

Minutes

WIDCCC Advisory Committee Location:

Southwest District Health – 13307 Miami Lane, Caldwell, ID, 83607

Conference/Video Information: Optional

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Date: February 14, 2024

Time: 1-2pm **Absent:** TJ, Rebekah



	Agenda Item	Presenter	Discussion	Next Steps/Action
1:00	Call to Order	Kelly A. Chair	Introduction and call for any additional agenda items.	
1:02	Meeting Minutes	Kelly A. Chair	Call for any revisions to January meeting minutes <i>Karla motioned to approve, Bethany seconded, all approved</i>	Motion to Approve Minutes
1:05	Icebreaker	Cas A. SWDH	Name, organization you represent and/or role on the committee <i>Glenda joined us for the first time, so we did introductions after Cas' budget update</i>	
1:15	SWDH Updates	Cas A. SWDH	Western Idaho Youth Support Center update The youth crisis center opened successfully on January 29 th . We had a great turnout at the open house and have served six youth in our first two full weeks. Budget update Deficit is now approximately \$62K due to approval from SAMHSA to allocate approximately \$37K to the adult crisis center and \$5K from Intermountain Health Deficit caused by monthly payment negotiation increase, start-up costs, payroll and building costs increase, and a marketing contract (that we would not have done if we had known there would be a deficit) Follow-up from previous presentation on the adult crisis center includes: -Amended contract with IDHW to align billing structure with the other centers -Amended contract with Pathways to align billing procedure with DHW contract -DHW extended contract with SWDH to get us through managed care organization transition period -Eliminated \$19.2K start-up costs -Small reduction in personnel over time -Procured additional funds -Working on finding additional funds from SelectHealth and MolinaCares (for FY25) and	Nikki and Cas will coordinate to elevate funding issue with IDHW Nikki will update Cas and the group on potential funds from St. Luke's/St. Al's

			<p>Nikki is working on finding funds from St. Luke's and St. Al's</p> <p>Short-term goal: continue finding funds to fill in the gap – it is becoming urgent because there is only 2 ½ months remaining with an approximate 2/3 of a month deficit</p> <p>Long-term: sustainability past contract period (we have a meeting scheduled with Magellan the end of February about credentialing, but it might give us an opportunity to ask about reimbursements/funding)</p> <p>Nikki recommends that we elevate this issue further with IDHW and to chat about potential Opioid Settlement fund support from the counties (Canyon County being the most likely with the City of Nampa and City of Caldwell traditionally being a good supporter of the crisis center). JFAC request is another option.</p> <p>Commissioner Aberasturi strongly encourages us to talk to Magellan about increasing reimbursement rates, because they haven't changed in a long time and costs will continue to rise.</p> <p>Cas mentioned that there is a possibility of stepping away as the backbone agency from WIDCCC, because SWDHs expenses are most, if not all, of the deficit that will continue to happen into the next budget period. We don't need to make any decision until we know more from Magellan.</p> <p>The advisory committee is committed to making the right choice to keep WIDCCC open.</p>	
1:30	Pathways Monthly Presentation	Annie B. Pathways	<p><i>Monthly WIDCCC Presentation:</i></p> <p>-Census, admissions, demographics, presenting concerns</p> <p>77 total admissions in January, with our highest number of weekly intakes with 27 since the contract began in July</p> <p>Lower number of non-episodes and 66/77 were unique and not duplicated</p> <p>Several referrals to housing services, job services, substance use/detox, mental health, and a small amount to the emergency department</p> <p>Referrals to WIDCCC remain high for self-referrals with some coming from the hospital, community partners, law enforcement, 988, and mobile crisis units.</p> <p>We also had 10 clients that heard about WIDCCC from social media, which Annie and I have been working on (new Instagram account and bolstered Facebook account).</p> <p>22 clients experienced mental health challenges only, 45 had co-occurring challenges, and 5 each for substance use only and no mental health or substance use challenges (needing other resources)</p> <p>Polysubstance use and alcohol were the most common substances identified by clients needing support with</p> <p>Clients self-identified diversions from hospitals, jail, and law enforcement for a total cost savings over \$140K</p> <p>26 clients self-identified that would not be alive if not for the crisis center</p>	Annie is going to get more logistical information from IGEMS about the EMT Basic Idaho Certification – Cas will relay this information to Dr. Jansen at SWDH and set-up a meeting

			<p>The group discussed additional options for calculating ROI, such as diversion from in-patient and for preventing suicide and/or overdose</p> <p>Commissioner Aberasturi recommends that we share the ROI on investment data more widely</p> <p>-Success stories</p> <p>New partnerships with Region 3 Catch and the College of Idaho (which has referred 4 clients in January and February – they want tailored materials for their campus)</p> <p>-Challenges</p> <p>Staffing clinicians, which has prevented us from facilitating telehealth. WIDCCC is fully staffed otherwise</p> <p>One EMT basic is still working on their Idaho certification – Dr. Jansen at SWDH is willing to explore what it would like to support this</p> <p>-Discussion</p>	
1:57	Wrap up	Kelly A. Chair	<p>Next steps and any assignments</p> <p>Commissioner Aberasturi indicated that we should keep this advisory group going even if SWDH transitions from the role of backbone agency.</p> <p>Glenda mentioned the free Mental Health First Aid training for youth and adults.</p> <p>Cas brought youth support center flyers and brochures for the group to take.</p>	<p>Next Meeting: March 13, 1-2pm</p> <p>Glenda to send Cas MHFA information to share in follow-up email</p> <p>Cas to attach digital files of WIYSC in the follow-up email</p>