

MARION COUNTY HEALTH ADVISORY BOARD

Meeting Minutes

June 21, 2011

5:30 to 7:30

Present: Mary Beth Thompson, Katherine Fleury, Patrick Vance, Cherie Girod, Hanten Day, Mike Mann, Judy Scott, John Beare, Tim Murphy, Renee Stewart

Absent: Pam Heilman, Sandy Stewart

Staff: Rod Calkins, Scott Richards

Guests: Jim Seymour, Britney Welty, Cary Moller, Leslie Stainbrook, Christine Pahl

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**Call to Order/Introductions/Approval of Minutes**

Patrick called the meeting to order. May meeting minutes were approved.

**Closing the Gap -Jim Seymour**

Jim Seymour was invited to the Health Advisory Board to talk about Fostering Hope and Closing the Gap program. Jim has been Executive Director of Catholic Community Services for 27 years. During that time Jim has had the privilege to interact with over 10,000 children, mainly serving children in substitute care and foster treatment or in residential care treatment kinds of settings.

During that time Jim said he has found some design errors and problems in the system of supports for families that need to be addressed. Jim told a story of a mom who has contacted him regarding a son with aspergers syndrome, she could no longer handle. He stayed in touch, and within about 6 weeks he found out her son was placed in foster care. He explained that possibly we will be spending over \$100,000 before he turns 21 and ends up in an adult system somewhere when possibly a \$6,000 to \$8,000 intervention over a couple of months could have come up with a solution for the mother and child. He said it is those kinds of experience that he has seen over and over again that caused him to become a part of this initiative that is called Fostering Hope-Closing the Gap.

Jim also introduced Britney Welty. Britney is a leader on the Forever Home Youth Council. Jim is very proud of Britney as she had grown up to overcome a lot of difficult things in her life and he asked Britney to share her story. Britney was raised in and out of the foster care system in other states and finally settled in Salem. One of the reasons she serves on the Forever Home Youth Council is because she doesn't want other children to go through what she and her brother had through foster care as a young child. Britney now works at Forever Home and is planning for college and is hoping other children will find a space like Forever Home like she did.

Jim handed out information on Strengthening Families, Fostering Hope Closing the Gaps and a signup card asking for participation in the Fostering Hope Closing the Gap Collaboration Summit that is planned for this summer. He asked for Health Advisory Board members who would like to please sign the card. Jim pointed out how important collaboration between the Health Department and Catholic Community Services is. He would like to get a large group of community leaders engaged in a conversation on the web about some of the issues and have some consensus on about eight policy changes that would begin to move the system from one that is over reliant on substitute care to one that is supplements care.

Jim said they were privileged that the Chief Justice of the Oregon Supreme Court agreed to be the official spokesperson for Fostering Hope and he and Senator Winters are to convene a Summit October 25, 2011.

### **Adult Mental Health Initiative (AIMHI)**

Cary Moller, Supervisor of CAPS introduced Leslie Stainbrook and Chris Pahl saying, they are here to give information on the work they are doing with regards to helping people transition out of higher level services or hospital level services into the community. Leslie and Chris work in the area of contracts for the residential and managed care part of the Health Department.

The state is delegating more responsibilities and funding down to the mental health organizations. Funding (Medicaid and some general fund) has shifted to put more effort in getting individuals out of the high-end facilities. This is giving us the opportunity to serve some people who we would not have been able to serve. Many had been stuck in long term care because they would lose their Oregon Health Plan if they left. We are now able to serve some of these folks. We have moved a lot of people out of the State Hospital and out of residential services into a supported environment.

The Adult Mental Health Initiative known as AIMHI ("Aim-High") is designed to ensure that the right types of services are delivered at the right time to adults with mental illness. This is being brought about because of the long lengths of time in the state hospitals and licensed care settings and the trouble accessing services that could help individuals become even more independent.

The purpose and goal will be to develop a system that consistently assists adults with mental health issues to live and receive services in the least restrictive environment appropriate to their needs.

