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King County Behavioral Health Advisory Board (BHAB)

Thursday, January 05, 2023

Board Members present: Nancy Dow, Corey Williams, Carolyn Graye, Kathy Obermeyer, Lucas Sherman, Orisade Awodola, and Jasmeet Singh. A Quorum is present.

Behavioral Health and Recovery Division (BHRD) Staff Present: Michael Reading, Ramika Toms, Dan Floyd, and Kathleen Murphy

Guests/Community Members: Nathan Gordon, Kevin Host, Heather Venegas, Dae Degrate, Nelson Rascon, Alberto Awal, Gene Yoon, Mustafa, Cody West, Hong Tran, Laura Van Tosh, and Candace Hunsucker.

I. Welcome, Introductions, and Minutes Approval

Community members & guests introduce themselves and their interest in BHAB. Meeting minutes for December 2022 have been reviewed by the committee. Orisade Makes a motion to approve the meeting minutes. Jasmeet Seconds. There being no objections, the meeting minutes for December 2022 are approved.

II. Public Comments Announcement

Nancy 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. Announcements

Rebecca Chan provided Nancy with more information regarding the King County Women's Advisory Board. The next meeting is January 11 from 4:30 – 5:30 PM. More information can be found on the website - <https://kingcounty.gov/depts/community-human-services/adult-services/boards-commissions/womens-advisory-board.aspx>. Nancy also received partial information for Healthcare for the Homeless workgroup.

IV. Staff Liaison Report – Dan Floyd

Job announcement for the Behavioral Health and Recovery Division Director closed on December 31, 2022. Leo Flor, DCHS Director, is evaluating the candidates who applied and is preparing panels for those candidates. BHRD is currently working on crisis care center levy hoping this will be on the ballot in April 2023.

V. 988 Crisis Call Centers

Michael Reading, BHRD Chief of Crisis Systems and Services gives a verbal update re: Implementation of 988 Hotline. Michael notes he sits on the CRIS Committee and the committee just submitted an updated report to the Governor’s office. The committee is looking at a technology platform to use in Washington State and hoping it can be interoperable with the national technology platform they currently use. All ASO regions have gotten enhanced funding to expand mobile crisis teams. This has already been done in King County.

VI. Racial Inequities Sub-Committee Report

Orisade notes that the subcommittee collectively agreed that the name of the sub-committee will change, there will also be role changes that will be forthcoming in March when some member term limits will be ending.

VII. MIDD Advisory Committee Report

Carolyn notes that she attended the MIDD Advisory Meeting on December 8. There was a presentation regarding equity, HIV/AIDS, and budget review. The art therapy budget was approved.

VIII. Civil Commitment Issues

Hong Tran, King County Public Defender makes an oral presentation to the board. Hong provides an overview of the civil commitment process, which refers to the Involuntary Treatment Act statute. Hong provides a very detailed overview of the civil commitment process which involves an individual who is facing a behavioral health crisis to be involuntarily detained for a limited period of time in a psychiatric institution. Hong provides more information on this topic and board members provide feedback and ask questions for clarification.

IX. Board Member Input

N/A

X. Public Comments

Heather Venegas announces and provides a link for upcoming event – Recovery Advocacy Day on February 9, 2023. For more information visit washingtonrecoveryalliance.org/rad

Laura Van Tosh makes comments about peer and family involvement in the implementation of the 988 Hotline as well as the civil commitment process.

Adjournment – 1:00 PM

Prepared by:

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Attested by:

Dan Floyd