

Mental Health and Substance Abuse Sales Tax Committee
Special meeting – note special location – Jefferson County Public Health

Meeting Minutes

July 24, 2012

2:30 p.m.

Amended and Approved Aug. 7, 2012

Pacific Room (large conference room), Jefferson County Public Health

I. Call to Order/ Introductions - 2:35 PM

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

Staff: Julia Danskin

Public: Sam Markow and Kris Becker

II. Continue discussion from July 3, 2012 meeting regarding Jefferson Mental Health's (JMH) Application for Mental Health Services in the schools.

Update from John Austin and Conner Daily regarding meeting with Sam Markow, JMH. – John and Conner said they had a very good meeting with Sam and Tony Hernandez (Chair of Jefferson Mental Health Board of Directors.) Sam explained the services Mental Health Staff provide in the school and how they coordinate services with other service providers.

Questions regarding specifics of JMH staff supervision plans: Sam explained how staff receives supervision through weekly groups, individual supervision and monthly meetings.

Sam shared that according to JMH records the School Based Mental Health clinics (7/1/11 through 6/30/12) saw 81 unduplicated cases. JMH staff refers clients for further resources if indicated. If clients qualify for Mental Health treatment services through JHM Centers JMH staff can see clients on site at the school clinic space or at the Center. JMH staff work at creating rapport with students so they will access services. Sam shared the management challenges of staffing three school districts for 10 months of the year.

How can the committee get results/outcome measures for JMH Services in School? - Siri will bring first 6 months 2012 data to the next meeting August 7th. Julia will look for any research on School Based Mental Health services.

There was discussion regarding sales tax revenue and the current budget. Based on projecting the same revenue in 2013 as 2012, with no carry forward funding, there will need to be cuts in contracts for 2013.

The committee discussed with Sam Markow how he would deal with funding cuts if they were necessary. He said he would have to make cuts to staffing and hours if there was cuts in funding, jeopardize relationships with clients and the schools.

After more discussion Jill made a motion to recommend the County contract with JMH for School Based Health Services starting September 1, 2012 for \$65,000 (\$1,000 less than JMH application) with the caveat that if funding cuts have to be made due to reduced tax revenue income this program will be a last resort to cut, Conner Seconded the Motion. Motion was unanimously approved by the Committee.

- I. 2012 budget tracking – tabled 2012 Budget tracking discussion till next meeting August 7th.
- II. Next meeting: Aug. 7, 2012,
Agenda Items: 6 Month Outcomes and Data – Siri Kushner
2013 RFP planning process