



**Governor's Behavioral Health Advisory Council
Meeting Notes and Summary
February 10, 2020
1:00 pm – 4:00 pm**

Welcome, Agenda Review & Preliminary Matters:

- Members of the Governor's Behavioral Health Advisory Council (GBHAC) gathered and facilitator Diana Bianco provided an overview of the agenda and meeting packets. Introduced members in the room and those joining by phone.
- Co-chair Steve Allen welcomed everyone back and briefly commented on the progress of the affinity groups in developing policy for the council to consider. He also reminded everyone that the package of policy proposals is meant to drive at the goal of a behavioral health system that is simple, responsive, and meaningful. He asked that members remember this as they continue to deliberate on policies related to workforce, housing, and programs and services.
- Steve also thanked all of the consumer and peer representatives who came to engage with the process.

Consumer Engagement Update:

- Brandy Hemsley, Director of the Office of Consumer Activities, updated the group about ongoing consumer and peer engagement efforts.
- Brandy has worked with consumer representation on the GBHAC to develop a schedule of community meetings around the state that will happen between March and June. Meeting locations will include Portland, Eugene, Medford, McMinnville, Brookings, Coos Bay, Bend, and Burns.
- Brandy held a meeting with a group of 15 people in Klamath Falls the week of February 2nd. She shared a few findings with the group. Folks expressed need for:
 - better access to providers and relief for providers that are maxed out,
 - co-occurring treatment and expanded children's services,
 - services that do not retraumatize,
 - support for family involvement,
 - connection between tribal health and local community programs,
 - better crisis services,
 - wrap around supports and EASA,
 - housing – it was a critical need among the community. Need transitional housing for those exiting substance use treatment,



- other issues brought up by the group included law enforcement training on use of force, and stigma and racism in the system.
- Representatives with lived experience who attended the GBHAC introduced themselves.
- Jean Lasater of Oregon Health Authority will be coordinating youth and young adult engagement for GBHAC. She is already collecting information from young people through work sessions and engaging youth advisory groups.

Affinity Groups:

- The majority of the meeting was held for affinity group discussions. Diana reminded members of the affinity group process. She also thanked all members for their contribution to the process between meetings. Diana discussed logistics for rooms and how folks can participate via phone. Diana reiterated the process for providing input on affinity groups for which members are not attached. Members can email the facilitators or chairs with comments about other affinity group work.
- One member asked about deliberation process and consumer representatives' role in deliberating on proposed policy recommendations. Staff hope that the process is based on consensus and do not foresee up/down voting as part of the decision-making process.
- Report outs: Please see attached note summaries from each group.

Next Steps and Summary:

- Next meeting: March 9, 2020, 1:00 to 5:00 pm. Location: Portland State Office Building Room 1-E, 800 NE Oregon Street, Portland.
- Group will gather briefly for some short presentations and then break into further affinity group deliberation.
- Follow-up: Facilitators and staff will follow up with affinity group co-chairs to formulate next steps.
- Group adjourned.