



BHC Meeting

June 10, 2021, 3pm

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Agenda – 6/10/21 BHC Meeting

- Introductions (Grants, Service Updates, Collaborations) - 15 Minutes
- Therapeutic Drug Court Programmatic Review - Summary Report
- Richard Davies, Public Defender, 15 Minutes
- Update: 2021 Legislative Session - BH/Funding Measures
- Jolene Kron, Clinical Director, Salish Behavioral Health, 15 Minutes
- Discussion
- How can BHC members collaborate to optimize funding resources?
- Next Meeting: July 8th, 3pm - Zoom



Upcoming Event

[Register at this Link](#)

More information and the 2020 conference recording also available!

Transforming our Communities

Supporting People Who Use Drugs

- Understand the perspectives of people who use drugs**
with the goals of increasing insight and compassion so that services are both welcoming and impactful.
- Understand the importance of equitable access**
to health care and other necessary services.
- Connect people within their communities**
to build strong working relationships that strengthen capacity to deliver great care that is equitable and just.
- Build partnerships**
to catalyze and energize ongoing regional and statewide work.
- Walk away with fresh ideas**
to improve practice to address the needs of people who use drugs.

June 29 | 12-3:30pm
June 30 | 9am-12:30pm
Virtual (via Zoom)

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Therapeutic Drug Court

National Drug Court Institute (NDCI)

Programmatic Review



Why the Programmatic Review Was Requested

- Program enrollment is significantly reduced from 2017 levels
- Update needed for the 2003 Drug Court Manual



Technical Assistance (TA) Summary Report Jefferson County Adult Drug Court Port Townsend, WA



Background and Overview

An NDCI technical assistance virtual site visit was conducted with the Jefferson County Drug Court in Port Townsend, WA, on May 19-20, 2021, by Carolyn Hardin, chief of training and research; Dr. Jacqueline van Wormer, NDCI director, and NDCI consultants John Haroldson and Shauna McCloskey. This report summarizes the key findings of the review process.



Technical Assistance Summary Report - Components

- Summary of Best Practices
- Priority Recommendations
- Additional Observations
- Specific TA Recommendations
- Recommended Next Steps
- Best Practices Table





Priority Recommendations

1. **Implement the use of standardized assessment tools to determine eligibility; Exclusion criteria should be defined objectively, specified in writing, and communicated to potential referral sources**
2. **Provide required Drug Court model training for Drug Court Team members**
3. **Incentivize participants through increased focus on, and use of, rewards for learning /maintaining new behavior**
4. **Ensure drug testing is random, unpredictable, observed and occurs frequently, including weekends and holidays**
5. **Add law enforcement representative to the Drug Court Team**
6. **Revise policy and procedure manual for the program (self-identified priority)**



Additional Observations

- Compassion and commitment is apparent in each team member
- Consider: implement a clear stabilization phase, move to general guidelines for length of phase, and separate court requirements from treatment requirements
- Consider: explore formalization of phase advancement process
- Encouraged to explore allowing providers who offer multiple pathways to recovery.
- Encouraged to explore a succession plan that includes treatment and coordinator roles that are independent from each other
- Encouraged to have entire team, especially the program coordinator join WA State Problem-solving court listservs for professionals active in the field.



Successes, Accomplishments or Innovative Practices

- Commended for being open to new ideas, striving to make improvements
- Commended for the progressive and trauma-informed practice utilizes of sitting around a table when talking with a participant
- Consider: Using Alumni Program as a place to build upon for developing peer mentors to be used as a program asset
- Commended Believe In Recovery for in-jail clinical services they provide that allows a seamless process to evaluate and check in with any program participant to update assessments and identify barriers and needs for re-entry.



Additional Concerns and Recommendations

- Create an MOU between the various agencies to clarify each team member's roles and duties in the program, including how they will communicate with each other
- Create a written Program Participant manual
- Work to decrease frequency of extended jail sanctions and use of jail as an alternative to detox or when awaiting treatment beds
- Institute a dedicated client management information system to analyze/evaluate/monitor data on which to base future modifications.
- Set aside dedicated time in advance for all stakeholders to participate in routine policy discussions to review data, programmatic issues and any technical assistance/training/evaluation results



Specific TA Recommendations

1. **Take Essential Elements of a Treatment Court at the NADCP E-Learning Center**
2. **Incentives, Sanctions, and Therapeutic Responses**
3. **Law School 101**
4. **A Blueprint for Phases**
5. **Community Supervision**
6. **Team Member's Guide to Effective Drug Court Treatment**
7. **Team Member Roles and Responsibilities**



Therapeutic Drug Court Team's Next Steps

1. **Distribute report copies to all team members, advisory group, and other key individuals involved with the program**
2. **Meet to discuss the report's findings and recommendations**
3. **Review each recommendation and discuss question**
4. **Work with Carolyn Hardin (NDCI) to develop the next steps**



This TA Review Can Support . . .

