April 23, 2009
Meeting Minutes

Present: Rod Calkins, Ray Wilson, Jay Arzadon, Sue Blayne, Archie Brown, Tonya Johnson, Gabriella Virrueta, Hope Segun, Gary Heard

Staff: Bonnie Malek, Cary Moller

Excused: Mark Callier

Call to Order: Ray Wilson called the meeting to order at 8:00 a.m.

Announcements: No announcements.

Approval of Meeting Minutes: Minutes were approved unanimously.

Review and Discussion:

- Potential Budget Cuts
- Ways and Means Committee will be meeting 4/23 from 5:30-8:00pm to take public testimony regarding potential budget cuts. A budget forecast is expected by 5/15. The potential for 11%, 15%, or 20% cuts exists. Many of the cuts are expected to come out of A/D and gambling funds.
- Rod explained the role of general funds in providing treatment to high priority populations that do not have access to the Oregon Health Plan.
- Ray explained the Proposed Budget Cuts handout. An LADPC work group produced the document and recommendations were based on losses that would be the least deleterious to the continuum as a whole.
- Letter In Support Of Beer Tax
- Ray explained the LADPC letter being drafted in support of passing a beer tax increase. A modified approach is being taken in support of the beer tax in
general and not setting a particular rate of increase. Ray states he is not optimistic the tax will pass, but many rural counties are supporting it and support from other states may also have an influence.

- It is proposed to include in the LADPC letter a statement that a beer tax would reduce youth alcohol use. Rod expressed his concern regarding receiving support from the commissioners. A motion to revise letter is passed.

**Review and Discussion:**

- **Cascadia Transition & Bridgeway Status**
  - We are aiming for a 7/1/09 transition. Marion County plans to lease the Cascadia facilities on Harold Drive, and then sub-lease to the new Bridgeway Recovery Services. Currently, no new indigent clients are being admitted to Cascadia to reduce the number of clients that may need to transfer to other providers. A notice will go out to currently enrolled clients about the transition and every effort will be made to assure that people have choices in where they complete their treatment.

- **Her Place**
  - AMH is providing support for the current level of staffing and service array. A new location will be found and Marion County will take over the management and operation of Her Place from Cascadia at the end of the current contract.

- **Services In Woodburn and the Canyon**
  - Renovations are nearly complete on a location in Woodburn co-located with the Marion County Justice Courts. Marion County will be providing both adolescent and adult treatment services there and expect to be operational by July 1st.
  - Ongoing concerns have been raised regarding access to treatment services in rural areas. Cascadia/Bridgeway was our only panel provider in the Canyon area and closed their services in Stayton. As a result, out of panel requests are increasing as Linn County serves part of that area and are able to provide transportation for treatment.
  - Once the 2009-2011 budget is settled, it is hoped that the committee will have an opportunity to explore partnerships with Linn County and our panel providers to improve access in these areas.

**Review and Discussion:**

- **Youth Film Project** - The filming was completed two weeks ago, and Hope is now in the editing process. Film will be screened at next month’s LADPC meeting and it is hoped that CCTV and other venues will be open for distribution.

**Review and Discussion:**

- Criteria for SE66 funded indigent treatment services
Cary explained the SE66 handout, which extends contracts for indigent services throughout our network of providers. Contracted providers are expected to participate in Systems Management Group where guidelines, clinical standards and contract requirements are being developed or expanded.

**Agenda items for next month:**

- Bonnie states there are only two meetings left on our 2008-2009 calendar, and suggests that we prioritize items we would like to have completed by the end of June.
- There are 3 seats open on the LADPC. One is reserved for our largest panel provider, which historically has been filled by Cascadia/Bridgeway. It is anticipated that the new Bridgeway Recovery Services will apply for a seat and the other open seats will be an agenda item for the next meeting.
- The youth film project “A Shot In the Dark” will be screened at the May meeting if ready. Bonnie will invite participating youth and their families.

Next meeting: May 28, 2009
Minutes by: Eric Lloyd

Rav adjourned the meeting at 9:20 a.m.