



YAVAPAI JUSTICE & MENTAL HEALTH COALITION

Building a healthy and safe community through partnerships and collaboration.

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Meeting Minutes

January 11th, 2024, 1:00pm-3:00pm

Microsoft Teams Meeting

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

Welcome:

Commander Kimbriel, YCSO: Welcome everyone and thank you for adjusting to a Teams meeting today due to the weather. Beya and I went to the AJAC (Az Jail Association Commander) meeting with all the jail commanders down in Phoenix yesterday, 1/10/24, and we invited them to participate in one of these Coalition meetings. This coalition is honestly the best in the state because of the collaboration and ability to work through the issues at hand. Some partners may already have been contacted by other counties or entities that are looking to start up their own programs.

Updates:

- **Legislature/Grants (Beya Thayer):** Sheriff Rhodes couldn't make the meeting due to being at the legislature. Last year there was a lot of one-time appropriation funds that were allocated out for many different projects. This year I am told that we are going into a deficit at the state level. The legislature is looking at ways in which they can take back the money they had originally appropriated, which affects us, our jail reentry programs and much more around the state. Last year there was an allocation of \$7,000,000 that was to be split between Yavapai, Mohave, and Pinal (\$2.3 million each). This allocation was to help continue general reentry coordination; however, they have not released these funds yet. There is currently a list of different bills that had money attached to them that the legislators are looking into. The elected officials are then to claim the bills and state whether they are important efforts that we want to continue to have happening. Rep. Selena Bliss has done just that for our jail reentry coordination money. Sheriff Rhodes is helping advocate for this as well. Just a few weeks ago we had the Chairman of the Joint Legislative Budget Committee, Representative Livingston, tour the new jail and Connections Center. We gave him all the reports on reach out so that he can really understand what the different counties are trying to put together. We are hoping to have his backing and support as well. There will be a new bill coming out in the future for the next two years for a total of 9 counties to receive jail reentry coordination money. This bill is coming from the Attorney General's office as they have received millions of dollars in opioid abatement funds. This money must be appropriated through the legislature. A grant request just ended for counties that already have existing reentry programs. We requested the maximum amount (up to \$3 million) in hopes that this would rebuild the entire cross system recidivism tracking

database so that it can be implemented statewide for all the different counties. This would allow a baseline database to ensure we are all tracking the same data but would also be personable to the different counties. This would also give the counties that are just starting up the ability to have some groundwork that they can start from. We are really hoping for these funds to come through! The next bill would be to take the future opioid abatement money that comes through the AG's office for the next two years and disperse it to 9 different counties that said they were interested. There is a federal grant, COSSAP, that had a quick turnaround, it is for counties to implement a virtual peer support reentry program and enhance a lot of items on the tablets. We did put in for this one.

- **NAU Data (Beya Thayer, YCSO):** We just received data from NAU Center for Health Equity Research, they are helping us with a third-party evaluation of the Reach Out program. We are consistent with our data, about 1/3 of the individuals screened do not have steady employment, ¼ don't have steady housing. Connections are being made and the most time is being spent with the highest risks individuals. Recidivism rates are at 16.9%. We can also break this number down between all the high-risk factors. 83% of people who were released from jail over the two year period did not receive new charges in Yavapai County.
- **Connections Center (Sabath Oliver/James Tobin, Yavapai County Health):** The Connections Center opened for phase 1 in July 2023, since then we have been preparing for the next phase and improving our relationships with agencies around the community. In October 2023 we hired 2 fabulous coordinators, Sean and Gema. Phase 2 began in December 2023, and before then we had helped 9 individuals. Since phase 2 started we have helped 107 individuals. We have created new brochures that we will add in the chat and will bring them to the next in person meeting. We have applied to be added to MOhelp and 211. We are now providing Narcan and we have partnered with Manzanita to provide food boxes. The center is still in need of clothing items and shoes for our closet. If you would like to drop off any items, please drop them off at the Connections Center. We are open 7 days a week from 8am-6pm. If it is after hours, please drop it off at the jail. Right now, the biggest issue at the Connections Center is transportation, as we are not wanting to break the individuals bank with a cab or Uber.

(David Dohm, Polara Health): Brief update on the inpatient T36 section of the Connections Center: The initial walk through with state licensing will be happening within the next 30 days. Depending how that goes, we will have the ability to accept clients instead of sending everyone to the CSU. Between April-June 2024 is likely when we will be able to accept anyone at the new facility.

- **Guardianship Project (Kathy Ryder, Yavapai Superior Court):** We have had many meetings with stakeholders we developed a checklist that was sent to many of you. These checklists were created and to be used by anyone who encountered individuals with Alzheimer's, Dementia, or someone who was found not competent. The data from the checklist will help us determine what situations would have benefited from having a guardian in place. The checklists were to be completed over the 3-month period. Dr. Woodman and Dr. Orem will evaluate and sift through the data and create a report that can be presented to Judge Napper in hopes of advocating for

funding in order to start a guardianship ad-litem type position or agency. There is a difference between a public fiduciary guardianship and guardian ad litem. We are hoping to have more information to share at the April meeting.

- **Mobile Mat Clinic (Shawn Hatch, Spectrum Healthcare):** We are finally gaining traction. To date we have completed 5 MAT inductions and have vaccinated 40 individuals. We will be spending every Monday at the Verde Valley Homeless Coalition. The clinic is now traveling to Holbrook, Winslow, and the Camp Verde Detention Center. We have also completed an induction at Oasis Recovery and next we will be at Bread of Life in Camp Verde. To keep things moving along we are actively pursuing locations in various shelters, foodbanks and churches within Payson, Prescott, Cottonwood, Flagstaff, Page, Kingman and Lake Havasu.
 - Beya Thayer update regarding MAT during incarceration: Wexford Medical at the detention facility does not currently process inductions on inmates in custody. If the inmate enters custody on Suboxone and it shows up in the database that they have been getting the prescriptions, and are not positive for other substances, then Wexford in the jail can continue with the current treatment. We currently offer free Vivitrol shots within the jail, but it can only be used one time per person.

