceremony on Center Street Campus for the new 2<sup>nd</sup> HHS building on Tuesday.</p> <p>Tim Murphy showed a new Front Street ribbon cutting ceremony May 19<sup>th</sup> at 3:00pm.</p>

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	<p>Ryan can talk next time about what conversations he’s had. Come prepared with anything you’ve thought of?</p> <p>Org chart would love to be sent out.</p> <p>Can Leon send the national survey of the unsheltered.</p> <p>***Can we have a CHIP and CHA report presentation? Can sara send the link for that CHA? Edits to the list of services from Kandi.</p> <p>Is there legal stipulations to re-prioritize?</p> <p>Let’s narrow down what we should focus our thoughts on.</p> <p>Is there data to see who is need of services in the county? The CHIP captured data but not sure if it could answer that question. See how they prioritize/identify gaps.</p>
<b>Meeting Adjourned at 11:00 am</b>	

**Next Meeting: May 19<sup>th</sup>, 2022, 10:00AM**

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