

YAVAPAI JUSTICE & MENTAL HEALTH  
COALITION

Meeting Minutes

May 21st, 2019 – 1:00 p.m.  
Yavapai County Education Service Agency  
Coulter/Giffin/Taylor Training Room

**Present:**

Advocates	Kathy Bashor
	Don Kirchner
Child & Family Support Services	Dawn Rutigliano
Clarkdale Police Department	Randy Taylor, Chief
David's Hope	Mary Lou Brncik, Executive Director
Linking Dreams Consulting	Chris Duarte
MATFORCE	Merilee Fowler, Executive Director
Mental Health Coalition of the Verde Vly	Carol Landaur
NAZCARE	Daryl Butricks
	Jacob VanBuskirk
	Laurie Verdier
Northern Arizona University	Ricky Camplain
	George Pro
	Mark Remiker
Northern AZ VA Suicide Prevention	Lisa Lahaie
Prescott News Network	Tim Wiederaenders
Prescott Police Department	Ben Scott, Sergeant
	Jason Small, Lieutenant
Prescott Valley Police Department	James Gregory, Lieutenant
	Scott Stebbins, Lieutenant
Private Citizen	Dave Bancroft
Pronghorn Psychiatry	Amy Ledesma, CEO
Sonoran Prevention Works	Karen Broman
Spectrum	Chuck Burbank, CCO
Steward Health Choice	Amy Bacon
	Sharie Brock
Terros	Bryan Gest
Veteran's Administration	Nancy Devine
West Yavapai Guidance Clinic	Kelly Legler, CCO
Yavapai Coalition/Compassion & Justice	Jessi Hans, Executive Director
Yavapai County Adult Probation	John Morris, Chief
	Kathy Ryder
Yavapai County Attorney's Office	Dennis McGrane, Chief Deputy
Yavapai County Administrator's Office	Jack Fields, Assistant County Admin
Yavapai County Comm Health Srvcs	Leslie Horton, Director
Yavapai County Juvenile Detention	Gay Lockling, Deputy Director

Yavapai County Schools	Stan Goligoski, Executive Director
	Shari Sterling
Yavapai County Sheriff's Office	Audrey Dorfman, Peer Advocate
	Nancy Gardner, Program Manager
	Kristie Hambrick, Inmate Services
	Richard Martin, Captain
	Scott Mascher, Sheriff
	Becky Payne, Wexford
	David Rhodes, Chief Deputy
	Brian Silvernale, Lieutenant
	Joseph Stewart, Rehabilitation
	Beya Thayer, Executive Director
	Bryan Thomas, Community Relations
Yavapai ReEntry Project	Richard Moore
Yavapai Regional Medical Center	Rob Barth
	Kathryn Foor

Sheriff Scott Mascher opened the meeting at 3:01 p.m. and welcomed the attendees.

All parties were introduced in round-table format.

The Coalition reviewed the Minutes from the February 25, 2019 meeting and a motion to approve was offered by Audrey Dorfman. Dawn Rutigliano seconded the motion. All eyes approved; none opposed.

Sheriff Mascher advised the group that Tim Weideraenders was present from Prescott News to help promote the work of the Coalition.

John Morris provided an update on the inter-agency MAT Change Team. Money was made available through a grant from ASU for medication assisted treatment Change Teams; they just received notice the grant has been extended. The team is a consortium of sober living homes, law enforcement, therapists, probation and other stakeholders to be part of the solution to opioid addiction. The treatment won't stand alone and work for everyone, but they are looking at the barriers and trying to bring science and evidence to medication assisted treatment, ensuring individualized treatment with proven results.

Vivitrol is currently used within the Yavapai County Jail to reduce the cravings caused by opioid addiction.

Some sober living facilities are working to adjust strict guidelines and laws in order to provide medication assisted treatment along with other forms of treatment.

Additional information is available electronically about the Change Team, Confronting the Stigma of Opioid Use and a pocket guide; he can forward copies to anyone who requests them.

Beya Thayer introduced Karen Broman with Sonoran Prevention Works. They are a state-wide organization with an office in Prescott. They provide outreach in harm reduction, advocacy, overdose prevention and education for those who actively use drugs. They are working with the MAT Change team to develop a practical and executable program. They are a community service agency; not a clinic. Their overdose prevention program has been conducted for years and provides community and professional training. Services are provided with medical oversight from Yavapai Regional Medical Center.

