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King County Behavioral Health Advisory Board (BHAB)

March 7, 2024

Board Members present: Nancy Dow, Stacey Devenney, Kevin Host, Mustafa Mohammed,

Behavioral Health and Recovery Division (BHRD) Staff Present: Ramika Toms, Dan Floyd, Susan McLaughlin, Ash Warren, M. Auden, Kathleen Murphy, Idabelle Fosse, Lisa Lovejoy

Guests/Community Members: David Sullivan, Lyscha, Laura Van Tosh, Savannah Burts, Kristina, Candace Hunsucker, Tiffany, Heather Venegas

I. Welcome & Introductions

Community members & guests introduce themselves and their interest in BHAB.

II. Public Comment Sign Up

Nancy gave instructions on how to sign up for public comment.

III. Assisted Outpatient Treatment

Ash, M. and Lisa gave a presentation on the Assisted Outpatient Treatment (AOT) program. This program is seeking its first treatment providers and co-creating together with lived experienced and provider community that currently does not exist in King County. Ash shares that this program is a civil court-ordered outpatient treatment in continuous crisis and not criminal and gets more into details of the background sharing which the pilot project operated in 2020-2022. Ash spoke about the vision of the program which is more community-based centered, person-centered, trauma-informed, and culturally relevant care with courts supporting recovery and wellness. They talk about what AOT is which is to interrupt cycling through hospitalizations and incarcerations. Ash breaks down the legal criteria for the program and shares examples while talking through the

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criteria. They go into the different ways to the way the service is provided and something new which is referrals do not have to start with the Designated Crisis Responders. Ash shares the therapeutic court model for the goals of the AOT court. They go through how the King County AOT team in BHRD supports this program outside of the provider level then share the providers role. Ash ends the slideshow with the next steps for the program and asks the board if they have any questions and ends with answering the boards questions about the funding, provider participation, more understanding of the criteria factors, role of missing housing resources, civil commitment capacity issues, and the representativeness of the staffing model.

IV. Crisis Care Center Update

Idabelle give update on the crisis care levy which is still being heard by King County council. Shares there are plenty of opportunities for individuals to get involved by attending community update on the third Tuesday of every month at 2:30pm or 6pm in the evening. Idabelle shares that there is updated information on the website and shares the email address to asks questions.

Susan has shared about the proposal of the crisis care center work to be advised by a body of folks has been included in the implementation plan to be part of the body of work of the BHAB to advise on the development. She shares the status of where the implementation plan and that more proposed tasks and criteria for the board are included in the proposed ordinance regards to paid incentives/reimbursement for board activities. She ends with the legislative process and timelines.

V. Public Comment

Kristina had concerns for the crisis care center for the youth and the development of programs to address the issue to support the youth. Susan clarifies how the community will be part of the process of the implementation specifically for the youth crisis care center.

Adjournment – 1:33PM

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