Behavioral Health Crisis System Advisory Committee

1/28/25

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Meeting Recording



Members present: Amy Fellows, Cherryl Ramirez, Chris Bouneff, Dannielle Brown, Erica Stolhand, Greg Borders, Jennifer Fraga, Juan Villalobos, Laura Rose, Robin Henderson, Shree Aier, Stacy Brubaker, Stephanie Wachter, Talina Ali

Members absent: Brant Wolf, Erin McMahon, Lane Magill, Samuel Robinson

BHCSAC Meeting Summary

Governor's Budget and Cost Update (Amy Baker):

- ARPA funding has ended; services previously supported by ARPA will transition to general funds.
- Governor's behavioral health priorities include additional beds and substance use disorder withdrawal management (informed by the Pacific Consulting Group study).
- Governor's budget requests: \$90M for adult behavioral health, \$50M for workforce development, and \$24M for youth behavioral health.

State Policy Academy Update (Lauren Palma):

- Many workgroups are paused during the legislative session.
- The 988 & 911 workgroup continues to meet and is developing a pilot program to assess interoperability issues between Hood River's 988 and 911 systems.
- The Workforce Recruitment and Retention team has developed a plan and is working on a behavioral health workforce package that includes funding for incentives and a Medicaid rate increase.

Rule Development Update (Bella Bradford):

• The Crisis Stabilization Center Rules are nearing completion. Another round of community engagement meetings is planned; BHCSAC members will receive invitations and copies of the rules.

988 Lifeline Baseline Oregon Survey Update (Dean Carson, Coates Kokes):

 Steve and Clair (Coates Kokes) presented survey results, available on the 988 webpage.

988 Budget Strategy Update (Jon Collins, Ashley Easter):

- Ashley presented information, also available on the 988 webpage.
- HB2056 was introduced to address a \$64.8M funding gap.

Telecom Revenue and Fee Update (Rose Thompson):

• Rose provided a presentation, which can be found on the 988 webpage.

Future Meetings:

- Budget strategy for Crisis Services and recommendations.
- Legislative session updates.
- Finalization of charter clarifications regarding co-chair term limits.

Public Comment:

• No public comment was offered.

Note: The OHA budget team will be present at the February meeting to address budget-related questions.