



YAVAPAI JUSTICE & MENTAL HEALTH COALITION

Building a healthy and safe community through partnerships and collaboration.

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Meeting Minutes

July 8, 2021 1pm-3pm

In-Person and Microsoft Teams Meeting

Ms. Thayer opened the meeting at 1:00 pm and welcomed all attendees. If anyone was missed on the attendees, please email Ms. Thayer. (For list of attendees see last page.)

Review of Minutes: If you have any corrections for April 8th, 2021 minutes, please email Ms. Thayer. If no responses, minutes to be posted as they are.

Organizational Name Changes based on Strategic Planning:

- West Yavapai Guidance Center name changed to ***Polara Health***. Same phone numbers and email address.
- Crisis Responses Crisis Center name changed to ***Solari***. Same phone numbers and emails addresses. When email addresses change, notifications will be sent out.

Promotions and congratulations:

- Amy Bonnie has been selected as Chief of Police for Prescott Police Department.
- Tyran Payne has been selected as Chief of Police for Yavapai College Police Department.

4 STRATEGIC GOALS:

Improve cross-system collaboration to reduce involvement in the justice system by people with mental health & substance use disorders

- **Presentation: Pre-trial Diversion with Complete Care – programming, demographics, statistics, and outcomes thus far; *Erin Ortega***
- Ms. Thayer provided the introduction for Complete Care, Erin Ortega. During the Coalition Meetings, Dana Owens and Sheila Polk have reported out about the Pretrial Diversion Program starting under the County Attorney's Office. Charges can be set aside for individuals who are participating within the program and can be dismissed if they are successful in the program.
- Complete Care does the program and is in partnership with Spectrum Healthcare and Polara (formally West Yavapai Guidance Center). Erin oversees the program.

- The program is not just focused on Substance Abuse Treatment. Looks at the whole person and the stressors that can lead to substance abuse, mental health crisis, decisions which we come into contact with the justice system.
- Program has been implemented over a year.
- Erin Ortega provided an overview of the Complete Care Program.
 - The program has served a total of 110 clients. A risk needs and responsivity assessment is completed and gives us direction for the types of referrals for clients in services. It provides problem areas in social determinacies of health. Provides a service level intensity from Low to very high. Have asked for help from LE and Spectrum for clients who have been at risk.
 - Length of program is 3 months. Ideally a client will graduate in 6 months. Some extend beyond the 6 months due to relapse or went into treatment towards end of program.
 - Accepts felony cases and have started getting misdemeanor clients. Would be getting them pre-file – so they don't have any charges listed on their record at the completion of the program; however, we are starting to see a small case post-file influx.
 - The assessment includes a Risk, Needs, and Responsivity and a service plan, with goals is completed. This specific plan will look different from their treatment plan.
 - Contact Information: Erin Ortega. e.ortega@polarahealth.com
- **Upcoming CIT Conference**
- Mental Health First-Aid Training still available for community members, LE, school personnel. Nancy Gardner has trainers available and ready to go. Some trainers have learned to do the virtual training. The MH Awareness Training Grant through SAMSHA is due to expire at the end of September 2021. Due to COVID, we will be submitting a no cost extension for 6 months to continue providing the training. If extended, we will be seeking trainers interested in being a trainer for Safe Talk 4-hour training on Suicide Prevention.
- CIT Training: Scheduled for October – 40 hours and available. Dates TBA
- CIT International Conference in August. CIT will be awarding Sheriff Rhodes the Law Enforcement Leader of the year award during this conference.
- **Networking for Solutions**
- Kathy Ryder: Adult Probation Services started a Networking for Solutions, to talk about what services are available and to help fill in the gaps. It was going strong until COVID. Starting to collaborate again with MATFORCE Coalition, Mental Health Coalition and Adult Probation on a quarterly basis.
- Meetings will be held quarterly (July, Oct, Jan, April) at the Prescott Police Dept. from 11:30-1pm on the 2nd Friday of the month and Cottonwood Probation Office the 3rd Monday. There will be guest presentations and time allotted for networking and with service providers. All are welcome.

Maintain understanding of statewide legislation & policies that could affect or contribute to building a health & safe community

- **Jail coordination, pre-trial diversion, and non-restorable+ dangerous legislation**
- Beya provided the justice related bills we were tracking passed through every committee they were presented in, yet did not complete the final process, with an exception for the Jail Reentry Coordination Bill.
- Jail Reentry Coordination Bill: Legislation was passed the way it was written and states a County Sheriff office may create a Coordinate Reentry Program and with that program may have a Council, Committee, or Coalition to make it work. The funding attached to the bill changed from statewide to three counties: Yavapai, Mohave, and Pinal. The funding will go towards Reach Out Coordination Efforts, Jail Reentry Coordination Efforts, and Mental Health Coalition Efforts.
- Funding was allocated to expand the Reach Out database to the other counties. This will be overseen by ACJC.
- Bill for the individuals who are non-restorable, incompetent, and dangerous to be evaluated to go to the State Hospital did not finish the process, nor did Pre-Trial Diversion funding.
- Question from Denise Cox: Is that coordinated entry for housing or coordinated re: reentry. Answer: Reentry for individuals transitioning out of jail.

- **Coalition Updates/Announcements**

Improve the T36/COE/COT process to better serve the needs of Yavapai Community

- **AHCCCS & Care1st COE/COT Training Initiative**
- Linda Poller and Mark Faul from Cares1st presented.
- Beya provided the introduction of how AHCCCS had asked Care1st to pull stakeholders from across the state to create a training around Title 36, Court Ordered Evaluation (COE), and Court Ordered Treatment (COT). Cares1st has worked really hard with stakeholders from every corner of the state and what this process looks like and how different it looks like.
- Ms. Poller reported they found all the counties do things a little different but had the same goal. The purpose of this training is for AHCCCS to have consolidated information to provide statewide regarding the process.
- Mr. Faul presented. The Supreme Court committee of Mental Health and the Justice System came out with the report in October 2020 that recommended what AHCCCS and the State should be doing when it comes to COE/COT, to include a statewide training module. AHCCCS reached out to Cares1st, to head that up and the other health care plans have been involved, as well as stakeholders.