The first phase started Sept 1 and it ends June 30. AMH intends to resolve these issues by transferring responsibility for managing residential services to the MHOs and increasing the availability of individualized community-based services and supports, including assistance in obtaining safe and affordable housing.

Within each county there is a person called the Exceptional Needs Care Coordinator (ENCC). This person is responsible for the hand holding of each individual to make sure that they don't fall between the cracks. Chris does most of these functions for Marion County as the State Hospital Liaison. A critical piece of Chris's work is when people leave the county because resources are not available for them. We still have the obligation to monitor the person as long as they are in the system. Chris makes sure they have the appropriate services and that we are working on discharging them down to the next level of care so they can get back to the community they want to return to. The state sets up a target of individuals to be moved from the state hospital care or their criteria. The BCN had a target of 58 people for phase 1, Marion County's portion of that was 31 people for phase 1. Our progress this year is BCN 67, Marion County 36. As of July 1 there will be a new target.

### **HAB subcommittee scheduling**

Patrick brought up the Community Health Improvement Process (CHIP) and asked who would be attending the different meetings that are taking place in July and August while the Health Advisory Board is on break for the summer. Patrick said he would try and make each meeting. Other meeting attendees will be:

Stayton – Cheri Girod, Rene Stewart, Judy Scott, Mike Mann

Salem Hospital – John Beare

Well Springs - Tim Murphy

Silverton – Kathy Fleury

Patrick added to keep in mind while attending the CHIP meetings that this could be a recruiting opportunity for new Health Advisory Board members.

The full board will meet September and than break out into subgroups. Patrick asked for a room to be scheduled for when the subcommittees split out.

**Announcements/Other**

○ **Healthcare Transformation**

HB 3650 is still not completed as various parties around the table cannot come up with an agreement. The last amendments still had language about County roles in it. It is in the Capitol construction committee making its way through the legislature.

Another item that hasn't been decided is whether or not to build the new hospital in Junction City. Community people and advocates have asked to not build it because it emphasizes hospital beds as opposed to some of the programs like AIMHI that enable people to live at an appropriate level of support in the community.

○ **Budget Update**

The Oregon Health Authority budget has passed out of the Ways and Means. Acting on this the Oregon Health Authority has started cutting contracts. The Department of Human Services sent out our contract for Developmental Disability services and the numbers in there are a little bit off. There are some changes in rates and we are supposed to hear today how the Medicaid rates are going to be changed by DMAP. There is an average of an 11.2% decrease in funding for Medicaid. DMAP is supposed to come out with a rate table that will be the reimbursement rate for physicians and therapists that are doing services on an open card basis. Some of the other service elements have been cut more than that.

The Alcohol and Drug contract has come out and the dollars are close to what we expected. There were not a lot of cuts but some of the conditions have changed.

On the mental health side there is a problem with the contract. The co-management agreement where we pay for hospital beds after some one is ready to transition out into the community or place. What happens is that after 30 days we start paying for the person's stay at the hospital out of outpatient dollars because it is our responsibility to get people out in the community. That is all well except hospital stays cost a lot it can very quickly erase or deplete our indigent funding for outpatient services. In the past there was an appeal process and there was a discount if we were under our allocation at the state hospital. There is no appeal process or discount in the current language. The fact that some people need exceptional placement in order to keep the community safe used to be a reason to say there was no such placement in the state. The contract came out with zero dollars attached to any of the service elements and they said that they would send us the amendment so we don't get know the lead of actual funding reductions.

We are having a discussion with the state addictions and mental health services over the phone and there will be meeting with Madeline Olson this next Thursday.

Public health came out a lot better than we expected and there is a very small reduction.

**Future Topics:**

- Discussion on Marshallese, Pacific Island, Eastern European population and others
- Early Childhood Information
- SBHC Update
- DD Programs
- Immunization and Anti Immunization

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<b>2011 Meeting Schedule:</b>	October 18, 2011
July – August Summer Break	November 15, 2011
September 20, 2011	December 20, 2011