

January 5th, 2022, 9:30 am – 1:45 pm Microsoft Teams

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Main Outcome: The Behavioral Health Advisory Council mission is to advise and educate the Division of Behavioral Health and				
Recovery, for planning and implementation of effective, integrated behavioral health services by promoting individual choice,				
prevention, and recovery in Washington State				

No	Agenda Items	Time	Lead	Summary Meeting Notes
1.	CALL TO ORDER - Welcome and Attendance - Approve November Minutes	9:00 am	Josh Wallace and Susan Kydd	
2.	Block Grant Progress Report	9:30 am	Janet Cornell	 Priorities reviewing Federal Fiscal Year 2021 – Number of agencies who have closed their doors due to covid and how many new agencies have opened since COVID?
3.	Office of Tribal Affairs	10:00 am	Lucy Mendoza	 Lucy Mendoza – tribal Behavioral Health Administrator for DBHR – has been working with the state for approximately 7 years Office of Tribal Affairs website – https://www.hca.wa.gov/about-hca/tribal-affairs RCW 43 – Government to Government Relationship – all agencies must communicate and work with the tribes to maintain a relationship. (link: American Indian Health Commission Website - https://aihc-wa.com/ Northwest Indian Health Board Website – The office of tribal affairs is involved in all agency matters – they help maintain the relationship with wa tribes 29 federally recognized tribes in WA 2 Urban Indian health programs in the state They both have health clinics and provide bh services – key to urban Indians Starting to work with smaller Indian urban Indian programs that OTA has not worked with before – starting to see what they can do to help the tribes. 4 tribes have opioid treatment programs currently in the state Other tribes are going to be joining soon 2 tribal and culture base SUD programs – one for youth (healing lodge of the 7 nations) and one for adult (north west Indian treatment center) Toolkit to be launched scon – covered how important treatment is to the success of recovery to individuals in programs OTA helps support tribes bringing on new programs. Tribes receive part of the SABG Some tribes use SUD funding for PX programing as more things are covered with Medicaid OTA has a tribal agreement with the nations to allocate the funds to the tribes to be able to use the dollars Tribes are able to use the funds for anything the SABG supports.

These funds can be used for Recovery Support Services
under the new agreement
Funds can be used as Cultural based programs
Research currently going on about the risk and
protective factors in AI/AN for SUD
 All tribes have BH programs but some are bigger than others
 SABG Funds help enhance services – not create services
 Tribal workgroup committee – develop a plan to start
evaluating tribal services
 Improve crisis services to AI/AN individuals across the state
 How can OTA best support evaluation and treatment programs
• Key Recs -
 Facility that was both secure withdrawal
management facility and a mental health treatment facility
• Key locations – tribes wanted facility to be
overseen and managed by a board of tribal
reps – board is a rep from each region and a
rep from different state agencies. They help
advise and oversee the operations of the facilities
 Have a HUB available – how to access key crisis
services. Help connect all tribal members
access resources (WA Indian BH HUB – open
and up and running) Lucy to send PPT out
about the HUB
• Issue: not having access to DCR's or feeling that DCR's
were not considering that individual as AI/AN and some
of the historical elements of their community
 Rec – tribes have their own tribal DCR
\circ If a tribe request the HCA for a tribal DCR the
HCA is able to designate a tribal DCR
Set up a tribal crisis line (988 line)
• HCA currently working with the Volunteers of
American to implement this tribal 988 line
 Leg – required to have a tribal 988 committee Will be lower thing in February
• Will be launching in February
 Working to figure out how to have a better network for the BH fee for service program for individual who are
not enrolled in managed care
 Continuing to ensure there are resources for all
individuals, even if they are not in managed
care
• Currently 60% of AI/AN not enrolled in
managed care – not legally required to be
enrolled
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4.	Peer Review Executive	11:00 am	Peer Review	All edits and recommendations to be sent to Susan and Peer
	Summary		Committee	Review team
5.	Break	11:45 am	All	
6.	Deputy Directors Dialogue	12:00 pm	Michael Langer	 Michael Langer attended in place of Keri Waterland Review the Brief Budget Review document COVID Update Not a lot of solutions, but more about the latest wave and its impact. Providers are having a hard time recruiting and retaining staff Programs are unable to start and/or shutting down due to staff shortages The strain on the system is huge right now Currently working with DOH to try to streamline onboarding of new staff. Providers are starting to transition staff who are able to work from home, back to home work to help minimize the amount of people in person. Seeing a trend of WA state providers leaving their organizations to join large nation wide telehealth companies.
7.	Council Member Roundtable / Updates	12:45 pm	All	Beth– Housing is very active in Yakima County.Carolyn– Spark is now statewide, doing their first CTC classthis month.Peer Support is a very valuable and important program thatCarolyn and team is looking intoJeff SpringJeff Spring– In biannual budget last spring commerce wasbudged 500k and 1 ml for the stimulation of new recoveryresidences in the state.Josh Wallace– short session begins next week, currentlyworking with legislatures on the BH advisory group.Peer one is open in Olympia and working with thecommunity – also working on increasing the workforceWorking with JBLM and first responders on how to work oncrisis responseKatieLobby at DVR is now open, but still requesting youcall first. Still in order of selection (implemented when a VRagency does not have appropiate funds)Marca – youth and sex trafficking – is this a potential topicthat we can talk about? & Lack of communicationtechnologyMary O'Brian – working on getting translation services tothose in need.Nelson - Working on getting trainings on demand – workingto get more fathers in the work force – working on anequestrian farmSusan – Problem gambling workgroup finishing up aprevalence study – the results and recommendations that

				are due to the leg will be rough draft in May and due to submit the final recommendations in November
8.	Action Item Recap March Agenda Items Adjourn	1:30 pm -1:45	All	