- Improvement of program structure and practices for better participant outcomes
- Demonstration of program needs or capabilities on grant applications
- Requesting resources from BOCC or other local groups
- Requesting training and Technical Assistance for NDCI, or other TA providers.



How Can We Collaborate?

- Keep each other in the loop as Therapeutic Drug Court Program updates are enacted.
- Monitor and share insights as these changes impact participants, service providers, drug court team, and how the County's behavioral health supports our residents.
- Brainstorm/Execute funding procurement strategies for:
 - Standardized assessment tools and training that the Therapeutic Drug Court Program updates will require
 - Participant incentives ([Contingency Management](#) measures)



2021 Legislative Session Update

Jolene Kron, Administrator/Clinical Director

Salish Behavioral Health Administrative Services Organization



Behavioral Health Investments

Jolene Kron, Deputy
Administrator/Clinical Director
Salish Behavioral Health
Administrative Services Organization





Legislative and Funding Update

- SB 5476 “Blake Bill”
 - SUD Recovery Navigator Program
 - LE referral through the Recovery Helpline until programs stood up
- Mobile Crisis Outreach
 - Additional non-Medicaid Funding Allocated by Legislature
 - Implementation details are pending HCA guidance
- Additional Housing Subsidy Funding
 - Housing funding for Commerce for Behavioral Health
 - Additional SUD HARPS





Legislative and Funding Update

- One-Time Allocation of Supplemental MHBG and SABG
 - MHBG RFP to be released around 7/1/21 to manage \$250,000 of the Supplemental Award
 - There will be a mandatory bidder's conference on July 14th 2-3:30pm
 - SABG RFP timeline TBD, awaiting final details from HCA.
 - There will be a mandatory bidders conference at TBD.
- American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) Block Grant
 - Separate funding allocation and likely can be utilized into 2025.





The American Rescue Plan Act:

- Closes the “90/10 loophole” regarding student loan financing to protect veterans
- Temporarily eliminates or caps premiums of ACA Exchange plans, depending on
 - proximity to FPL and income percentage spent on healthcare.
- Tax-free treatment for forgiven or discharged student loans through 2026
- Provides \$3 billion to fund the federal Individuals with Disabilities in Education Act
- Nearly doubles the maximum Earned Income Tax Credit
- Additional \$300 million for fisheries assistance
- Extends Pandemic EBT
- \$1.87 million (estimated) combined for state arts agencies and state humanities councils





Blake Decision

- Provides funding for a regional SUD System Administrator at the SBH-ASO.
 - This role is expected to develop the Recovery Navigator programs across the 3-County region and work on regional planning efforts.
- Provides funding for Recovery Navigator Programs
 - HCA is working on program development.
 - HCA requirements expected to be released in August.
 - SBH-ASO's expected to submit plans for this role by September 2021.
 - HCA would like Navigators in place by October 2021.
 - SBH-ASO expects to contract this position to a community provider.





Blake Decision (cont.)

- Homeless Outreach Programs for behavioral health
- Family navigators
- Short-term Housing vouchers (\$1 million)
- HCA Staff to support SUD expansion
- Expansion of Recovery Residences including recovery residences capital outcomes assessment
- Opioid treatment expansion for co-occurring opioid and stimulant disorder
- Jail Medication for Opiate Use Disorder (MOUD) treatment
- Clubhouse expansion





Blake Decision (cont.)

Requires law enforcement agencies to refer for services for first 2 contact prior to pursuing legal intervention effective July 25th.

Challenges:

- Resources are not yet in place to facilitate referrals
- HCA working with the Recovery Help Line to field referrals until Navigator positions are up and running.





Law Enforcement Reform

- HB 1310, Law Enforcement and Correctional Officers--Permissible Uses of Force, effective July 25, 2021.
- **Main Objective:** LE and Community Corrections officers to act with reasonable care when carrying out their duties, including using de-escalation tactics and alternatives to deadly force. Peace officers will use the least amount of physical force necessary to overcome actual resistance under the circumstances.
- Section 3:
 - (2) (a) When possible, exhaust available and appropriate de-escalation tactics...such as...calling for additional resources such as a crisis intervention team or mental health professional when possible.
 - (2) (b) When using physical force, use the least amount of physical force necessary to overcome resistance...includes a consideration of the characteristics and conditions of a person...pregnant, or state that they are a minor, or states that they are a minor; is known to be a vulnerable adult, or objectively appears to be a vulnerable adult...displays signs of mental, behavioral, or physical impairments or disabilities; is experiencing perceptual or cognitive impairments typically related to the use of alcohol, narcotics, hallucinogens, or other drugs; is suicidal; has limited English proficiency; or is in the presence of children.





