

Behavioral Health Advisory Council
Special Meeting Notes
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Present:	<p>Attending in person: Ruth Leonard, Mary O'Brien, JoEllen Woodrow, Taku Mineshita, Jeff Aldrich, Shelli Young, Myra Paull, Connie Batin, Carolyn Cox, Linda Kehoe, Annabelle Payne, Martha Williams, Cathy Callahan, Jenni Olmstead, Dan Halpin, Melissa Clarey, Philip Gonzales, Pamala Sacks-Lawler, Michael Langer, Vanessa Lewis</p> <p>Attending by telephone: None</p> <p>Visitors: <i>Dennis Malmer, Sharon Shadwell (for Tori Henderson), Mark Freedman, Jane Byer, Taylor Linke, Jeanette Barnes</i></p>
Members Excused:	Tory Henderson, Becky Bates, Susan Kydd, Steve Kutz, Beth Dannhardt, Kristina Sawyckyj-Moreland, Chris Imhoff
Not Present:	Dakota Foxx, Kimberly Miller, Moira O'Crotty, Kathy Morgan, Kathy Bishop, Melodie Pazolt, Ron Hertel, Steve Kutz, Mario Williams Sweet, Marci Arthur, Jennifer Bliss
Minutes taken by:	Martha Williams
Call to Order	The meeting was called to order at 9:10 a.m.
Welcome; Introductions; Review of agenda; amendments to agenda, and approval of previous meeting minutes (March and May)	<p>Members introduced themselves. At the onset of the meeting, a quorum was not reached; therefore, no official business can be conducted. Members reviewed minutes and had the opportunity to ask questions about the documents. At 10:45, quorum was reached.</p> <p>Members discussed active vs. non-active members and recommended that the Membership Committee (Philip, Carolyn) should be reconvened to consider retiring members and accepting new members. Current community consists of 12 State Reps of which 7 were present today. The Membership Committee should look at rules and standard operating procedure.</p> <p>It should be noted that Cary Brim-Reid, Donald Bowman, and Heather Maxwell have officially resigned from the Council.</p> <p>The Membership Committee was requested to look at the Council make up and other issues regarding membership, and make recommendations to the Council.</p>
<p>Director's Update</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Legislative and Budget Update • Integration Update • American Indian/Alaska Native (AI/AN) Update • Co-Occurring Workgroup Update • HYS Fact Sheets 	<p>Dennis Malmer, representing the Director's Office, provided the Director's Update.</p> <p>Legislative and Budget and Integration Update: We are in the third special session, but the legislature did pass the Operational budget. Capital budget has not been settled. A new bill that recognizes CDPs as individuals that can sign initial mental health reviews. The integration bill (HB1388) did not pass because of discussions regarding the children's section; this bill assists with the integration of parts from BHA to HCA. A meeting Governor called resulted in the instruction to continue business as</p>

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	<p>usual in the light of the failed HB1388 bill. The bill will be reintroduced in January with a July 2018 effective date.</p> <p>HB1427 was signed by the Governor and is regarding Opioid and Opioid Treatment Programs (OTPs). Five new OTPs will be started this year.</p> <p>House Bills 1547, 1713, 1819, 5106, and various other bills were reviewed by Dennis. Work to comply with the requirements of these bills is currently underway.</p> <p>Budget bills affecting Mental Health and Substance Use Disorder issues passed by the Legislature to date were also reviewed by Dennis. As well as bills supporting individuals in other settings after release from hospitals. Other bills regarding ENTs and more were also discussed by Dennis.</p> <p>AI/AN Update: Dennis provided a bit of history of the AI/AN carve out services and the recent progress. Members asked several questions regarding enrolled providers and the numbers of community members that were dis-enrolled from BHOs because they were considered AI/AN.</p> <p>Co-Occurring Workgroup Update: Monthly discussions with BHOs, DOH, and other agencies have been occurring regarding getting a Co-Occurring providers up and running by July 2018.</p> <p>HYS Fact Sheets: Dennis reviewed the fact sheets and allowed time for members to ask questions. Members requested fact sheets be emailed out after the meeting.</p>
<p>ByLaws Committee Report</p>	<p>The Bylaws Committee reviewed their recommendations from the last meeting as well as new verbiage (hand out). It was moved and seconded to accept Section 1 new verbiage. Motion carried. Section 4, voting by email was reviewed. Currently, there are no processes in place. Members were asked if the processes need to be in place before the new Bylaw verbiage is approved. It was moved and seconded to accept Section 4, article 5 verbiage with the understanding that the Co-Chairs will develop the processes prior to or no later than the next meeting. Motion carried.</p>
<p>Behavioral Health (BH) Parity and Federal Rules</p>	<p>A discussion about the conversation to improve and the BH Parity and Federal Rules work in WA with Jane Byer (OIC) and Taylor Linke (HCA). A PowerPoint handout was provided that covered background, health plan complying with parity requirements, Inter-agency parity efforts, partnering, and the BH Parity Advisory Committee.</p> <p>The team is making sure that all agencies are working together to ensure the regulations are applied for the state in a sensible effective way. The</p>

