

YAVAPAI JUSTICE & MENTAL HEALTH  
COALITION

Meeting Minutes

January 9, 2020 – 1:00 p.m.  
Yavapai County Education Service Agency  
Coulter/Giffin/Taylor Training Room

**Present:**

Administrative Office of Courts	Stacy Reinstein
Ariz Department of Corrections	Kerry Hyatt
Ariz Department of Economic Security	Alycia Botkin
Ariz Health Care Cost Containment System	Mario Morales
Care 1 <sup>st</sup>	Virginia Cons
	Linda Poller
Child & Family Support Services	Mary Robbins
Citizen	Jeanne Wellins
Clarkdale Police Department	Randy Taylor, Chief
Cottonwood City Prosecutor	Mik Jordahl
Cottonwood Magistrate Court	Catherine Kelley, Judge
Hope Lives	Casey Dennison
Life Transformation	David Sanchez
Mental Health Coalition Verde Valley	Carol Landauer
NAMI Yavapai	Kathy Bashor
NAZCARE	Laurie Verdier
Prescott News Network	Tim Wiederaenders
Prescott Police Department	Jason Small, Lieutenant
Prescott Valley Police Department	James Edelstein, Interim Chief
Private Citizen	Jodi Rooney
Prescott Sober Living	Heather Harris
	Channon Kirchner
	Susan Padilla
	Andrew Silcock
Pronghorn Psychiatry	Amy Ledesma, CEO
	Robin Spencer
Return to Honor Coalition	Don Kirchner
Sana Behavioral Hospital	Pamela Pierce
Sonoran Prevention Works	Karen Broman
Southwest Behavioral Health	Bonnie Goosic
	Loretta Holdsworth
Spectrum Healthcare	Shawn Hatch
Steps to Recovery	Kelly Minehan
Sustony Sober Living	Nancy Burnett
	Tonya Clark
	Heather Harris
	Samantha Kopp
Terros Health	Bryan Gest
U.S. Vets, Inc	Tasha Kankaanpaa
Veteran's Administration	Nancy Devine
West Yavapai Guidance Clinic	Meredith Brown
	Kelly Legler
Wexford	Becky Payne
Yavapai Coalition/Compassion/Justice	Jessi Hans

Yavapai County Adult Probation	Allison Lenocker Cameron Doty Alex Hope Debra Kendall
Yavapai County Attorney's Office	Sheila Polk, County Attorney
Yavapai County Board of Supervisors	Jack Fields
Yavapai County Comm Health Services	Terri Farneti Stacey Gagnon Leslie Horton, Director Kirsten Slora
Yavapai County Juvenile Probation	Gay Lockling
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 Brian Hunt, Captain Richard Martin, Captain Scott Mascher, Sheriff Jeff Newnum, Captain David Rhodes, Chief Deputy Brian Silvernale, Lieutenant Ethan Stover, Sergeant Beya Thayer, Executive Director

Sheriff Mascher opened the meeting at 1:02 p.m. and welcomed the attendees.

Executive Director Thayer led all parties in round-table introductions.

The Minutes from the Mental Health Coalition Board meeting were presented for review. Sheriff Mascher motioned to accept. Ms. Dorfman seconded the motion. All ayes approved.

Executive Director Thayer reported that Sparklight has nearly completed the new website and logo for the Mental Health Coalition. There will be a calendar area for updates. [www.JusticeMentalHealth.com](http://www.JusticeMentalHealth.com) or [.org](http://www.JusticeMentalHealth.org) will be the name of the website upon completion. A brief video was played showing the Mental Health Coalition Board of Directors talking about mental health. The website will also talk about the Reach Out Initiative, the Mental Health Awareness Training Project, the Pre-Trial Diversion Program, How to Get Involved and Resources & Support.

Ms. Gardner reported that they have conducted eight (8) trainings in Mental Health First Aid in the schools and within law enforcement. 118 people have been taught.

Sgt. Stover reported the training of 27 individuals at the October 2019 session of Crisis Intervention Training. Law enforcement agencies from around the County have sent their certified and detention personnel. The next session will be in May of 2020 in Cottonwood.

