



DALLAS COUNTY, TEXAS

Minutes of the Behavioral Health Steering Committee (BHSC) Meeting Thursday, January 20, 2022 Via Microsoft Teams

Call to order and Introductions

Chief Lynn Pride Richardson called the meeting to order at 8:31 am. 30 staff and agency representatives/providers attended with names recorded via Microsoft Teams and email. No introductions were given.

Minutes review and approval

The minutes from the October 21, 2021 meeting (packet pgs.2-9), were reviewed with one correction presented by Kimberly Rawls on page 4 the 5th paragraph down should read "Janie" and not "Janine" a motion with the noted correction and second was made by both Harry Ingram and Judge La'Donna Harlan respectively for acceptance. The motion was unanimously passed, accepting the minutes as read with the noted correction.

Provider updates regarding in-person and videoconference services: Judge Kristin Wade reminded everyone that the BHSC meetings are now quarterly, and the next scheduled meeting is Thursday, April 21, 2022. She stated that she is not sure if the meeting will be held in-person or virtually based on the pandemic outcome and asked Kimberly Rawls to provide a status update regarding room A5. Kimberly Rawls reported that the scheduler for room A5 stated that the room cannot be reserved, and reservations are only being taken on a case-by-case basis due to the pandemic risk levels. She shared that the scheduler informed her to continue to check periodically to see if the room status has changed and reservations will resume.

Stacey Burns (Nexus Recovery): No report was provided by any Nexus representative. Judge Kristin Wade reported that she believes that Nexus is continuing to accept individuals in-person/inpatient treatments. She stated that she also believes that they are conducting IOP services remotely and are COVID testing all individuals. If a person's test positive for COVID, they will not be admitted starting treatment services but sent to their quarantine unit. She also stated that they are not closing based on COVID status. Harry Ingram also agreed with the update information provided by Judge Kristin Wade.

Doug Denton (Homeward Bound): No report was provided by any Homeward Bound representative. Judge Kristin Wade reported that she believes that Homeward Bound is no longer admitting patients. Shenna Oriabure reported that she had meetings with both Nexus and Homeward Bound yesterday, January 19, 2022, regarding the SAMSHA grant. She reported that the update information provided by Judge Kristin Wade was accurate. She reported that Homeward Bound is not accepting any new patient admissions and will be COVID testing this week and hopefully provide an update next week.

Kelly Kane (The Bridge): Kelly Kane reported that The Bridge stopped accepting residents between the last week of December 2021 to the first week of January 2022, due to increase COVID cases. They resumed admittance this week.

~Judge Kristin Wade rearranged the agenda and asked Shenna Oriabure to provide the 530 Sub Committee report a voting items.~

*** 530 Sub Committee Shenna Oriabure (pgs. 11-20):** Shenna Oriabure presented that following action items:

- 1) Shenna Oriabure reported that the 530 Committee discussed increasing the training budget line item \$5,000 to cover all FY2022 training expenses and support specialty courts by providing essential training and current information.

Judge Kristin Wade asked for a motion of approval of the 530 Committee's request for approval of increasing the training budget line item \$5,000 to cover all FY2022 training expenses and support specialty courts by providing essential training and current information. Judge La'Donna Harlan approved the motion on the floor and was seconded by Alyssa Aldrich. The motion was unanimously passed, accepting the motion without objection.

Shenna Oriabure shared that the 530 Committee will be sponsoring an Urban Trauma 101 Zoom virtual training, Friday, January 21, 2022, at 8:30am-3:30 pm with an hour lunch break. She provided background information about the training details. CLE/CEU training credits will be offered. Shenna Oriabure also provided background information regarding the speaker's history/credentials. She will send the invitation link to the group. Last, she reported that the free training open to the public and the limit is 100 people.

~Judge Kristin Wade rearranged the agenda and asked Janie Metzinger to provide any legislative update information as well as any other information. ~

Announcements

- Janie Metzinger reported that there is only one interim charge that is pending that is reviewing border issues. She reported that general interim charges remain pending and are usually worked on in July or August and completed by October or November. She reported that she contacted the Speaker's Office for a completion update. They informed her that they should be released soon, but maybe delayed due to the upcoming primary elections. She reported sending to the BHLT committee, the 117th US Congress of the First Legislative Session report and will send it to Kimberly Rawls to share with the BHSC. She reported that all bills from that session remain active if they were not defeated and or either passed. She will continue to monitor those bills and update the committee on any new bills that are introduced.
- Judge Kristin Wade stated to please continue to share the free COVID testing link, so clients are aware of free testing locations.

