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King County Behavioral Health Advisory Board (BHAB)

Thursday, February 2, 2023

Board Members present: Nancy Dow, Carolyn Graye, Kathy Obermeyer, Stacey Devenney, Alex Sheehan, Lucas Sherman and Jasmeet Singh. A Quorum is present.

Behavioral Health and Recovery Division (BHRD) Staff Present: Hollis Whitewater, Ramika Toms, and Dan Floyd.

Guests/Community Members: Nathan Gordon, Kevin Host, Heather Venegas, Cody West, Hong Tran, Laura Van Tosh, Candace Hunsucker and Caleb Banta-Green.

I. Welcome, Introductions, and Minutes Approval

Community members & guests introduce themselves and their interest in BHAB. Meeting minutes for January 2023 have been reviewed by the committee. Jasmeet makes a motion to approve the meeting minutes. Nancy Seconds. There being no objections, the meeting minutes for January 2023 are approved.

II. Public Comments Announcement

Jasmeet notes that if there are any members of the public that have questions or would like to make comments, they should request to do so but putting their name and question in the zoom chat box. Jasmeet will track this information and the comment and/or question will be addressed at the end of the meeting during the public comments section.

III. Leadership Update – Jasmeet Sing & Nancy Dow

Jasmeet announces they are looking for people to join the board. Jasmeet shares her, Nancy, and Hollis's contact information in the chat. Jasmeet shares Hollis will no longer be BHAB liaison and Ramika will be the liaison moving forward.

IV. Staff Update – Dan Floyd

Dan shared that the King County Council voted unanimously to put the Crisis Care Center levy on a special election ballot for April 2023. It will require a property tax increase if it passes.

V. BHAB Community Support

Caleb Banta-Green, works at UW, gives presentation on Health Hubs for people who use drugs. Shared background information and process of how the health hubs model was created through research and legislation. Shared the health hub recommendations and what they mean. Caleb also shared informational links for presentation of 18 recommendations.

<https://www.hca.wa.gov/assets/sursac-plan-recommendation-seven.pdf>

<https://www.learnabouttreatment.org/for-professionals/clinical-protocols/>

<https://www.learnabouttreatment.org/resources/>

<https://stopoverdose.org/resources/materials-and-toolkits/>

<https://www.seattletimes.com/opinion/substance-use-is-a-health-issue-not-a-legal-one/>

Caleb clarified that the health hub is community hub model and partners with hospital harm reduction services, but it is not the same as hospital care model. It is more of a holistic approach to engagement. Board members have the opportunity to ask questions on how the model works and Caleb answers these questions, the group has a further discussion on some of these inquiries.

VI. MIDD Advisory Committee Report

Jasmeet Singh reported the last MIDD meeting focused on finances and was an equity focused on where funding is prioritized. Jasmeet shared that Isabel Jones gave legislative update. Stacey Devenney included that capital legislative issues was also shared. Jasmeet and Stacey gave background information on what MIDD is and how the funding and programs work.

VII. Racial Inequities Sub-Committee

Jasmeet shared the meeting did not happen in January 2023. Shared sub-committee meets last Friday of the month, typically a week before this board meeting.

VIII. Board Member Comment

N/A

IX. Public Comments

Hong Tran departed the meeting early and left a comment in the chat box regarding civil commitment, court calendaring, and the PACT team model. Stacey Devenney asked Dan Floyd about the funding. Dan shared he will connect with Michael Reading to discuss presenting this to the board.

Heather Venegas provides a registration link for upcoming event – Recovery Advocacy Day on February 9, 2023. SURSAC (Substance Use Recovery Services Advisory Committee) recommendations and including recovery support services in the Opioid Settlement Funds distribution. They advocate for recommendations that Caleb Banta-Green presented. For more information visit

[https://www.eventbrite.com/e/recovery-advocacy-day-2023-tickets-](https://www.eventbrite.com/e/recovery-advocacy-day-2023-tickets-461521381877?fbclid=IwAR376Wrif2A0CmDsQM3rqtKo52EVxDrSWxw2FhzGJXe1TU6U4ohE7qsnuQ8)

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Carolyn Graye wants information on HB 1541. Nancy Dow shared background on what the bill is and the hearing information. Laura Van Tosh provided link in the chat box

<https://app.leg.wa.gov/bills/summary?BillNumber=1541&Year=2023&Initiative=false>. And link to participating in process on February 3, 2023 link

<https://leg.wa.gov/legislature/Pages/Participating.aspx>. Nancy also clarifies difference with HB 1583 and corresponding senate bill 5555 but also being heard on February 3, 2023. Cody West provides additional links in the chat Peer WA:

<https://app.leg.wa.gov/billssummary?BillNumber=1583&Initiative=false&Year=2023>, Peer WA :
To provide comment: <https://app.leg.wa.gov/pbc/bill/1583>

Laura Van Tosh shared about other meeting on volunteer services nationwide as opposed to commitment laws around the county and Washington state. Commented about crisis centers on ballot and the cost additionally for homeowners. Wants information on planning for the centers and how that will happen. And wants to know what peer involvement will be like. Looks forward to hearing that addressed to the public.

Adjournment – 1:17 PM

Prepared by:
Ramika Toms – Board Liaison/Recording Secretary

Attested by:
Dan Floyd