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	<p>workgroup will ensure that the regulations are influenced by the actual stories from multiple groups including providers and consumers. For the process, the team has been participating in learning communities.</p> <p>Jane posed three questions to the Council for discussion. Member suggested representatives from children and adult, veterans, AI/AN, certified peers, medical directors/clinicians from MH and general physical health be included in the committee. Members agreed that the BH Parity Committee (BHPC) should be supported. Jane is looking at a fall implementation and will contact Dennis with specifics regarding the membership on the BHPC. Regarding the role of BHPC, members indicated this will be discussed and provided after our September meeting.</p> <p>Feedback is requested; contact information for Taylor Linke (taylor.linke@hca.wa.gov) and Jane Beyer (janeb@oic.wa.gov) was provided on the last page of the hand out.</p>
<p>Opioid Update</p>	<p>STR grant Director has been hired. Four other positions are in the process of being advertised; some are in the interview process. Hub and Spoke providers are being considered; they will be creating a learning community. The six Hub providers have been contacted and contracts are being drawn up. Communication campaign is underway. BHO have a small fund to offset co-pay costs. If the Council is interested, Melodie Pazolt could come in to talk about this option.</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Bylaws Revision Revisit • March Minutes • May Minutes • Behavioral Healthcare Conference Report • Saying It Out Loud Report • Member Updates 	<p>Bylaws Revision Revisited: The revision was read. It was moved and seconded to accept the Section 5: Quorum revision with the addition that all three exceptions must be met. Motion carried.</p> <p>March Minutes: It was moved and seconded to accept the March minutes as written. Motion carried.</p> <p>May Minutes: A discussion regarding a non-quorum meeting documentation. Because currently the May minutes do not document the non-quorum meeting correctly. It was moved and seconded to defer the approval of the May minutes to the September meeting. Motion carried.</p> <p>Behavioral Healthcare Conference Report: Cathy Callahan Clem, Mary O’Brien, and Linda Kehoe related their experiences at the conference.</p> <p>Saying It Out Loud Report: Annabelle attended and indicated that going was beneficial.</p> <p>Member Updates: Carolyn Cox shared that there is another Peer Pathways Conference in Tacoma at the end of August. The announcement should be</p>

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	<p>available in the next week and will be sent to Council members.</p> <p>Connie Batin shared recent events around teen suicide and awareness. Annabelle suggested that this issue could be rolled up under the Stigma section of BHACs Strategic Plan.</p> <p>Shelli Young, Taku Mineshita shared information, as well.</p>
<p>Block Grant Application Review</p>	<p>Melissa Clarey reviewed the document provided to members electronically prior to the meeting.</p> <p>Members were encouraged to provide feedback regarding content of the document to Carolyn Cox (carolyncox@wsccsupport.org) for compilation (due to Carolyn July 24) and forwarding to Melissa (due Melissa July 31). Members requested that next year the document be forwarded to the Council earlier for more timely digestion of the information.</p> <p>Intent for compiling/consolidating:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Capture all members comments in one document versus numerous threads • Minimize redundant comments (e.g., 1 statement versus 15 various comments about <i>“the Plan should include more narrative about Veterans...”</i>) • Identify comments that may be contradictory to BHAC values and goals (e.g., <i>“there is too much language about peer recovery, this is a model of little merit....”</i>) • Send one ‘formal’ response from BHAC proper to the State <p>Timelines:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Members are to send comments to Carolyn by no later than July 21st 2. Carolyn will compile/consolidate and send this information to Beck & Beth by July 28th or sooner. 3. The Chairs to review and send to the State (<i>Melissa</i>) an official Unified Block Grant response (<i>via letter or report as determined by Chairs</i>) that is representative of the Council’s feedback by “the end of the month (July).” 4. Said BHAC ‘formal’ response shared with membership at the September meeting
<p>Topics for September</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • May Meeting minutes revised • Melodie Pazolt presentation on BHO assistance through STR Grant • Discussion regarding dedication of the July meeting to the MHBG application • BHAC Strategic Plan Update (Susan)

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Membership Committee• BHPC discussion
Adjourn	The meeting was adjourned at 2:57 pm.