

MARION COUNTY
ALCOHOL & DRUG PLANNING COMMITTEE
2421 Lancaster Dr. NE, Salem

March 26, 2009
Meeting Minutes

Present: Archie Brown, Gary Heard, Hope Segun, Ray Wilson, Rod Calkins, Jay Arzadon

Staff: Bonnie Malek, Cary Moller

Excused: Mark Caillier, Gabriella Virueta, Sue Blayre

Call to Order: Ray Wilson called the meeting to order at 8:05 a.m.

Announcements: No announcements.

Approval of Meeting Minutes: Jay made a motion to accept the February 2009 meeting minutes. Gary-2nd. Minutes were approved unanimously.

Review and Discussion:

- Clear Path presentation – Tomoko Gersch, the program director provided an overview of her program in Dallas and plans to operate a clinic in Marion County. Their location is at 3795 N. River Rd. Suite A in Keizer. Their phone number is 503-304-7002 and 7008. They will begin taking referrals on 4/6/09.
- Archie made a motion to recommend acceptance to AMH for Clear Paths as a provider in Marion County. Gary-2nd. Unanimous approval was made.
- Cary and Bonnie will assure that Ray and Rod are available to sign the recommendation form.

Review and Discussion:

- Governors Budget & Potential Program Cuts/LADPC
- LADPC Support for the Beer Tax

- Rod reported that it is still too early for Legislature to clearly define budget.

- DHS has asked their various divisions to submit budgets that reflect a 30% cut. These reports are due next week.
- The DHS request is not a final budget proposal. Ways and Means will be taking the proposed cuts and will tour around the state in local Town Hall meetings to get public input. The Town Hall meetings are intended to show the magnitude of harm the cuts will make to human service programs.
- Rod announced that there is a formal meeting scheduled for April 16 with AMH, and serious discussion will ensue on the actual cuts being proposed.
- Rod is seeking input from the LADPC on specific and realistic cuts.
- Ray and Bonnie, will set up a work group to prioritize services and to recommend cuts. Ray, Mark, Gary, Tonya, Jay, Cary and Bonnie volunteered for the work group.
- Rod also noted that outpatient and residential gambling services are potentially on the chopping block.
- The lowest priority is to preserve respite capacity for gamblers in crisis. Residential is the secondary priority and preserving outpatient is the highest priority.
- Rod and Cary also noted that the Ways and Means Committee is discussing the possibility of integrating mental health, physical health and addictions. They are also considering a regionalization of the management of these services. This has the potential for reducing county governance and involvement in local services.
- Under this plan, funding stream can be blended and contracted thru a managed care organization.
- At this point, voluntary pilots of regionalization are being proposed. It is possible that our region, the MVBCN may volunteer to be a pilot but more information is being sought before a commitment is made.
- Beer and Wine Tax: Jay brought a proposal before the group to support a beer and wine increase. There is a letter from LADPC's around the state stating facts and figures in support of the increase.
- Rod recommended that we draft a local letter supporting a general increase and to seek support from the BOC. Ray will draft a letter.

Review and Discussion:

- Film Project Update - Tabled until next meeting

Review and Discussion:

- A&D services for adolescents and adults in Woodburn and Salem. David Jones, provided a presentation on providing outpatient A&D services in Salem. He currently provides services to adolescent and adults with sex offenses in Multnomah County. They are looking for support from the LADPC to provide services in Marion County.

- Action on this item has been deferred pending further evaluation. It was the committee's impression that Mr. Jones was providing an overview of his services and was not seeking any approvals from the LADPC.

Review and Discussion:

- Unmet A&D treatment needs in rural areas (See handouts)
- Cherie Jerod provided an overview on the Canyon Crisis & Resource Center in Mill City. The Center does outreach and support to under-served people in the Canyon area. They are seeing an increase in homelessness and the need for emergency assistance. Center works with community resources and acts as advocates (legal, court, housing, medical, financial assistance, counseling, alcohol and substance abuse) to help people access services. The needs of the area far outweigh the Center's resources and what they are able to provide is diminishing.
- The Center also provides domestic violence support groups for women and children.
- Other than what the Center provides, there are currently no other services available to folks in this area.
- The Canyon area needs mental health, drug and alcohol and work programs provided on-site and in the community. For years, services have had a tendency to come and go – providers on site have had a hard time keeping sites open for various reasons, re: transportation, not knowing what area clients need to be to receive services.
- There is grave concern over what will happen to the Canyon area if Crisis Center goes away.
- Cherie indicated that services (alcohol and drug and mental health) could be provided on site at the Crisis Center for a small amount of rent and upkeep. There may other space availability throughout the community.
- Cary suggested that more services might be possible through OHP.
- The LADPC will continue to explore options for collaborative partnerships in making basic services available.

Review and Discussion:

- Criteria for indigent services – SE66 - Tabled until next meeting

Agenda items for next month: None at this time

Next meeting: April 23, 2009

Minutes by: Ann Blackmar

Ray adjourned the meeting at 9:45 a.m.