

# 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 10:03 AM
<b>Approve Minutes</b>	Minutes approved as written.
<p><b>Defining this committee.</b></p> <p><b>What should we expect from one another?</b></p>	<p>Ryan:</p> <p>We don't want anyone to leave a meeting wondering, "What did we actually accomplish?" I'd like to structure the dialogue so that we can drive a plan and be able to evaluate what measure of success we had. The purpose of this advisory committee is to advise the Marion County on 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.</p> <p>Example: 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. Even though the county has short term help at the crisis center, we need long-term assistance. During COVID, we partnered with Redwood Crossing (transitional housing center) who provided 30-40 units to bring people off the street, shelter them, and then WE'RE bringing services to that facility to help stabilize them so they can take housing vouchers and have independent living. We're happy and thankful to be a part of such a conceptual continuum.</p> <p>THIS committee can help problem solve and examine where we should be prioritizing. We're able to bring together experts in their field whose voices can help achieve the goals Marion wants to achieve, while staying in the scope of what we are capable of doing.</p> <p>We want this to be a useful and purposeful committee to give ideas and figure out how to put ideas into action with a 2-way dialogue.</p>

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<p><b>State funding:</b>  <b>-Background</b>  <b>-Intended Purpose</b></p>	<p>Ryan:  The State is designating \$6.3 million to Marion County. We have the opportunity to meet with partners and get projects going that otherwise couldn't be funded.</p> <p>Parameters: Focused on BH housing, construction, and development costs; not exactly service costs. This funding is more for capital investments. Who can build the facilities, we need land, contract may give us 3-4 years 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?  Still waiting on contract language which will hopefully be provided in the next couple months.</p>
<p><b>Open discussion!</b>  <b>Where do you think the funding can be best utilized?</b>  <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 treatment facility to assist Salem Health, Jails, State hospital, ect. People are losing their civil liberties simply because we don't have an appropriate treatment place to put them. We found a provider to potentially operate that!  Do you know anyone who has an idea? Connect them with me! I want as many ideas as possible!</p> <p>Leon: Josh (Catholic Community Services) and I have been working the last 1.5 years on a project to identify who's at risk in the unsheltered population. We have a meeting with Kevin Mannix on May 12<sup>th</sup> to see where we can go with this project. Catholic Community Services has a lot of funds and properties available. Is anyone interested in being involved?</p> <p>Michael: It's so important for people to feel a sense of belonging and are citizens of a community without stigmas.</p> <p>Valerie: Are there any mixed housing models? Maybe there are incentives for people who are financially struggling but okay with sharing housing with people with mental illness? This helps the feeling of "normal" and takes away the stigma.</p>

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	<p>Phil: There are restrictions on how many people from each type of group can reside, particularly with Catholic Community Services. Generally, we buy units within housing complexes, and they get divided up amongst the groups. However, historically, individuals sometimes fall off the recovery wheel, struggle a bit more, influence each other negatively, and lose their housing benefits. It's a very complex jigsaw puzzle.</p> <p>As much as we try to do anti-stigma campaigns, communities are still upset because "not in MY backyard."</p> <p>Michael: Fostering Hope Initiatives: Surrogate mothers and fathers for the younger generation who need support getting through tough times. It's been effective for helping eliminate stigmas.</p>
<p><b>Let's end on a positive note!</b>  <b>What has Marion County done to make an impact on our community?</b></p>	<p>-Michael: Salem Arts Association is having an art exhibit for underserved people at Bush Park. We're trying to build a sense of support in the community where people with mental health issues can be engaged and involved.</p> <p>-Ryan: We had our official groundbreaking ceremony on Center Street Campus for the new 2<sup>nd</sup> HHS building on Tuesday.</p> <p>-Tim Murphy shared a notice of a ribbon cutting for his building opening on Front Street on May 19<sup>th</sup> at 3:00pm. Bridgeway Recovery Services (mental health and addiction services) will be the long-term occupant of that space. Happy to see they are opening a new facility!</p>
<p><b>Next Meeting....</b></p>	<p>Ryan can talk about what conversations he's had. Come prepared with anything you've thought of?</p> <p>Would love for the Org chart 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>Are 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>
<p><b>Meeting Adjourned at 11:00 am</b></p>	

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

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