- **Crisis Stats (Johnnie Gasper, AZ Complete Health):** FY Review: Crisis Line documented calls are trending upward. Third party callers are calling in the most. Suicidality or self-harm is listed as the top primary presentation in adults and youth here, followed by coordination of care. Adult Crisis Line calls are relatively high, highest primary presentation is self-harm and psychosis is secondary. We are exploring this in a lot of the counties in Northern Arizona as it links and relates to substance use. Youth Crisis Line calls are increasing toward the end of the year, family members are making more of the initial contact. Self-harm is the highest presentation in youth. Crisis mobile response times are fantastic in this community.
 - **Mobile Crisis (Paige LeForte, Spectrum Healthcare):** As far as Crisis operations go within the county, we are working on a lot of partnerships with community agencies to make sure our mobile teams are placed strategically to continue with the fast response times. We have also increased the level of peer support certifications on our team.

- **Suicide Prevention Coalition (Kelly Lee, Community Counts):** The next meeting is scheduled for February 26th, and it will be a hybrid meeting. The in-person portion will be at the Community Health Center conference room and there will be a virtual option as well. We are always looking at ways to expand on the Verde side and our prevention outreach. We will be at the Thriving Family conference and Mental Health conference. Nikki Rosson and I are Mental Health First Aid Certified, we will be offering training in February, March and April. As of right now it will be virtual training on February 22nd and March 6th. We will have more registration information soon. As for April training, April 10th will be an in-person training. Once we nail down a location, we will send more information out.

- **Northern Arizona Thriving Families Conference (Jerald Monahan, Yavapai College Justice Institute):** This conference will focus on the protecting factor framework, flourishing family's model, mandated reporting, and mandated supporting. We are in partnership through the Yavapai College Justice Institute, Prevent Child Abuse Arizona Director Louge and the Department of Child Safety to bring this on. This will be a 2-day conference from April 4-5th at the Performing Arts Center at the Yavapai College Prescott campus. This conference is the key to prevention, as well as all of us working together, we can see the families and children thrive in our communities. The Coalition's Foundation will cover expenses for parents/families to attend. Please reach out to Beya for assistance.
- **CIP Program (Dawn Rutigliano, CFSS):** The Children of Incarcerated Parents (CIP) program has been implemented into the jail where the incarcerated parent can find services for their child in the community at CFSS or with other providers. The parent who is in jail can send basic information to CFSS regarding who to contact about the child. Once we make contact and deem any necessary services, we follow up with the incarcerated parent to inform them of any progress that has been made. We have supported 3-4 children and connected them to services. It is currently very slow, but we are trying to get it up and moving.
- **Mental Health Across the Lifespan Conference (James Tobin, Yavapai County Health):** Save the date, May 6th and 7th at the Prescott Resort. We are going to have excellent presenters and are hoping to have 250 attendees. Once the registration goes live, we will get more information out to everyone.
- **Improve T36 COE/COT Workgroup (Beya Thayer):** There are a lot of proposed legislative changes to improve the T36 process. We are trying to stay on top of everything. Co-Chair Jeanne Wellins reached out to Jim McDougal to let him know we may want to support some of the changes. If we do plan to support any legislation, the coalition does have a process to go through. The proposed legislation must go to the Northern Arizona Peer and Family Coalition first and explain to them why we would like to support or formally not support and receive their feedback and information. If then decided to move forward, we would take the information to the Advisory Council for final approval.
- **Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University Update: (Dr. Diana Orem):** ERAU has launched a cold case task force where they will take cold cases and work with upper-level capstone students to try and solve them. Other exciting news, since the Autism training did so well in the fall, I am going to schedule out 6 more trainings in the spring. Please reach out for location and dates:
OREMD1@erau.edu
- **Mohave County Reentry Facility Update (Capt. Don Bischoff):** MCSO has received new drafts of the of the reentry building. It will have a 12-bed inpatient facility on the top floor of the building. Mohave is hoping to start construction in March or April 2024.

Upcoming Trainings & Events:

- Mental Health Conference - May 6th & 7th at the Prescott Resort [Mental Health Conference - Across the Lifespan Tickets, Prescott | Eventbrite](#)
- Northern Arizona Thriving Families Conference - April 4th & 5th at the Performing Arts Center at the Yavapai College Prescott Campus You may register on this site by following the link below. www.yc.edu/ji under up-and-coming events
- Suicide Prevention Coalition Meeting – February 26th at the Community Health Center conference room and online. Kelly Lee <kelly@communitycountsaz.org> for information
- Mental Health First Aid Virtual Training - February 22nd and March 6, Kelly Lee kelly@communitycountsaz.org
- Mental Health First Aid In-Person Training – April 10th, Kelly Lee: kelly@communitycountsaz.org

Please visit the Coalition’s calendar for upcoming events! If you would like to have your events included, please reach out to Ms. Howard at heidi.howard@yavapaiaz.gov <https://justicementalhealth.com/calendar/>

Save the date for upcoming 2024 Coalition Meeting: April 11th, 2024, from 1 to 3 pm.

Please contact Ms. Thayer at beya.thayer@yavapaiaz.gov to receive calendar invites for workgroup dates.

Thank You for attending and contributing

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