- Objectives – Create a statewide COE/COT Training. As mentioned, there are discrepancies how different counties and maybe the courts and how statute is interpreted. T36 Process: Protect from Danger to Self (DTS), Danger to Others (DTO), Persistently and Acutely Disabled (PAD), and Gravely Disabled (GD) issues. Designed to help people get what they need and not a punishment.
- The training explains the Court Ordered Evaluation process, what documentation is needed, and where to get the documentations. At the end of the presentation provides information where to go for Non-Emergent and Emergent applications, who are the providers and organizations that can provide the assistance to an individual seeking help.
- It was important to also include the perspective of who this process effects.
- Emergent Process occurs when things need to happen quickly. The training provided some steps on how to make it happen and where to go.
- There were attorneys helping with what the patients civil and legal rights are. The petition for court order treatment and what are the rights when it changes from involuntary to voluntary. What the expectations are for the hearings, courts orders and what the options of the court.
 - **RFQ for upcoming T36 COE contract**
- Jack Fields update: RFQ was issued about 45 days ago. Deadline is July 15th, 5 packets have been requested: Terros, Polara, Wexford, Southwest Behavioral Health, and Community Bridges
- Next meeting to have more information and may have a provider selected.

Increase behavioral health access to children, youth and families within the schools and the juvenile justice system

- Director Lockling with Juvenile Court will present in October regarding programs they have in place and how referrals to Juvenile are processed. Ms. Thayer and Director Lockling discussed the barriers the youth and families are facing and the system.
 - **Trauma Lens Care (TLC) – Sex Trafficking screening**
- Stacy Gagnon who created the TLC app is extending it as an ability to for law enforcement to use access a sex trafficking screening tool. TLC Act: An APP is being created for Law Enforcement to be able to access. Currently, if a child has experienced a traumatic event, LE is able to provide information to the TLC. A call for action can also be put into place. This will be discussed further at the next Sex Trafficking Task force on August 24th. If you do not get an invite, please reach out to Beya, Ms. Missy Sikora, or Lt Boelts, YCSO if you would like the meeting invite.

Announcements; Full Coalition

- 2021 Prescott Recovery Day Celebration: Saturday, September 25th, 2021 from 10 am to 1:00 at the Washington School on Gurley Street. Contact Lori Deutsch <ldeutsch@matforceaz.org> with MATFORCE if you would like to set up a table.
- Peer and Family Coalition /NAMI -Yavapai: Mental Health Mondays on the last Monday of each month. It is a Zoom meeting. Great resource information. July will be about housing resources with Health Choice; Damien, Steps to Recovery; and NAZCARE. For ZOOM information go to **<https://namiyavapai.org/mental-health-monday/>**
- YCSO Captain Martin: There have been a lot of requests for the Inmate Work Programs. Due to the CDC guidelines, we are still required to have quarantine dorms and at this time the Work Release Program or Inmate Programs have not been reinstated.

Save the date for upcoming 2021 Coalition meetings: October 14, 2021

Attendees: *(If you are not shown in the list of attendees, please email Beya)*

Alzheimer's Association	Leslie Jenkins
Camp Verde School Board	Thomasene Cadona
Care 1 st /AHCCCS	Linda Poller
	Mark Faul
Catholic Charities Housing	Sarah Rendon
	Elva Cruz
Child & Family Support Services	Mary Robbins
	Dawn Rutigliano
City of Cottonwood	Catherine Kelly, Judge
Clarkdale Police Department	Randy Taylor, Chief
Community and Board Member	Jeanne Wellins
Community Member and Advocate	Don Kirchner
	Ellie Finn, Retired Judge
Complete Care Partners	Erin Ortega
Cottonwood Police Department	Steve Gesell, Chief
Health Choice Arizona	Amy Fehrs Bacon
	Brianna Barrios
	Denise Cox
NAZCARE	Greg Billi
Polara Health	Kelly Legler
Prescott Police Department	Jason Small, Lieutenant
Prescott Valley Police Department	Nancy Roberts, Sergeant
Southwest Behavioral & Health	Bonnie Goosic
Solari	Kellyanne Smith
	Carla Rivera
Spectrum Healthcare	Shawn Hatch
US Vets	Carole Benedict
Terros Health	Destiny Pyle
Veteran's Administration	Julie Garver
	Lisa Lahie,
	Jenny Lee Challis
Wexford Medical	Becky Payne
Yavapai County Board of Supervisors	Donna Michaels, Supervisor
Yavapai College	Tyran Payne, Chief
Yavapai Community Health Services	Leslie Horton, Director
	Terri Farneti
Yavapai County Administration	Jack Fields
Yavapai County Adult Probation	Alex Hope
	Cameron Doty
	Kathy Ryder
Yavapai County Attorney's Office	Dana Owens,
	Dennis McGrane
Yavapai County Public Fiduciary	Kathryn Blair
Yavapai County Sheriff's Office	Audrey Dorfman, VIP

Yavapai Education Service Agency
Yavapai Juvenile Court
Yavapai Regional Medical Center
Verde Valley Homeless

Richard Martin, Captain
Nathan Auvenshine, Captain
Victor Dartt, Captain
Nancy Gardner
Beya Thayer, Executive Director
Stan Goligoski, Executive Director
Gay Lockling, Director
Robert Barth, II
Rhonda Bishop, Executive Director