County Attorney Polk announced they have partnered with the Yavapai County Sheriff's Office to create a pre-trial diversion program. An individual who faces criminal charges may be able to participate in substance abuse treatment and counseling. If they successfully complete the program, the charges will be dismissed. The program will be comprehensive and bring resources to the table to address their issues, such as housing, employment, transportation and behavioral health. They want to enable the individual to turn their life around.

Ms. Hambrick reported that a Naloxone program was introduced at the Jail. If the inmate discusses their drug issue, Naloxone can be placed in their personal property, so they have it upon release.

Ms. Hambrick and Ms. Thayer are meeting with Catholic Charities as potential transitional housing provider in Prescott.

Ms. Hambrick and Ms. Thayer have also discussed the reporting of behavioral health 30/90-day outcomes within the database.

Ms. Thayer discussed the difficulty of connecting inmates with care providers upon release. They are working with the Spectrum Tip-Team, who provide warm hand-offs for people going to other behavioral health homes upon release. An identified gap is the timing between required events, i.e., court in Prescott, and placement in a residential facility in the Verde.

The new detention center in Prescott will have a separate facility for re-entry coordination. Reach Out coordinators will have space for behavioral health providers to meet the persons requiring care in housing, behavioral health, transportation, veteran's care, etc. to coordinate those services. A separate area will be licensed for court ordered in-patient evaluations. This will provide a coordination of care piece to connect them with service providers upon release when they no longer require involuntary services.

Falcon has been contracted by Yavapai County to determine how best to provide services for individuals with behavioral health needs in the new jail facility.

Mr. Fields recognized the vision of the Coalition in seeing the need to do things better, helping people on this side of the mountain through this new jail location, allowing them to provide a warm hand-off to services and stop the recidivism cycle.

Captain Newnum reported that in partnering with multiple care providers and utilizing the pre- and post-arrest diversion programs, we have seen a decline in bookings from 10,500 in 2017, to 9,300 in 2018, to 8,040 in 2019. This shows a direction correlation to the partnerships with behavioral health, housing, etc. Approximately seven years ago, the average recidivism rate was 38%. Last year it was 17%. These numbers come from the 3<sup>rd</sup>-party database built to reflect accurate reporting.

Chief Deputy Rhodes reported the model being used in Yavapai County is being observed by many agencies in the state. They are working with the Legislature and the Administrative Office of the Courts to provide funding and recreate a state-wide database, appropriate funding for agencies who want to engage in a reach-out program, develop their own coalitions and create jail re-entry programs. The goal is to shift public policy with mental health and drug issues to provide resources from the beginning, so people receive care and don't return to the criminal justice system.

Ms. Legler reported they will continue to have Suicide Prevention meetings twice a year. Invites will be sent to community stakeholders for an action planning session.

Ms. Thayer reported for Merilee Fowler with MATFORCE. The Opioid Fatality Review Board provided action steps, to wit:

- Continue working with law enforcement in Crisis Intervention Training;
- Advocate for proper storage and disposal of prescriptions;
- Place flyers at the pharmacies;
- More drop boxes;
- Partner with sober-living homes;
- Working with PANT to continue communication with law enforcement;
- Educating the community on overdose impact on others (not victimless);
- Partnering with Trauma Lens Care;
- Alert an individual's personal doctor if their patient dies from an overdose;

- Checking the PDMP on issued prescriptions;
- Educate the community about Methamphetamine;
- Provide information to the community about Naloxone and Narcan.

Ms. Horton reported that the Trauma Lens Care program continues to partner with schools to provide counseling and crisis care. They receive at least one report each day. They have trained over 100 law enforcement officers throughout the County. They hope to spread the word throughout the state and bring other law enforcement agencies on board quickly.

Ms. Farnetti reported that Health Services rolled out a community data dashboard which shows a Yavapai County Community Health Assessment. It's updated every December. The data can be used for grants and is available on their website, [www.chcy.info](http://www.chcy.info). They also launched a special needs support network for families with children with disabilities. There is a gap in Yavapai County which they are working to fill. There will be a Disability Support Fair to allow parents to find resources in March.

