



COLORADO

**Behavioral Health
Administration**

Behavioral Health Administration Advisory Council Minutes

08/18/2022 3:00 pm

Members				
Renee Anderson	A		Dr. Stacey Oberly	X
Ash Annan	X		Jessie Pocock	X
Robert Archuleta	X		Tina Rowe	X
Robert Dorshimer	X		Noor Shafi	X
Racquel Garcia	X		Rana Shaner	X
Carolyn Hall	X		Jamie Ulrich	X
TashaKoncar	X		Cameron Vigil-DeTello	X
Dr. K. Ron-Li Liaw	X		Kathryn Washington	X
Evelyn Lopez	A		Seth Watkins	X
Maria Martinez	X			

Called to order: Morgan Medlock, BHA Commissioner, 3:02 pm

Introductions and Housekeeping

Dr. Medlock welcomed all Behavioral Health Administration Advisory Council (BHAAC) members and citizens for joining us for the launch.

On the topic of public comment: No formal questions or comments were submitted before the meeting. The meeting will pause twice in this agenda for questions.

Bob Dorshimer - Motioned to approve the agenda and open the meeting.

Reyna Shaner - Seconded the motion, and the agenda was adopted.

AGENDA:

Council Member and BHA Introductions

BHAAC members introduced themselves and shared powerful stories of why they became involved.

Commissioner Medlock, the BHA Deputy Commissioners, and BHA staff introduced themselves and welcomed everyone.

Baseline Group Agreements were reviewed to ensure Council meetings are a respectful space for discussion and all voices are heard.

BHAAC Role & Requirements - Reviewed the scope of the BHAAC as outlined in statute, and the responsibilities of bringing a wide range of experiences, perspectives and suggestions to the BHA to improve the Behavioral Health System in Colorado.

Council Business & Priorities

Council Governance- Future goal of establishing the governance structure and bylaws for BHAAC

Public Engagement & Guidance Development - Future goal of developing guidance and parameters for engaging with the public

Meeting Schedule and Timing - Considerations for the full Council and working groups, including virtual, in person, timing

Working Groups & Relationship to Existing Groups. Recommended Year 1 work groups:

- Governance & Public Engagement
- Collaboration
- Capacity Building

Involvement in BHA Strategic Planning - Plan by Dec 31, 2022

- Developing desired behavioral health outcomes

- Council representative on the BHA's strategic planning committee

Council Discussion

There is a lot for this Council to do with a small group of people and a short amount of time. Language and processes are new to some and more information would be appreciated. Possibly a working group to explain these processes and definitions, and possibly develop a basic points of order training not only for now, but in the future as well.

The Council would like to start to get to know one another so they can respect each other's boundaries while moving business forward. There is a strong need to build those relationships internally as well. These bonds will lead to more solid planning and outcomes.

The Council would like to see a list of acronyms as well as who lands where on the organizational chart. An illustration on what the current system structure is would help improve member visibility of potential

key actions/next steps. A more formal orientation as well as an informal personal experience was discussed.

The balancing of all meetings being public with conversations being publicized was discussed at length. The Council had questions around what constitutes a public meeting, and if the members may meet independently. This may include team building as a private activity while ensuring that there are options for the BHAAC members who live across the state or have transportation challenges. The role and engagement with BHA staff may need additional clarification. BHA focused workgroups and meetings are public and published. The importance of a very open and transparent group was also discussed.

The Council would like a Google/shared drive for all members to share information. On that drive they can add their own biographies and documents to share.

The Council would like to host an unofficial get-together, possibly in Castle Rock. The request to take into account locations and those who do not drive was brought up.

Information from this meeting can be shared with employers, even when not representing the employer on the council, as this is a public meeting. Private conversations and organizational restrictions are up to you. Open meeting law requirement is only when policy or policy-making powers are being discussed. As long as the meeting is not related to or includes discussion of the policy-making function of the BHAAC related to rule, regulation, or or formal action, the Council is able to meet independently. Minutes will be posted in about 1 week after the meeting and can be distributed to others.

With multiple councils, official collaboration options need to be discussed. With so many councils, having everyone together on the same page would be good but want to ensure there are no conflicts or violations.

Due to time, the discussion was ended and the vote to finish the agenda was made.

Seth Watkins motioned to move forward with the commissioners agenda. Seconded and approved.

Commissioner Briefing -

The General Assembly Annual Report is another opportunity for engagement.

Submission due October 1, 2022

Presentation will be January, 2023

With the tight timeline, an off-cycle meeting is suggested to happen, possibly next month, to give the BHAAC a chance to provide input to the annual report.

Commissioner Medlock also invited the Council members to the Capitol to join her in presenting in January to the people of the state.

Council Member Compensation & Appointment Team

Process I-9 and signed copy of Scope of Work to Donda & Yumiko

Decision making is up to the Council, but we are suggesting \$100/meeting.

Total budget of \$600 per member this fiscal year.

Please also work with your employer or organization on rules about outside compensation.
Term limit up to 3 years, but minimum is 2 years

Reviewed what the BHA has accomplished so far although we are only at 20% and where we are going in 2 years when we are 100%.

This is a moment we recognize will take the very best of all of us and will require a historic commitment from the Council, the BHA and the people of Colorado to really bring this vision to life. It takes people centered values to bring to life the power of our Community.

The goal of this Council is to hold the BHA accountable, and to grapple with the hard realities in these meetings about truth and collaboration! There is a need to take a holistic approach and look at the system as a whole, thinking through complex issues and solutions.

Next milestone is September 1 when the BHA will be releasing a workforce strategy for our State.

Working on a community learning place where staff, community, providers and peers can go to an online platform to share best practices.

By December we will have finalized 13 formal agreements with every State Agency that touches behavioral health.

In 2023, we will begin to deploy our access to care methodology. What are the outcomes and how do we know when people are getting the care they deserve?

The care directory, OwnPath, was developed and launched to help the people of Colorado find care. A guided review was provided. www.ownpath.co.

Commissioner Medlock went over the 6 pillars of the BHA, developed by the Behavioral Health Task force.

Motion to close without selecting a co-chair made by Seth Watkins

Jessie Pocock seconded. Motion passed - Meeting adjourned 5:05 pm

Meeting Adjourned: 5:05 pm by Dr. Medlock.