Beya Thayer introduced Chief Deputy Rhodes. Prearrest diversion continues throughout the county. There are three different care providers, two mobile crisis teams with Spectrum and Terros, one crisis stabilization unit at West Yavapai Guidance Clinic. YCSO is working to capture key data points of the short and long-term outcomes by diverting people from the criminal justice system. Typically, it is unknown if someone had contact with a law enforcement agency or treatment facility. The cross-system database system at the jail will now log this information, through cooperation of all law enforcement dispatch centers, so that recidivism rates can be tracked. Anytime contact is made with an individual who was diverted before or will be diverted in a current situation, information can be entered by dispatch showing who, where, when and how they were assisted. Law enforcement will be able to see this information. It will be a good resource for both treatment providers and law enforcement.

The coalition board discussed the problem wherein an individual contacted by multiple agencies would essentially be unknown between agencies. The database will provide confirmation that an individual is being seen by multiple agencies and/or services. This will allow a crisis/law enforcement team to pull together to determine a better way to provide services to that individual. This will provide a starting point on how to best address the needs of someone who may have a mental health issue. The information is entered by law enforcement personnel; there is no formal diagnosis included with the information into the database. The info is limited, i.e., "John was given a pamphlet on this date". It is designed to not incorporate HIPPA protected information. It simply shows where they've been before (i.e., Cottonwood, Prescott, etc.) and what initial service was provided (i.e., Terros, pamphlet, etc.)

Sheriff Mascher identified that jail bookings are down approximately 1,000 this year due to the prearrest/diversion program. The data is being monitored to see how recidivism rates change. By providing treatment for the medical condition, YCSO is better serving individuals.

Sergeant Ben Scott admitted that individual accountability makes the diversion program frustrating. He feels like law enforcement is making efforts to assist individuals multiple times, only to have the individual get involved in a new crime while evading the treatment options originally provided. Crisis treatment teams are working to be available for the hand-off and he knows that it's worth the effort, but it's challenging.

Beya Thayer advised that she and Kristie Hambrick have been working with Peer Support groups to enhance the Reach-Out Program. Release Coordinators are attempting to screen everyone who comes into the jail for a need or risk; i.e., substance abuse, housing, transportation, medical needs, etc. They are trying to connect those who are willing to receive services upon release. A desire to continually improve the program fostered the relationship with Peer Support. There are better results when an individual is connected to a peer upon leaving the jail to stay at housing, receive behavioral health care and/or receive other services.

Questions have been received from the courts and judges asking about releasing someone in lieu of bond to participate in mental health services; i.e., how can we ensure subject engagement? Is there someone out there who can call the individual to keep them engaged? It will provide reassurance to the court to know there is peer support in a subject's overall life/care, which should help keep the individual involved in their long-term care.

Nancy Gardner provided an update on Mental Health First Aid. There are now 15 certified instructors in the schools and 15 certified instructors in law enforcement. They have conducted eight trainings in the last two months. They have reached over 100 people and hope to have 500 trained by October. The new Senate bill, #1468, requires all school personnel who interact with students in grade 6-12 take training in relation to Suicide Prevention. The new mental health first aid training fits their training requirements. There are multiple meetings already scheduled into October. Stan Goligoski has coordinated training for teacher in-service and other school personnel for the 15<sup>th</sup> and 16<sup>th</sup> of July at the Coulter/Giffin/Taylor room and 17<sup>th</sup> and 18<sup>th</sup> in Cottonwood. There will be over 100 people in attendance between the two classes. Clarkdale P.D., Cottonwood P.D. and Yavapai County Sheriff's Office have scheduled their training in Mental Health First Aid.

Ben Scott provided an update on the CIT class held in the Verde Valley. There were 28 students; all law enforcement- either certified or jail personnel. Spectrum provided the training location. Feedback was positive. Nancy Gardner advised there were different instructors throughout the week.

Nancy Gardner also advised there will be an ASIST (Applied Suicide Intervention Skills Training) on September 26<sup>th</sup> and 27<sup>th</sup>. There will be 30 seats available. Vendor payment is through a grant. If anyone needs information and/or registration for any of the upcoming trainings, please send her an email.

