



# **YAVAPAI JUSTICE & MENTAL HEALTH COALITION**

*Building a healthy and safe community through partnerships and collaboration.*

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## **Meeting Minutes**

**October 19, 2023, 1:00pm-3:00pm**

In Person: Yavapai County Education Service Agency  
2970 Centerpointe E. Drive, Prescott  
Giffin Taylor Training Room  
and  
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.)

### **Introductions:**

**Ms. Thayer:** Welcomed everyone – both in person and on Teams.

### **Welcome:**

**Sheriff Rhodes:** Welcome everyone and thank you for attending. Thank you to the Coalition and partnership with the new CJC, the Connections Center is almost finished. There are a few items holding up the certificate of occupancy that we are waiting for the county to finish. The recruitment of new staff for the facility is going very well. The next phase at the CJC is set to open at the beginning of December, this will consist of a full-service intake, along with Medical/Infirmery.

The policy consultant that we hired to help create the glidepath model report is finishing up. This report is essentially a roadmap on how to get where we and many other counties want to go. It will incorporate how to become more effective in lobbying, more effective in funding, policy identification, identifying laws that need to be changed, help with getting those laws changed, and working with cross system collaboration. (This is in the final phases where all the partners are approving their portions in it.) This report/roadmap is the work of this coalition. People have been working on this for several years and have helped create the basis for this document that we believe most of the state is going to use deploy their own strategies within the counties. The document is also the basis for the argument for permanent funding for the programs at the state level. We believe the legislature is going to prioritize funding for diversion statewide.

The Attorney General, Kris Mayes, has pledged to dedicate a significant amount of her opioid funding to our programs and other counties (\$12 million is what she proposed). We had a Joint Legislative Budget Committee Meeting last week. There was a lot of confusion as to who is getting the funding and how much. At the end of the day, the AG will be successful in distributing the funding appropriately. There is also another \$6 million that has been sitting at the Arizona Criminal Justice Commission, they have not

given us any guidance on how to spend the money yet. We have the support of the Governor's office, have met with the staff several times, and have provided them with the draft copy of the consultant's report. They are 100% on board.

There is a lot of brilliant work happening and the coalition is the basis of all this. The National Association of Counties routinely asks Beya to consult with other counties around the country to help get their programs set up and get legislature on board with it. She helps them understand how to obtain funding, networking, training and much more. Travis County, TX will be visiting on 10/23 and 10/30 to see our sites and gather information about the programs and database.

There are also significant challenges ahead, the statewide database being the biggest as we hear conflicting information if it is funded or not funded. The roadmap is already created, and we are hoping to get to this sooner rather than later. Our sincere hope is that some of the opioid funding is going to go toward building this statewide database. However, we did meet with the CEO of Axon (body cameras) and have been consulting with them on a jail management and diversion module, as they are wanting to expand their own business. Regionally they could provide a package solution to help all agencies. There is a lot of interest there.

In other exciting news, we have many legislators and entities that are traveling to our county for site visits. Rep. Selina Bliss and other VIP's are set to tour the new facility in the coming weeks.

#### **Updates:**

- **Statewide Re-entry Collaborative Meeting: *Beya Thayer***

Yavapai County is hosting the Statewide Re-Entry Collaborative Meeting this month which will consist of stakeholders from counties around the state touring both facilities and discussing all things re-entry. Captain Don Bischoff (Mohave County) coordinated the re-entry collaborative with counties that are working on starting/creating their own re-entry programs.

- **Increase behavioral health services to youth update: *Dawn Rutigliano***

**Dawn Rutigliano:** The workgroup is focusing on our youth, middle school grades 5-8, and we are diving into what programs are available for this age group. We are interested in support increasing behavioral health programs to include extra circular activities/after school programs, ie: sports, band, art classes, etc. The workgroup is really wanting to focus on increasing support for this age group. We are trying to determine what partners are working with the schools and what is already available.

**Director Tara Newman:** There has been a noticeable increase in juveniles being remanded into custody as adults due to significance of their crimes. Many of these crimes are the child's first offense, without the long history of delinquency. This is making it much more difficult to intervene earlier as these children are being introduced into the justice system as adults.

- **Connecting the Dots Presentation: Interim Chief Dowell, Cottonwood PD**

The Connecting the Dots program was set up years ago, it is all about deferred prosecution, re-entry, and outreach. We are working on consistently updating our officers on ever changing case laws, what procedures to follow and then follow up after. We have an Outreach Services Officer, James Repp from Cottonwood PD, that has been very helpful with networking and putting the entire program together and putting it into action. Officer Repp's focus is to help sort through the issues at hand (ie: panhandling, substance use, etc.) and determine who can be helped and what pathway may be best for that individual. This program is a good reminder that it is not about denying the connection or resource but finding the right fit. The prosecutor here has been using a deferred prosecution program that is deferring these charges. The prosecutor, Officer Repp and the individual then go over the challenges the individual is faced with, gives them a check list of things to do, and then checks in monthly. Then in a year when all these things are completed, the charges will be dropped/deferred. The prosecutor is having great success on the mental health side with follow through and charges being dropped. However, it is not working as well for the individuals with alcohol and substance abuse. The other option being used is alternative sentencing. This mirrors deferred prosecution but, in the end, they will be sentenced. They may have a lesser sentence depending on what the individual has accomplished in their given timeframe. There have been many alternative sentences given- community service workgroup/hours, cleaning homeless camps/shelters, and more. This is helping individuals become more accountable and holding their peers accountable. The program has been very helpful for law enforcement as they now have one point of contact when they run into an individual in these situations, they are able to problem solve and streamline the process to get the individual the help they need in real time. It is a work in progress, but it is a huge step in the right direction.

