**Behavioral Health Advisory Board**

Date: Friday, May 20th, 2022

Time:12:00pm – 1:15pm

Location:

Virtual – Zoom Meeting

<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/89661572865?pwd=SlN1WUFTYmNEeUxzdGJLWlFqMHRKUT09>

Present: Hailey Barth, Michael Shults, Kate West, Danielle MacBain, Shannon Brister-Raugust, Stephanie Utzman, Hilary Crockett, Amber Clegg, Patti Adair, Christina Lee, Chandra Mola, Patti Adair, Adam Goggins, Lindsay Nokell, Lorelei Kryzanek, Angela Jensen, Janice Garceau, Roger Olson, Cameron Fischer

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| Agenda Items |
| 12:00PM - 12:15PM | * Welcome and introduce Julie McFarland
* Introductions: New Ad-Hoc members may join
* Approval of the April 15, 2022 BHAB Meeting Minutes

Roger Olson, Board Chair, welcomed the group and introductions were made. Roger introduced the newest BHAB Member, Julie McFarland and shared that additional ad hoc members will be joining the group. Commissioner Adair motioned to approve the April 15, 2022 BHAB meeting minutes. Kate West seconded. *The minutes were approved by consensus.*  | Roger Olson  |
| 12:15-12:30PM | * Board Development
	+ Co-Chair Vacancy and Nomination

Roger explained he is still working on Board development and would like to suggest Jessica Vierra step in as co-chair as there is now an opening for that position since Stephanie Sahleen stepped down. Christina Lee motioned to appoint Jessica Vierra as the BHAB Co-chair. Commissioner Adair seconded. *The motion was approved by consensus.*  | Roger Olson |
| 12:30PM – 1:10PM | * Pacific Source OABHI Program Presentation
	+ Older Adult Behavioral Health

Lindsay Nokell and Angela Jensen, Older Adult Behavioral Health Initiative Program (OABHI) clinicians were in attendance and presented on the following: * Overview of OABHI:
	+ Established in January 2015
	+ The Initiative places 24 Older Adult Behavioral Health Specialists (OABHS)
	+ Specialist are housed in various community stakeholder agencies
	+ PacificSource Community Solutions currently holds the contract with Oregon Health Authority for Central Oregon.
* Population served: In Central Oregon, all adults 60+ years and adults 18+ years living with physical disabilities who also have behavioral health needs, regardless of payer source.
* An overview of what OABHI behavioral health specialists focus on, specifically:
	+ Provide Complex CaseConsultation for older adultsand people with disabilities whohave behavioral health needs.
	+ Offer training to supportworkforce development,community health and wellness promotion.
* An overview of complex case consultations
* The top consultation reasons for Central Oregon, including:
	+ System Navigation
	+ Individuals not meeting Adult and People with Disabilities program requirements due to behavioral health diagnosis
	+ Not enough caregivers or workforce
	+ Inadequate housing options
* How behavioral health specialists support complex case consultations, including an overview of the referral process
* How OABHI coordinates with Adults and People with Disabilities (APD)
	+ APD partners attend all regional Older Adult High Risk Team (HRT) meetings
	+ OABHI regularly provides consultations and behavioral health focused trainings to Aging and People with Disabilities (APD) teams
	+ Assist APD case managers with coordination of care
	+ Educate community partner agencies with understanding eligibility requirements for APD services
	+ Coordination with APD tribal liaison
* An overview of OABHI’s partnership with Portland State University’s Institute on Aging
* How OABHI supports DCHS
	+ Case consults
	+ Trainings
	+ System advocacy

Lindsay opened up the discussion for questions: Christina Lee noted that Alzheimers is a very sad topic, then asked what some hopeful, positive things OABHI is doing to support these clients? Angela responded that PacificSource is looking to expand the workforce across the state, specifically regional care coordination efforts in Central Oregon. Angela added that a lot of work is happening at the state level that people don’t know about, so her team is working on report outs, pilot programs, and working to have Central Oregon as a pilot location. Angela added that in terms of hopefulness, OABHI is working on workforce development, specifically getting people to recognize how to screen early for Alzheimer’s so interventions can happen earlier. Janice commented that the biggest barrier to behavioral health services for older adults is Medicare issues. She asked what the OABHI program is doing to advocate to allow billing for these services? Lindsay replied they are actively advocate at CSM, including lobbying for a bill to expand licensure requirements. SJanice noted that there are new providers coming to Central Oregon in the APD lane, the take older adults who are compromised, and then it turns out they are not prepared to address their BH needs. She added that these providers often call DCHS for help, but the agency doesn’t have capacity and it is really burdening on the crisis system. Janice noted it is imperative that Central Oregon gets APD facilities up to speed with proper behavioral health trained professionals. Lindsay said they recognize this major need, and PacificSource is working on finishing up trainings focused on behaviorist communication for adult foster homes and APD facilities. Lindsay also added there is work being done with EMS and assisted living facilities, specifically taking a more streamlined approach to the system as a whole. Angela questioned why the state does not elevate this profession as it is hard to keep staff hooked in. She noted it is a hard job for minimum wage, and suggested asking staff have their associate’s degrees and proper training so they can be paid a living wage. Roger asked what the BHAB can do to help this situation. Lindsay responded that PacificSource wants to hear about gaps being seen with older adults while focusing on advocacy work. Commissioner Adair noted there is funding through the bus services and asked if Lindsey can work with them to ensure transportation for older adults. Lindsay said they try to work with current transportation systems, but many folks live far away off the bus routes. She added there is also tension when a doctor says an older adult needs to go to the emergency room but its not urgent enough for EMS – bus companies do not want the liability.  | Lindsay Nokell Angela Jensen |
| 1:10PM – 1:15PM | * Agenda Setting
	+ June - Oregon Recovers & DCBH SUD Team?
	+ July – update on metrics and budget?
		- Follow up with Janice
 | Sher Griffin |