Ms. Pierce reported she is the Administrator at a new geriatric psychiatric hospital in Prescott. They have 24 beds for seniors over 55 years of age with special needs. They hope to be open by the end of January. They will take patients with mental health, dementia and Alzheimer's diagnoses. She wants to work with the County Attorney and Public Defender Offices to get emergency mental health power of attorney or guardianship when necessary. They will take Medicare and private insurance. Steward Health Choice will contract with them for patients who have other forms of insurance. Once a patient leaves their facility, they will shadow them for 30 days to ensure they're following up with connected services. She's looking forward to partnering with the many resources and behavioral health providers throughout the County. She can be reached at 928-925-5859 to discuss collaboration.

Mr. Kirchner introduced Ms. Padilla with Prescott Sober Living and Ms. Clark with Sustony Sober Living. Their clients sometimes come from the Department of Corrections or are on probation. They work with Yavapai County Adult Probation, Arizona Family First and West Yavapai Guidance Clinic. They give clients the tools to become successful through connection to education, the 12-step program, etc. Ms. Padilla introduced Mr. Silcock to provide his testimony. Ms. Clark has two female-only facilities; one in Prescott, one in Prescott Valley. Ms. Clark introduced Ms. Harris and Ms. Kopp, who provided their testimony. Mr. C. Kirchner also provided testimony on behalf of the sober living community.

Mr. Goligoski reported they have been working to procure funding for the schools for counseling and social workers. They hope by the next fiscal year funds will be allocated based on rules from 2004, which are not locked into an Individual Education Plan, allowing them to provide services to more students. Ten million in funding is also being proposed for all counties except Maricopa to cover shared services.

Ms. Lockling with Juvenile Probation reports they work very collaboratively with the clinics in the area.

Ms. Bashor reported that many children needing treatment for return to competency are being sent out of state. She will forward an article related to this issue.

Ms. Gardner reported there is a database where all behavior health facility information is held. During the 8-hour training for Mental Health First Aid, instruction for the website is provided. The site is [www.theyavapaicoalition.org](http://www.theyavapaicoalition.org). You can sign in as a guest. It provides all the behavior health facilities in Yavapai County who have agreed to accept referrals for children or citizens that law enforcement encounters.

Ms. Gagnon reported they launched [www.traumalenscare.org](http://www.traumalenscare.org) which has resources and videos for individuals who work with children. There is also access to resources and videos for foster and adoptive parents.

Ms. Landauer is with the Superintendent's statewide task force supporting our youth with school safety and mental health concerns. The task force was formed in response to school shootings, teen suicide, drug use and violence in the schools. They are working on school safety plans, tip lines, a clearinghouse of resources and legislative changes. Ms. Landauer is promoting the Milestones program used in Yavapai County. There are resource, financial and access limits for mental health care. Many students fall under the radar: silent sufferers, high achievers. School climate – a feeling of connection and being cared for – is critical.

Ms. Reinstein with the Administrative Office of the Courts reported there was a conference with all judges in leadership positions across Arizona. There was a panel discussion on mental health. The judiciary is being used as a leader to convene with the Sheriff's Offices and County Attorneys, using the Sequential Intercept Model, looking at front end responses and what's being done when people enter the justice system. Recommendations include serving people in their local community vs. the superior court, Title-36 proposals, changes to Medicaid, looking at other social deterrents, such as housing, transportation, access to services, probation, etc. They will be developing chapter training modules on-line for the entire judiciary of all five benches; juvenile justice, family, civil, criminal and probate - on mental health issues and resources. This will include Mental Health First Aid at the National level. Once online it can be used by anyone: school resource officers, law enforcement, probation, etc.

Chief Rhodes reported that the accomplishments of the Coalition - jail re-entry, warm hand off, etc. - have become the model for the state. Data was compiled and processed through an independent third party, which showed that jail population, bookings, recidivism, etc., have been reduced. The legislature is being approached to discuss funding and public policy change. This would provide a collective benefit on a statewide level. We are asking for appropriations that are permanent to address issues so that people can receive treatment and care when they enter the criminal justice system. This would include County Attorney Diversion and Sheriff Jail Re-entry programs.

County Attorney Polk advised that most first-time felony offenders don't go to prison. Approximately 75% remain in the community and only go to prison if they re-offend. If they're able to work with an individual in the beginning to help them succeed, we can limit the number of people who recidivate.

Meeting adjourned at 3:07 p.m.