For more information, please reach out to: **Chief Dowell** [cdowell@cottonwoodaz.gov](mailto:cdowell@cottonwoodaz.gov)

- **Granite Mountain Behavioral Health Care Presentation: Linda Rodkey, Chief Operating Officer/ Corporate Compliance Officer**

GMBHC was established in 2013 with locations in both Prescott and Prescott Valley. They have a residential care center, intensive outpatient facilities, low-cost short term transitional housing, and long-term transitional housing. GMBHC provides support for adults 18 and older (men and women) as well as pregnant women at any stage of pregnancy. They offer specialty programs such as Trauma Informed Care and various psychotherapy modalities. There is a case management team with dedicated probation and parole leads. This helps to continuously collaborate with these agencies, as 60% of the members are currently justice involved. GMBHC also offers employment service programs to help teach job skills along with help filling out resumes/ applications to acquire employment. They offer Intentional Peer Support (IPS). IPS is an international organization that sees themselves as a social change movement. IPS offers unique techniques for communicating, connecting, and maintaining all relationships across our lives. It is a 40-hour course split into a two-week block. This program helps shift us to ask, "What happened?" instead of "What's wrong?". This approach helps reinforce the idea that trauma happens to us and not because of us, which can lead to very powerful outcomes. It allows the

members to focus on new possibilities instead of everything that has happened in the past. IPS is a hope-based practice that reinforces the idea of hope and purpose in their lives, this purpose is what helps drive their success. GMBHC does accept Medicaid primarily, however they do accept some private insurance. For more information or to schedule a tour, please contact **Linda Rodkey**: (760) 702-1986, [linda.rodkey@granitemountainbhc.com](mailto:linda.rodkey@granitemountainbhc.com)

- **Spectrum Mobile MAT Clinic: Shawn Hatch**

There has been a soft launch of the mobile clinic at the Camp Verde Jail and Granite Mountain. So far it has been a very soft launch as we have served 0 individuals. There are no medications on the unit, but written prescriptions can be given to the individual to take to their preferred pharmacy. The Mobile Unit is looking to start a route that will travel to Holbrook, Winslow and possibly Navajo Nation- we are still working out all the details and seeking out all possible options.

- **Autism Awareness & Training: Dr. John Woodman**

Dr. Orem has completed 4 trainings so far, there has been positive feedback all around! There are 2 scheduled trainings left– 10/20 Yavapai Campus, Prescott @ 8:00AM and 10/25 Yavapai Campus, Clarkdale @ 12:00PM. These trainings are AZ POST Certified. Please email Dr. Orem to register: [OREMD1@erau.edu](mailto:OREMD1@erau.edu)

Since our last meeting a Guardianship need assessment questionnaire was put together and sent out. We will have the results ready to go out at the beginning of January.

- **911 Deflections & Crisis Line Metrics: Johnnie Gasper & Morgan Sexauer**

See attached handout

- **Catholic Charities:**

Catholic Charities has secured housing and is opening a women's reentry in Cottonwood. It will be set up to help/house 6 women.

### **Upcoming Trainings & Events:**

- Autism Awareness & Training - 10/20 Yavapai Campus, Prescott @ 8:00AM and 10/25 Yavapai Campus, Clarkdale @ 12:00PM
- Barriers to Access Care in AZ – 10/30 from 10-11:30AM
- Health Fair in Verde – 10/28 to 10/29
- Polara Art Show – TONIGHT 10/19
- Crisis Intervention Team Training – November 6-10<sup>th</sup> @ Chino Valley Police Department
- Suicide Prevention Meeting – 11/13 (email [klee@matforceaz.org](mailto:klee@matforceaz.org) for more details)

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](mailto:heidi.howard@yavapaiaz.gov) <https://justicementalhealth.com/calendar/>

**Save the date for upcoming 2024 Coalition Meeting: January 11<sup>th</sup>, 2024, from 1 to 3 pm.**

Please contact Ms. Thayer at [beya.thayer@yavapaiaz.gov](mailto:beya.thayer@yavapaiaz.gov) to receive calendar invites for workgroup dates.

**Thank You for attending and contributing!**

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<b>Allison Lenocker</b>	Coalition for Compassion and Justice
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<b>Amy Devins</b>	Arizona Complete Health
<b>Ashley James</b>	Community Health Services of Yavapai
<b>Becca King</b>	Hope Inc.
<b>Beya Thayer</b>	Yavapai Justice MH Coalition/Yavapai County Sheriff's Office
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<b>Dawn Rutigliano</b>	Child Family Support Services
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<b>David Rhodes, Sheriff</b>	Yavapai County Sheriff's Office
<b>Don Bischoff, Captain</b>	Mohave County Sheriff's Office
<b>Gema Lopez</b>	Yavapai County Health Services
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<b>Ian Ohler-Romines</b>	Sonoran Prevention Works
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