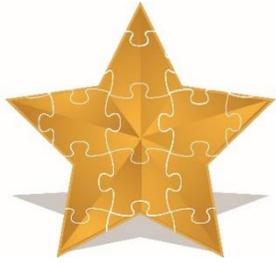


Burleigh-Morton Behavioral Health Coalition Meeting



Bismarck Public Works - Large Conference Room

Tuesday, August 20, 2019

Attendees:

Steve Bakken (City of Bismarck), Dwight Barden (Burleigh County Housing Authority), Allison Bitz (Village Family Service Center), Brad Brown (West Central), Calie Brown (Village Family Service Center), Dick Dever (Senator), Doreen Eichele (Dacotah Foundation), Michelle Ericson (Abused Adult Resource Center), Beverly Franz (Village Family Service Center), Trina Gress (Community Options), Jena Gullo (United Way), Darrin Heinert (BPD), Mark Heinert (Youthworks), Twila Johnson (F5 Project), Brandi Jude (Invisible Innocence), Susan Kahler (BBPH), Bea Kaiser (Bismarck Library), Vicki Laraway (Dakota Center for Independent Living), Kelly Leben (Burleigh County Sheriff), Renae Moch (Bismarck-Burleigh Public Health), Lynden Ring (West Central), Gary Schaffer (Burleigh County Sheriff's Department), Theresa Schmidt (BBPH), Guy Tangedahl (Health Officer), Jason Tomanek (City of Bismarck), Marnie Walth (Sanford Health), Chief Jason Ziegler (Mandan Police Department), Randy Ziegler (Bismarck Police), Kacey Peterson (MOTM), Randi Schaeffer (Sanford Health), Weston Dressler (Sanford Health)

Welcome & Introductions

Renae Moch welcomed attendees and introductions were done around the room. A brief recap of where we left off since our last meeting was done.

Emergency Crises Services Expansion

Lynden Ring & Brad Brown – West Central Human Service Center

Lynden Ring and Brad Brown provided an update on the expansion of emergency crises services at West Central. West Central was granted 3 full-time positions through the legislative process to enhance emergency services. Enhancements include a statewide call center for emergency calls which will be implemented to take all emergency calls for the human service centers across the state. This will assist with the workloads of their current staff having to take a call rotation and working normal office hour schedules in addition to taking call. New emergency service procedures will be implemented that will assist law enforcement with emergency crises calls. Mobile crises response will be added to the responsibility of the new people they hire. Additional funding was received to add staff to each shift and they are working to address youth behavioral health needs in the community. They currently have 14 beds licensed for social detox. These beds will be opened to anyone, not restricted to just West Central clients as has been the case in the past. (A timeline is attached to the minutes.)

Subcommittee Updates

Intoxication/Withdrawal Management Subcommittee

Renae Moch, Bismarck-Burleigh Public Health Director

Renae Moch updated the group on the status of a withdrawal management facility. The intoxication management subcommittee met in January 2019 to discuss planning for an RFP process for a detox facility. During this same time the City of Bismarck was going through a strategic planning process. A "Call for Projects" opportunity announced through City's strategic planning efforts. Rather than initiating additional RFP process, "Call for Projects" served the role of the RFP to submit proposals and ideas for community needs. The intoxication subcommittee met May 16th with leadership from the MVCHP to put together a proposal on behalf of both coalitions. The joint proposal outlined the community need for a low-barrier shelter and detox services. (Proposal attached in the email with the minutes).

The "Ask" from the City of Bismarck with this proposal was to:

- Determine City of Bismarck's level of involvement in moving forward with a low-barrier shelter/social detox facility
- Consider serving as the "community convener/backbone organization

On Wednesday, August 7th the Bismarck City Commission met during a special meeting discussing budget 2020 which included the Call for Projects proposals. The City of Bismarck will hold off on moving forward with a social detox facility due to community progress made to address these issues. West Central Human Service Center's expansion of emergency crises services and opening social detox beds (14 beds) to the public rather than just their clients will have an impact on the community. Also, Edwinton Place (40 beds) is anticipated to open this fall which will have an impact as well. United Way's Emergency Shelter will be moving to a new location implementing a "Center for Opportunity" and expanding their hours to be a 24/7 emergency shelter. In addition, advisement from the Grand Forks City Attorney, Grand Forks Public Health Director and Social Detox Coordinator was to wait and see what impact these facilities have on the community before opening an additional social detox facility. Similar developments have been made in Grand Forks with a facility similar to Edwinton Place opening and their human service center has expanded services. Since then, their social detox facility numbers have decreased dramatically with most nights having 1-2 clients, some nights they have had 0.

We will continue to evaluate the impact of these changes on the community in the upcoming year to determine the need for additional services. Bismarck-Burleigh Public Health will continue to keep collaborative efforts moving forward through the work of the Burleigh-Morton Behavioral Health Coalition and participation in the Missouri Valley Homeless Coalition meetings.

Prevention & Education Subcommittee

SOR Grant - Renae Moch, Bismarck-Burleigh Public Health Director

Renae Moch provided an update on the State Opioid Response (SOR) grant which is a current collaboration between BBPH, Custer Health and Heartview Foundation. There will be an opportunity to continue our efforts through another round of funding from NDDHS coming up this fall. BBPH is continuing with Narcan training and supplying Narcan for first responders and educating the public on safe disposal of medications. Custer Health continues to serve clients through the syringe exchange program. They have 224 clients enrolled. A kiosk for syringe disposal was implemented on July 1st and has been emptied twice since then with the first collection weighing in at 52 lbs. They've also implemented peer support and LAC's during the syringe exchange clinic hours. Heartview is focusing on recovery housing development and enhancing their recovery coach/peer support program.

Community Prevention Substance Abuse Grant – Susan Kahler, Bismarck-Burleigh Public Health

Sue Kahler presented information relating to underage drinking and binge drinking. The community prevention substance abuse grant will be renewed with a focus on these objectives. She asked the coalition members present about local conditions regarding these issues and will use their feedback for an upcoming grant application addressing these issues.

Community Partner Updates

Dwight Barden from the Burleigh County Housing Authority provided an update on Edwinton place. The opening date was initially August 15th but that has been delayed, but still intends to open this fall. He will send a ribbon cutting/open house informational flier for this facility when it's finalized which will be distributed to coalition members.

Meeting adjourned at 11:10 AM.

Respectfully submitted,

Renae Moch, MBA, FACMPE, Director, Bismarck-Burleigh Public Health