~Judge Kristin Wade reported to please refer to the meeting packet for the remaining agenda items. If anyone would like to report additional information, please share.~

- Judge Kristin Wade asked Janine Capetillo if she had any additional information that she would like to share regarding hospital movement.

- **Hospital Movement Janine Capetillo (pgs. 24-25):** Janine Capetillo reported to please refer to the data in the packet and that they are on diversion and hope to have better performance next month.
- **IPS Reports Jessica Simmons (pgs. 53-58):** Jessica Simmons reported that Monday, January 17, 2022, all in-person groups have been moved to telehealth due to the increase COVID cases. She stated that they will remain virtual for six weeks and then reevaluate to see if in-person groups may resume. They added additional ten telehealth stations to their downtown clinic for patients without internet access. Both FACT and high acuity patient services are continuing in the community following COVID protocols. Conversation ensued regarding the additional telehealth stations.
- Pat Jones (Parkland Jail Health Hospital) reported that they are experiencing high cases but are also beginning to experience a decline. He reported that they have 70 active cases, 57 are convalescing, 49 tanks are being used to quarantine and 11 tanks are on quarantine hold. He reported that they are testing individuals coming through central intake and inside the jail. He reported that for this fiscal year they were approved funding to create a medical assist therapy program for individuals booking into the jail. They are currently working to hire a Physician, Clinical Pharmacist, RN, and Clinical Social Worker. They hope to launch the program in April 2022. Judge Kristin Wade asked to add Pat Jones to the BHSC April 21, 2022, meeting agenda to provide an update regarding the medical assist therapy program.
- Kimberly Rawls announced that the second jail-based FUSE Housing Navigator, Maria Herrera, resigned and her last day was Friday, January 14, 2022. She posted the position link in the chat for anyone who may be interested in applying. Last, she reported that the position is bilingual (Spanish) preferred.
- Julie Turnbull reported that they DAs office launched a new Pretrial diversion referral process. She reported that they presented the information to the Dallas Criminal Defense Lawyers Association (DCDLA). She reported that they hope to present this information to various Judges, Attorneys and Clinicians.
- **Metrocare Jason Mills (pgs. 50-52):** Jason Mills reported that he's the new TCOOMMI (Texas Correctional Office on Offenders with Medical or Mental Impairments) Program Director for Metrocare. He reported that they are working to become fully staffed. He stated that both the management and jail diversion positions have been filled. Caseloads are low for SET court participants and referrals are needed. Alexis Cummings has been hired as the new Jail Diversion Case Manager. They plan to train her to assist with participants from all courts. Kris Criswell's last day with Metrocare is today, January 20, 2022. Carrie Davis will cover Outpatient Competency Restoration.

~Per, Judge Kristin Wade, please refer to the meeting packet for the remaining agenda items.~

SAMHSA Update *Teresa Saulsberry* (pg. 10)
 BHLT & CSP Update *Laura Edmonds* (pgs.21-23)

Jail Reports

Hospital Movement *Janine Capetillo* (pgs. 24-25)
 Homeless & FUSE Reports *Kimberly Rawls* (pgs. 26-38)
 Jail Based Competency Restoration (JBCR) *Laura Edmonds* (pgs. 39-40)
 Dallas Deflects Center *Laura Edmonds* (No data/minutes provided)
 Public Defenders Report *Lynn Richardson* (pgs. 41-43)
 District Attorney's Report *Julie Turnbull or Lee Pierson* (pgs. 44-49)

Provider Reports

The Bridge *Kelly Kane* (Supplemental Meeting Packet)
Metrocare *Jennifer Torres or a Metrocare Representative* (pgs. 50-52)
IPS Reports *Enrique Morris/Jessica Simmons* (pgs. 53-58)

Problem Solving Courts

Outpatient Competency *Janine Capetillo* (pg. 59)
DIVERT *Trina Crosby* (pg. 60)
CSCD *Nathaniel Clark Jr.* (pgs. 61-64)

Adjournment:

Judge Kristin Wade adjourned the meeting at 8:57 am. The next meeting is set for Thursday, April 21, 2022, via Microsoft Teams (meeting venue is subject to change). A reminder was provided to everyone to submit their monthly stats to Kimberly Rawls at Kimberly.Rawls@dallascounty.org via email by the 2nd Friday of each month for tracking and distribution.