

Mental Health and Substance Abuse Sales Tax Committee

Meeting Minutes

August 2, 2011

3:30 p.m.

Jefferson County Board of Commissioner's Chambers

Approved Sept. 6, 2011

I. Call to Order/ Introductions

Board Members: X John Austin
 X Sheila Westerman
 X Catharine Robinson
 X Barbara Carr
 X Conner Daily
 X Jill Buhler
 X Ruth Gordon

Staff: Philip Morley, Jean Baldwin & Julia Danskin

Public; Kris Becker and Dott Kelly from Jumping Mouse, Jeanne Scarborough, Sam Markow from Jefferson Mental Health, Ford Kessler from Safe Harbor, Beulah Kingsolver and, Nichole from DOVE House, Quen Zorrah from Jefferson County Public Health.

- I. Approval and modification of the Agenda – Ruth (M)/Jill (S)/Approved
- II. Review and adoption of the minutes of July 5, 2011 – Catharine (M)/Barbara (S)/Approved
- III. Public Comment - None
- IV. 2011 Budget Tracking Excel spread sheet – Julia shared the 2011 budget Actual/Projections Expense/revenue spread sheet. The committee requested that two rows be added under “10% Staff Therapeutic Court and Case Management” allowing for Topside/Juvenile Therapeutic Court and Family Therapeutic Court budgets to be listed separately. Julia will request the JCPH Fiscal staff make the change.
- V. Continue to Review 2012 applications and 2012 budget

Report from application review subcommittee mtg. 7/19/2011

Sheila, Barbara and Catharine

Sheila shared notes from the Subcommittee meeting:

Jumping Mouse, (Catharine recused herself)

Appreciated that Jumping Mouse did not request more than the amount they are contracted for 2011.

Recommend continuing current level of funding, \$20,000.

Jumping Mouse targets a population that no one else serves.

Dove House:

With less revenue in 2012 being available - recommend not adding service contractors at this time.

School Based Clinic Mental Health services:

Recommend continuing with additional services to Blue Heron

Codit Mental Health and Safe Harbor:

Barb will submit questions regarding specific items in the application

Safe Harbor Assessment and Drug court staff;

Consider basing funding on number of actual assessments completed. From 2010 data report Safe Harbor completed 214 assessments. Current cost for an adult assessment is \$125 which would come up to \$26,750.

NPF – Public Health:

Support current funding of \$40,000

Comments:

Connor was concerned to exclude Dove House because they didn't get their application in on time last year due to unusual circumstances in their organization last year.

There was discussion on billing, Dove House, Topside and Jumping Mouse said they only bill for each actual services. Jefferson Mental Health said they needed to bill for the Codit program as a whole. This was due to the way JMH receives Medicaid funds. Jail bills cost of RN time not individual visits.

Jean shared spreadsheet with five 2012 budget options. 2012 Goal is \$410,000-\$434,000 budget.

1. 2012 requests 570,896; contracts in 2011 actual: 468,085
2. 2012 requests reducing overhead, indirect, only direct service 531,273
3. 2012 request amended to reduce all overhead, indirect and then decreasing 10%
4. Use 2011 allocations and 10% decrease spread to all programs, would give the needed reduction of \$50,000. Total 458,598
5. Spread revenue based on adopted formula of: 40% to adults in treatment, 15% youth, 10% reserve, 5% fiscal fee, 10% Therapeutic courts, 10% Jail Rn MH/CD treatment hours. 10% Public Health program evaluation and assessment of community need.

There was discussion about how to reduce contracts. Sheila shared how important it was to fund best practices that have positive long term results. Both Nurse Family Partnership and School Based health clinics have research on long term positive outcomes. Barbara said that Juvenile Therapeutic Court has research on evidenced based outcomes on reduced recidivism.

There was a question about other sources of Funding. Sam said he has looked for other grants. The Prosecutors office is applying for a grant for a Therapeutic Mental Health Court Grant.

There was discussion about the administration/overhead/indirect cost in the applications. The committee requested that the applicants define administration/overhead/indirect cost. Julia will send an email to applicants.

The County Budget is due September 6, 2011. Final decisions on the County budget won't be made until later in the year. Jean and Philip said the committee could recommend decisions on the MH/SA Sales Tax contracts by October. The final budget number will be adopted by the BOCC based on the fund balance and carry over in August 2011. A decision on the School Based Mental Health Contract is needed to process the contracts so services can start in the schools September 1, 2011.

John recused himself from the discussion regarding Jefferson Mental Health's School Based Mental Health Services. Catharine served as chair of the meeting: Sheila moved that the committee support the full \$66,950 for JMH to continue current services at Quilcene, Chimacum and Port Townsend School District with an increase in services at Blue Heron Middle school (an additional \$9,200 in from their last contract.) Jill seconded the Motion.

There was much discussion regarding how the committee can increase spending on JMH School Based Services when the revenue is down and other contracts/services will have to be cut to balance the budget for 2012. Sam said he is willing to move funds from his Adult Services contract (Codit) to support the \$9,200 for services to Blue Heron Middle school. There was discussion that Blue Heron Middle school includes Grades 4 through Grade 8. Providing Mental Health services to this population has a large impact to a vulnerable age group. Barb mentioned that since Blue Heron expanded Grade levels two years ago and increased the student population on campus there has been a noticeable increase in expulsions. The committee decided to go ahead with a vote on the original Motions for the full amount \$66,950. The vote tied 3 to 3 and failed.

Ruth moved to support the 2011 budget level of \$57,750 for JMH School Based Mental Health Services. Sheila seconded. Motion Approved by unanimous vote. The committee will reconsider funding the additional \$9,200 with the budget discussion next month and possibly amend JMH contract.

- VI. Next meeting: The Committee decided they wanted more time at the next meeting to discuss the 2012 Budget. It was decided to meet from 3:00 PM to 6 PM at the next meeting. Julia to post advertisements of meeting time change.
September 6, 2011, 3:00-6:00 PM County Commissioners' Chambers