Mark Remiker is with the NAU Center for Health Equity and Research. They're trying to cultivate meaningful and productive relationships between community-based groups and the researchers at NAU. An 11-member multi-sector and cross regional community advisement council was developed to help administer a regional health equity assessment survey to see what the regional capacity is to address multiple health equity issues.

He felt the mental health coalition was the perfect place to reach out. He provided a packet of information which provides a breakdown regarding the survey.

The survey will be online and take approximately 15 minutes to complete. Data collection started May 1<sup>st</sup> with Navajo, Apache and Yuma Counties and the Cocopah Tribe. They would like to extend the survey to Yavapai County in June. He passed around a signup sheet for willing survey participants. He encouraged everyone to share the information with other possible participants who may not be in attendance. Information collected will be used to determine a baseline regionally for the capacity to help locally with strategic reports. There is a small pot of money available to help facilitate the costs of community/campus partnerships (i.e., vehicle fuel and food). A simple one-page application provides reimbursement.

Sheriff Mascher provided an update on the Milestones program. The project started with former Judge Brutinel, Scott Mabery and Yavapai County School Superintendent Tim Carter many years ago. The program has evolved to find mitigating and preventative measures if a youth or student is identified as a threat risk. They want to evaluate the level of risk and manage it to a successful resolution. Mental health, juvenile, law enforcement and prosecutorial personnel are involved in the process. Schools, mental health, and/or law enforcement personnel reach out to the Milestones program, and a personalized approach for the individual will be developed in hopes of a positive outcome that may include mental health treatment and/or other resources to ensure the threat is resolved. Care is given to communicate with the school to do what's best for both the involved student and the school, without violating HIPPA rules and regulations.

Stan Goligoski advised that all school administrators are aware and informed of the program. The Milestones program is meant to be kept in the background, to eliminate the stigma that could be attached to a student if they were labeled as a "milestones kid". Gay Lockling advised they want persons to reach out for evaluation before a child becomes a problem; before they become immersed in the juvenile justice system. It was meant to be a diversion project to reach kids before they become an actual threat and entered the criminal justice system.

Dawn Rutigliano with Child & Family Support Services discussed services for children who have incarcerated parents. This would include providing information to inmates, finding ways for them to access the information and letting them know there are resources available for children. There may be ways to intake those children for trauma services for long-term benefits. She would like to find a way for children to see incarcerated parents in person to limit trauma from not being able to physically touch a parent.

Beya Thayer advised we do have Big Brothers Big Sisters who may be able to expand connections to children of incarcerated parents. She encouraged everyone attending to provide ideas on additional care options. Leslie Horton advised there are parenting classes in the jail weekly. The TLC (trauma lens care) is also available to provide resources to children in their school, but only when TLC is contacted by law enforcement.

There may be some in-home care available for children and parents after release from the jail through the Yavapai County Community Health Center.

Kristie Hambrick advised the parenting classes have been successful; inmates often attend more than once. Brian Silvernale advised there is a list of child-based services provided to the inmates. Unfortunately, many don't see a need for their children. There are opportunities for inmates to ask for them throughout the period of incarceration. Jessi Hans questioned if there is reach-out to children by any service provider once a parent is sentenced to prison; consensus indicates there are is not. Referrals would have to come from law enforcement for TLC; a request would have to be submitted to Big Brothers/Big Sisters. Most service providers are involved at the point of arrest and during the diversion process; not after an actual sentencing to prison.

Beya Thayer asked if there was a way to video intake with the children and the incarcerated parent together. It is recognized that many children fall through the cracks of treatment and services. Incorporation of the public defender's office would allow the release of information to service providers regarding children who may need services in the home of a prison-bound inmate. Judge Napper encouraged attendees to reach out to Kennedy Klagge.

Jack Fields discussed Title 36. An audit was recently conducted and the Board of Supervisors has allocated funds to continuing evaluation of the services of Pronghorn Psychiatry. Over \$1,000,000 is spent annually for the county's obligation to provide Title 36 services to the community. He reminded everyone that Title 36 is taking an individual against their will and injecting them with psychotropic medications. It is designed with escape "hatches", such as an individual who needs treatment and expresses they are willing and able to accept treatment continuing a voluntary route, avoiding forcible medication and treatment.

