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King County Behavioral Health Advisory Board (BHAB)

February 6, 2025: 11:30 am – 1:28 pm

Meeting Attendees: *Amanda Flatley, Ann Gorman, Archie Levine, Brad Nonaka, Candace Hunsucker, Dae Degrande, Dan Floyd, Dane Sherman, Denille Bezemer, Idabelle Fosse, Jasmeet Singh, Kathleen Murphy, Kevin Host, Kristina Sawyckyj, Laura Smith, Laura Van Tosh, Lyscha Marcynyz, Monica De Leon Carvajal, Mustafa Mohammed, Nancy Dow, Sabina Perry, Stacey Devenney, and Susan McLaughlin.*

BHAB Board Meeting

The King County Behavioral Health Advisory Board meeting, including board members, staff, and the public, was called to order at 11:32 am.

Welcome & Introductions

Nancy Dow welcomed everyone.

- Community members and guest introduced themselves.
- Public Comment Sign-up: Jasmeet Singh

Board Business

Approval of the Minutes for January 2, 2025

The board approved the January 2, 2025, meeting minutes. The January 2nd Minutes were approved.



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Governance

Administrative Items & Agenda Review

Nancy Dow welcomes everyone and reviews the meeting agenda.

Update on Mobile Crisis Expansion

Amanda Flatley, King County BHRD Program Manager introduced herself explains the new model for adult mobile crisis response, MRRCT, which is mandated through legislation related to 988. They highlighted the following:

- The MRRCT model is being launched statewide to provide a consistent response to individuals in a behavioral health crisis.
- The county is divided into three primary service areas, each covered by a provider, with additional providers added to ensure adequate coverage.
- The implementation timeline includes a phased approach, with significant changes happening on February 1 and April 1, including a uniform response for all crisis calls and MRRCT being the primary response for DCR calls.

Discussion on Mobile Crisis Response and DCR Interaction & Mobile Crisis Repostpones

- Amanda explains that WISE programs will continue to handle after-hours crises and that the MRRCT model aligns with best practices for youth mobile crisis response.
- Amanda explains that MRRCT is the primary response for calls out in the community, while DCRs are called out for specific situations.
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Time for Q & A was provided.



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Crisis Care Center Update

Idabel Fosse provided updates on community engagement events for crisis care centers, including events in Spanish, Somali, Hindi, and upcoming events in Chinese and Vietnamese. The crisis care centers will have a post-crisis follow-up component to help individuals connect to community support and services. An RFI has been sent out to providers to gather information on post-crisis follow-up work, and an RFP will follow. The capital development RFP for crisis care centers is ongoing, with the launch-ready award announcement soon.

MIDD Community Engagement Update

Laura Smith from the mid renewal team discusses the renewal of the behavioral health sales tax in King County and the extensive partner engagement process. Themes from community engagement include access and barriers, culturally relevant and responsive care, service coordination, services for children and youth, the behavioral health workforce, and priority populations. Specific feedback includes improved access to services, increased geographic access, and more culturally specific outreach, but also ongoing issues like insurance barriers and transportation barriers. The next steps include forming subject matter expert steering committees and hosting virtual sessions for community feedback.

Mid Advisory Update

Jasmeet Singh mentions that the last meeting was uneventful, focusing on the budget and a presentation from a funded group.

Federal Funding and Budget Analysis

The group discussed the challenges of synthesizing presentations about funding usage and outcomes. It was acknowledged the importance of budget discussions, but it's noted it is not the most exciting topic. The impact of federal executive orders on their work and the need to analyze each order for potential implications on federal funding. The importance of Medicaid funding and clarifies that it was not impacted by the original federal freeze order.



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Board Recruitment and Governance Committee Meeting

Susan McLaughlin announced the availability of a package for board recruitment, including an application and a flyer about the board and its roles. It was requested of Board members to help in recruiting candidates with specific qualifications, such as crisis training and residence in certain crisis response zones.

Public Comment

No public comment

The meeting adjourned at 1:28 pm