



IDD Mill Levy Advisory Council

Meeting Minutes

Mill Levy Advisory Council, BCHHS

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Fri, June 12, 2020 12:00 PM - 2:30 PM (MDT)

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Advisory Council Members in Attendance: Robin Bolduc, Deana Cairo, Robert Enderson, Miranda Fisher, Teresa Greene, Bob Lawhead, Julie Marshall, Timothy Maxwell, Anna Stewart

Absent: Katie Ashburner and Dana Scritchfield

Boulder County Employees: Rebecca Seiden, IDD Mill Levy Coordinator and Sara Boylan, IMPACT Major Contracts Manager

Meeting was called to order at 12:09 p.m. by Chairperson Julie Marshall. Meeting was held by Global GoToMeeting due to shelter in place order by Governor Jared Polis.

There were no community members on the call for public comment.

Rebecca Novinger, Chief Executive Officer (CEO) for Imagine! provided a presentation to the Advisory Council on Imagine!'s services. Following the presentation, the Advisory Council asked the following questions:

- **Can the Advisory Council see the outside contractor report outlining the recommendations for improving case management?** The report has personnel information in it so it cannot be shared in its entirety but Novinger will prepare an executive report for the Advisory Council based on the recommendations provided.
- **Are community funds being used for unfunded needs such as hearing aids, enhanced dental services, technology, etc.?** Historically unfunded needs are met through the emergency funds process but Imagine! is seeking to expand the idea of crisis management to be more proactive than reactive.

- **Does Imagine! have mental health services and behavioral health services for youth?** Novinger was unsure about mental health services for youth and stated that she would check into that. Behavioral supports are a part of all direct services provided.
- **What impact is conflict free case management going to have on Imagine!?** The concern is that conflict free case management will change how services are delivered because there will not be a single-entry point. One agency will provide services while the other provides case management. Novinger explained that she is concerned that conflict free case management will water down the services provided or create waitlists. Novinger added that the other concerns are how it will be paid for and that this plan is different than what agencies have been working towards for the last three years.

Timothy Maxwell made a motion to approve minutes as read. Julie Marshall seconded the motion. Motion to approve minutes was unanimously approved by Advisory Council.

Each member shared their Specific, Measurable, Attainable, Relevant, Time-Bound (SMART) goals with the committee:

Deana Cairo

Priority Need: Access to Mental Health Services

To better understand existing Boulder County Mental Health resources available to adults and children with IDD and to work to enhancing an existing resource by creating resources to add new providers or to create a new County resource. *This priority is critical as resources for mental health services are often scarce for people with IDD (many existing providers do not serve this population) and they are often needed, as IDD is often accompanied by co-morbid psychiatric and mental health issues. To accomplish this goal, we need input and information from existing mental health providers to the IDD population and to look at the legal and economic obstacles to expansion of services.*

Robert Enderson

Priority Need: Housing

Miranda Fisher

Priority Need: Monitoring and Evaluation

Develop a reporting requirement for all funding programs.

Sarah Bolan shared that Boulder County is already addressing the reporting with agencies and that that is something Boulder County will continue to do.

Bob Lawhead

Priority Need: System Navigation, Case Management and Advocacy

Increase equitable access to systems through a combination of designated navigators (both through individuals and online), broader advocacy services and wider knowledge and skills of case managers to ensure all people with IDD can improve their quality of life.

Julie Marshall

Priority Need: Housing

To create multiple pathways toward cost-effective, innovative, sustainable and safe housing options. My top goal is for Boulder County to provide, as well as to partner with housing builders, developers, nonprofits, agencies, private individuals, to ease the creation of consistently growing housing choices for those with IDD and their families.

Anna Stewart

Priority Need: System Navigation, Case Management and Advocacy

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Tim Maxwell

Priority Need: Housing

Robin Bolduc

Priority Need: Housing

Interested in created a Boulder-based voucher programs.

Teresa Greene

Priority Need: Access to Mental Health Services

The mental health field needs the most support and funding right now.

The Advisory Council agreed to publicly notice all meetings, to seek community involvement, and to break into the following subcommittees:

Housing: Robin Bolduc, Robert Enderson, Bob Lawhead, Julie Marshall, Timothy Maxwell

Access to Mental Health Services: Deana Cairo, Teresa Greene, Timothy Maxwell

Systems Navigation: Miranda Fisher, Anna Stewart

Rebecca Seiden will participate in all the subcommittees and will reach out to schedule dates/times for the meetings. Anna Stewart added that with the community members on the subcommittee, she'd like to see more diversity.

Julie Marshall shared that the Lafayette comprehensive plan is back on track and they are looking for community feedback. Julie Marshall made a motion to approve Rebecca Seiden to send an email to Lafayette linking them to the Needs Assessment. Robin Bolduc seconded the motion. Motion was unanimously approved by the Advisory Council.

Rebecca Seiden shared that Boulder County set aside \$200,00 for rental assistance for persons who meet the definition. To date, \$53,649 has been spent and 48 families helped, which amounts to 118 household members. The average payment made per household was \$1,100.

Seiden also explained that the interagency release is completed and the money disbursed for people in need will go through the financial review committee. Seiden explained that 4-5 families have been connected with IDD services and that they will continue to do outreach about the program.

Robin Bolduc shared concerns about the traditional services system and how people with IDD often end up in the criminal justice system. This topic regarding IDD and the criminal system will be a topic of discussion at an upcoming Advisory Council meeting.

Meeting adjourned at 2:15pm.

Submitted by Miranda Fisher

Approved July 10, 2020 by IDD Advisory Council unanimous vote