The audit was conducted by Sheri Tomlinson of the Public Fiduciary's Office. She found that Pronghorn was largely in compliance. During April of 2018 to December of 2018, there were 249 screenings; 55% were not evaluated (138); 65% of those chose to voluntarily seek treatment (90); 15% don't meet criteria (21), 9% had no documented outcome (12); 4% they were unable to screen (6), 7% other documented outcome (9).

Of the remaining 111 taken in for evaluation (45%), 53% of those went voluntarily to find other treatment (59); 21% did not meet criteria (23); 8% had an undocumented outcome (9); 6% were other documented disposition (7). The category for the remaining 13 persons was not identified.

Jack Fields is concerned about the lack of information regarding those files with no documented outcome. Stakeholders have met with Pronghorn to discuss their concerns, including insurance coverage and social workers conducting screenings.

Jack Fields mentioned that during the next legislative session, an initiative for redefining mental health disorders may come forth.

Chief Deputy Rhodes reported that the Supreme Court Committee on improving the courts response to mental illness found a need to overhaul Title 36 and recommend changing the definition of Statute 36-501.25, amending it to include neurologic, psychiatric and substance disorders with co-occurring mental illness along with mental conditions resulting from injury, disease and cognitive disabilities for the purpose of being eligible to receive mental health services pursuant to Title 36. A survey was sent out statewide and the responses were generally favorable to change, with exception to the increased cost. Chief Deputy Rhodes advised the Supreme Court Committee was developed off the basis of a report on their website which is the Fair Justice for Persons with Mental Illness: Improving the Courts Response. He recommends all stakeholders go to their website and review the report.

Several persons voiced opinion and concern. Chief Deputy Rhodes advised that there will be opportunity for discussion; Judge John Napper encouraged everyone to get involved and voice those concerns to the committee.

Amy Ledesma advised Pronghorn's next Title 36 quarterly meeting will be July 15<sup>th</sup> at 2:00 p.m. at Stepping Stones. Once you receive the calendar invite, you'll continue to receive regular invites. Please reach out to her with any agenda items. They will also be conducting education on the who, what and why of Title 36 upon request. Two clipboards were passed around the room for sign-ups for both items.

Beya Thayer advised the results of the survey conducted in the last mental health coalition meeting are attached to the Agenda. Please continue to encourage other stakeholders who may have positive contributions to join the coalition.

Beya Thayer also advised there is a survey coming out next week to all Coalition members to reveal what services they provide for diversion for individuals who intersect with criminal justice and mental health.

Mary Lou Brncik told everyone the Step-Up Conference is August 15<sup>th</sup>, to benefit the Step-Up Initiative. The awards banquet will recognize four people from Yavapai County: Beya Thayer, Kristie Hambrick and Brian Silvernale from the Yavapai County Sheriff's Office and Amie Sheldon from Spectrum.

John Morris asked everyone to watch for a "save-the-date" for a symposium in the fall. They have also incorporated medicated assisted treatment into the drug court and developed a special caseload for medicated treatment in their standard probation.

Judge Napper advised he meets with members of the treatment and probation communities every Monday for a half-day.

John Schruderer has stepped down from the Suicide Prevention Coalition for Yavapai County. There is an on-going search for new leadership. There will be an appreciation gathering at West Yavapai Guidance Clinic on June 10<sup>th</sup> from 3-5:00 p.m. Invitations will be forthcoming.

Nancy Devine, Suicide Prevention Coordinator at the V.A. has a group who will travel in Northern Arizona to provide free first responders training, similar to crisis intervention training, to educate on veteran's issues and suicide prevention.

There is also a "Be Connected" program through a partnership between the Arizona Coalition for Military Families, Department of Veteran's Services and the Veteran's Administration to reduce suicide and a related campaign in the community called "Be There" since the suicide of veterans has a ripple effect which affects their families and associates.

Please "save the date" of July 16<sup>th</sup> for the 2<sup>nd</sup> Chance Re-Entry summer institute with Arizona State University. A notice should be coming via email.

Meeting adjourned at 3:01 p.m.