

Mental Health and Substance Abuse Sales Tax Committee

Meeting Minutes

October 4, 2011

3:30 p.m.

Jefferson County Board of Commissioner's Chambers

Approved January 3, 2012

I. Call to Order/ Introductions - called to order 3:32 PM

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

Staff: Jean Baldwin, Siri Kushner & Julia Danskin

- I. Approval and modification of the Agenda – one addition to agenda – report on Mental Health and RSNs from John Austin. Catharine (M) to adopt agenda with addition/John (S)/Approved.
- II. Review and adoption of the minutes of September 6, 2011 – two corrections, some clarification of budget table and addition of Jumping Mouse discussion to the Minutes of September 6, 2011 – Catharine (M) with changes and additions/ Jill (S)/Approved
- III. Public Comment

Ford Kessler shared information on proposed state cuts to Drug and Alcohol Treatment services. Ford also emailed information to the Committee on the cost effectiveness of treatment services and the cost to the community if treatment services are reduced or eliminated. He will be informing the Substance Abuse Advisory Board next week. When Ford was asked what the Committee could do to support funding for treatment services Ford suggested taking the issue to the legislators since they will be making the final decisions on state funding.

John Austin shared information from the Regional Service Network meeting last week. A private for profit company, Optum is trying to move into the mental health manage care business in Washington State. The administrative cost for Optum managing state provided mental health services would decrease the services available for direct treatment. The state legislators need

to understand that contracting with a managed care private for profit company would be a detriment to publicly provided mental health services in Washington State.

- IV. 2011 first 6 month data review – Siri Kushner shared six month data report on all contractors. Details of each contractor and data were discussed. Siri will make changes to tables and information in the report to make it more easily understood. Jean and Siri discussed the outcome data based on information from Seattle King County plan. Outcomes will take more time and commitment to obtain in the data. They will also be difficult with so many state programs changing funding levels that effects level of local service.
- V. 2011 Budget Tracking – Julia shared current 2011 Budget Tracking excel sheet. Most contractors bill actual cost up to the limit of the contract/budget. Mental Health said they bill monthly 1/12 to cover the capacity cost for Cudit to be able to have services available not matter how many clients walk in the door.
- VI. Planning report to BOCC – Jean will make a presentation on the proposed budget for 2012 for the Mental Health Substance Abuse Sales Tax fund to the Board of County Commissioners Monday October 17th, 10:30 AM. She invited any member of the committee who might be available to come and share information about the Mental Health Substance Abuse Sales Tax Advisory Committee’s 2012 budget recommendations and the process. Once the BOCC approves the recommendations Jefferson County Public Health will proceed with contracts with the agencies.
- VII. Follow-up 2012 budget and contracts – a letter was sent to all the vendors and applicants with the Committee’s recommendations for the 2012 Budget. JCPH will be working on contracts to begin January 1, 2012. JCPH will work on amendment to contract with Jefferson Mental Health School Based Services contract to include some services to Blue Heron.
- VIII. Next meetings

Nov. 1, 2011 – Canceled

Dec. 6, 2011
Agenda – Possible outcome information from Siri Kushner
Meeting planning for 2012
Assign committee to make revisions to the Requested for Proposals (RFP) for 2013 applications.
Anticipate less funding available for contracting in 2013

