

# **JRAC: Mental Health and Addiction Subcommittee**

## **MINUTES OF THE MEETING - WED, Jan 3, 2024 at 12:00pm**

- I. Welcome at 12 PM in the third floor conference room, City-County Bldg.
- II. Proxies. Denise Beckwith for Deuser. Hodges for Stafford. All others in attendance with exception of Brown, Granger, Schellenberger, and Stigdon.
- III. Minutes approved unanimously after motion by Sheriff Bush and seconded by Hodges.
- IV. Update from Connie Moon re work group for “Mental Health and Addiction Resource Support” Opioid Funds: a) work group formed includes Connie Moon, Lorch, Hodges, Hass, Magistrate, and Randelia. They are working on an application form for organizations to submit. Proposed timeline: applications will be required by 3/15, present to full Board 4/15 then disburse funds starting 5/15. Plan to use four “buckets” for needs: 1) proactive/preventative; 2) active addiction; 3) aftercare; 4) OD victims and family support, with 1, 3, and 4 likely having greatest need for funding due to lack of other funds available.
- V. Ann and Stiller working on organizing some training for our board by Mental Health America. This will be custom-tailored to our needs.
- VI. Update from Magistrate on juvenile initiatives for opioid funding: in January, she will be meeting with Leah w/youth shelter and Ann as well as Brillheart; in February, she will form a small work group that will then seek to identify the gaps in Floyd County’s juvenile criminal justice system and outline legal hurdles, proposals to address those gaps; and, present update to full board at April 15 meeting.
- VII. Ann will connect us with New Hope Services to work on pamphlet for connection to services to be circulated at courthouse, etc.
- VIII. Stiller reviewed with the group the other 2024 goals outlined in the December agenda.
- IX. Bass reported update that FCHD hired an LCSW to provide linkage to care.

- X. Sgt. Hodges provided update on jail transition coordinator and also introduced Darla Dabney, LCSW for the jail (contracted through ACH) to take over for Stafford. Darla M. Dabney, MSSW, LCSW Email: [ddabney@fcsdin.net](mailto:ddabney@fcsdin.net). Hodges makes request to include jail transition coordinator, Officer Kerberg, [ckerberg@fcsdin.net](mailto:ckerberg@fcsdin.net) and LCSW, Darla, on email list for this subcommittee.
- XI. Begin to discuss goals for 2023, including training opportunities, work on juvenile initiatives for opioid fund, explore possible regional transitional secure mental health facility
- XII. Will look at moving the monthly meetings to the first Thursday of the month and make a decision on this next week.
- XIII. Adjournment at 1:05pm.