

Mill Levy Advisory Council, BCHS

Monday, February 12th, 2024

5:00 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.

Meeting Minutes

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Advisory Council Members in Attendance: Annette Treufeldt-Frank, Jolie Bernstein, Miranda Fisher, Robert Enderson, Niccole Mascarenass, Tim Maxwell, Teresa Greene, Heidi Que

Absent: Deana Cairo

Boulder County Employees: Rebecca Seiden, IDD Mill Levy Program Coordinator

Meeting

Meeting was held through Microsoft Teams and in person at 13482 Broadway St. Baltic Conference Room No Public Comments were scheduled.

Approval of Minutes

November 2023 and January 2024 minutes were passed as written.

Reminder: Minutes are in Teams Files.

Imagine! Updates

Kathryn Arbour

Submitted lengthy update in January minutes. Not much more to report. HCPF transition starts in March. As other CCBs and CMAs are transitioning a list is being compiled of client names and locations. Each CMA is developing an exception list. Which will be for clients that want to switch CMAs or stay with a CMA which is out of their area. These requests are being tracked. Imagine! is working on getting their data base clean. A new name has been decided on for the combined Imagine! CCB and ACMI. It is ANI Avenues and there has been a logo

developed. A search for a CEO of the PASA is being launched. The PASA will keep the name Imagine!. There is a joint board sub-committee for CMA legal parts. They have transitioned to a professional HR agency. PASA will have its own HR. ACMI and Imagine! will be under PEO for CMA. They are planning an internal celebration for Spring. Celebrating Imagine!'s history and future. Both the CMA and PASA are keeping most employees including management. There has not been a conversation yet about search for CEO for the CMA. Ration of client to case manager will be 1:65 across the board for the CMA. There will be two townhalls. February 27th is an open Town Hall at the Dixon building. February 29th will be a zoom Town Hall.

Boulder County Navigation Maps

Whitney Wilcox, Family Resource Network Manager presented the Boulder County Housing Navigation Map. Link is:

<https://bouldercounty.gov/departments/housing-and-human-services/navigation-resources/>

Council Members discussed and asked questions. Would like to see some of the other maps and would like to see a version placed on the website for resources. Council Members were very impressed with the work that has been done on these. Whitney will check into answers for some of the questions council members had.

Discussion and Voting

Willoughby Corners

In total a 400 affordable housing planned development located in Lafayette just southwest of the intersection of 120th and East Emma Street. Phase 1 is currently under construction. Phase 2 will create an additional 128 affordable apartments and townhomes. 32 one bedroom, 57 two bedroom, and 39 three bedrooms. Possible companion units above community area with office space for possible concierge type support or PASA office. Disbursed units as well. BCHA would like us to make a commitment on proceeding with units for Phase 2. This is not a commitment for the number of units nor the cost currently. Development would start in Mid-March.

Annette Treufeldt-Frank made the following motion "IDDAC is in favor of proceeding with commitment to affordable unit(s) in Willoughby Corners Phase Two dedicated to IDD, Bi, Autism housing.

Tim Maxwell seconded this motion. No Discussion.

Roll vote was taken. 8 in favor and 1 absent. Motion was passed.

Mental Health Training Incentive

Looking at April and September time slots for training through Oliver Behavioral Consultants. This training has been paid for by funds given to us by CCHA. In addition to the training funds, CCHA also is funding \$2,000 for incentivizing training. Possibility of up to 40 participants per session. It is a 20-hour training consisting of six modules, each devoted to a particular topic. The topics include assessment, attention deficit/hyperactivity disorder, depressive disorders, anxiety disorders, trauma and brain injury, psychotic disorders. Each module contains a pre-recorded zoom presentation, accompanying PowerPoint, a post-test for the material presented in that module, and a class evaluation. Additionally, all participants are invited to a weekly one-hour LIVE session with the workshop instructors to review material, present case studies, and answer questions. This design allows the participants to access the course at their own pace. Council Members discussed an incentive for participants who take entire course, attend sessions, and pass all tests/course. Tim Maxwell contributed that RAE one had given their participants \$3,000 but for them the entire course was in person. \$1,000 was suggested. This would be approximately \$50 per hour. Heidi Que stated that this would not be a reasonable reimbursement for prescribers. It was discussed that this course is not really designed for prescribers. It is for Mental Health providers such as Community Mental Health therapists. Teresa Greene brought up that it would be great to possibly include students that are studying to become therapists. It was decided that we should look at something like that when we discuss Community Education and Awareness but that this is for licensed, accredited therapists that are currently Medicaid Eligible.

Teresa Greene made the following motion “IDDAC recommends an incentive of \$1000 to be paid to each Mental Health provider that completes and passes all parts of Mental Health training to be provided by Oliver Behavioral Consultants. This incentive is for the two trainings offered in 2024.”

Seconded by Niccolle Mascarenass. Roll vote was taken. 7 in favor. 2 absent. Motion passed.

Updates

- We had 21 applications for the IDD Mill Levy Program Specialist Position. Very strong candidates. We are interviewing the top 4 the week of February 26th.

- RFA for Direct Services and RFA for Social Activities and Recreational Activities should be going out in the next week or two. We will be extensively advertising these as well as sending to a vendor list that has been created.
- There is interest from Inclusive Housing Coalition in joining us for a Regional IDD Housing Summit.
- Seiden attended a working meeting with ACL Housing Committee. Imagine! and Tim Dolan from IHC attended as well. Working on breaking down silos and working collaboratively.
- Regional Housing Summit was a few weeks ago. Seiden attended as advocate for housing for IDD, BI, Autism. Message was well received.
- Next meeting March 11, 2024. Time will be 4 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. We will have new members. Also, have invited START from Denver to give a presentation as well as Elevated Communities. At that time, we will be electing new officers for the year.

IDDAC Vision/Mission Statement

Council Members continued to discuss statements and made edits. This has not been voted on.

Our mission is to empower Boulder County residents living with Intellectual and Developmental Disability, Brain Injury, and Autism and their support networks by fostering inclusivity and promoting a compassionate community that recognizes and celebrates the uniqueness of all members of our community as valued citizens and neighbors.

Our vision is to champion equitable access for individuals with Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities, Brain Injury, and/or Autism to have a diverse array of choices that align with their aspirations. We are dedicated to facilitating and supporting opportunities for housing, employment, health, wellness, and community inclusion, fostering an environment where everyone can pursue their goals.

Our purpose is to make informed recommendations to the Boulder County Commissioners which generates and encourages impactful investments that supports inclusivity and access for all members of our community.

Our Housing mission is to ensure individuals with Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities, Brain Injury, and/or Autism are included in their communities as valued neighbors and citizens through access to safe, affordable, and customized housing solutions. We are committed to a continuum that ranges from emergency housing to homeownership which fosters independence and encourages self-directed housing choices.

Discussion of Impact of Delay in Services

Medicaid Redeterminations are a big issue. During Covid redeterminations were automatic. When that period ended people were not used to having to do redeterminations again. System is backed up. State has tried to set up stop gaps. Does Boulder County have the resources to help? Delay in establishing plans. There has been a lot of turn over due to case management redesign. PASAs have been told that they may not get back pay due. Some PASAs are continuing to support people without plans and being able to get paid. Council would like to see County become involved by looking at the Medicaid redeterminations and possibly having County Commissioners weigh in on reimbursement delay.

Meeting Adjourned at 7:40 p.m.

Minutes Submitted by Rebecca Seiden