HB 1310 (Continued)

Section 4:

- (1) By July 1, 2022 the attorney General shall develop and publish model practices.
- (2) By December 1, 2022, all law enforcement agencies shall: Adopt policies consistent with the model policies and submit copies of the applicable policies to the attorney general.
- (3) By December 31st of each year, the attorney general shall publish on its website a report of on the requirements of this section, including copies of the model policies....

Current experiences:

- Some areas of the state report LE continue to support
- Some areas of the state report LE not willing to respond unless it is a criminal matter
- Challenges for Crisis Mobile Outreach and DCRs:
 - Some jurisdictions not performing pick up orders for detention
 - Some not providing support in high-risk situations





Behavioral Health Housing

- Blake related housing vouchers for SUD
- Increase in HARPS SUD specific funding
- Allowance for use of block grant for housing may be allowed for ARPA funding, waiting on final information
- \$6.2 million investment in BH Housing
 - Short-term subsidies and recovery housing
 - Waiting on the Department of Commerce to identify how this will be broken down and disseminated.





HB 1086 Behavioral Health Ombuds

Washington State will establish a statewide behavioral health consumer advocacy services.

- Current Ombuds are contracted through BH-ASO's across the State.
- Certification of behavioral health consumer advocates.
- Statewide toll-free number, website, uniform reporting criteria

Concerns:

Lack of local control/representation





Additional Investments

- Peer services and supports
 - Recruitment
 - Increased training access
 - Development of statewide support network
 - Peer specific roles in legislative priorities
- Medication for Opioid Use Disorder (MOUD)
 - Tracking Tool
 - Naloxone access
 - Jail MOUD access





How can we collaborate to optimize funding?

F O C U S

Improve access
to behavioral
health services
throughout
Jefferson County

Prevention

Treatment

Recovery

Jefferson County's

Behavioral Health Consortium Members

Alcohol & Drug Abuse Institute

Jefferson County Sheriff's Office

Believe In Recovery / Gateway to Freedom

Jefferson Healthcare

Discovery Behavioral Healthcare

Port Townsend Police Department

East Jefferson Fire Rescue

Recovery Cafe

Jefferson County Prosecutor's Office

Safe Harbor / Beacon of Hope

Jefferson County Public Health

Ad Hoc and Alternate Members: Denise Banker, JCPH Prevention; Dave Fortino, Jail Superintendent; Pete Brummel, EJFR; Patrick Johnson, NAMI; Jud Haynes, PTPD Navigator; Adam York, JHC Data; Darcy Fogarty, Recovery Community; , Anna McEnergy, JCPH, BH Coordinator; Matt Ready, Hospital Commissioner; Greg Brotherton, County Commissioner; Jolene Kron, Salish Behavioral Health-Administration Services; Apple Martine, JCPH Community Health Director



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		Year 1 RCORP-I Grant Deliverables													
		Qtrly Rpt		Qtrly Rpt		6 Mos PIMS		Qtrly Rpt		Qtrly Rpt		6 Mos PIMS		Year 1 Sustainability	
		Due 12/15/20		Due 03/15/21		Due 03/15/21		Due 06/15/21		Due 09/15/21		Due 09/15/21		Due 9/15/21	
		RE: 9/30-11/30/20		RE: 12/01 -2/28/21		9/01/20 - 2/28/21		03/01-5/31/21		6/01-8/31/21		03/01-8/31/21			
Organization	Contact	Contributes	Complete	Contributes	Complete	Contributes	Complete	Contributes	Complete	Contributes	Complete	Contributes	Complete	Contributes	Complete
JCPH	Martine									x		x		x	
JHC	Nowak									x		x		x	
DBH	Novelli									x		x		x	
EJFR	Brummel									x		x		x	
JSCO/Jail	Fortino									x		x		x	
PTPD	Haynes									x		x		x	
SH/BoH	Kessler									x		x		x	
BiR/GtF	Caudill									x		x		x	
JCPO	Kennedy									x		x		x	
Recovery Café	Richardson									x		x		x	
ADAI	Rey-Thomas									x		x		x	
Youth Prev	Banker									x				x	
NAMI	Johnson									x				x	
Hospital	Wharton									x				x	
County	Brotherton									x				x	
Hospital	Fortino									x				x	
SBH-ASO	Kron									x				x	
BHAC	McEnery									x				x	

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Due 6/15



Upcoming Meetings

- Weekly Tuesdays and Thursdays - BH Therapeutic Court and Therapeutic Drug Court respectively
- 06/10 - CHIP's Working Age Band Workgroup
- 06/11 - CHIP's Senior Age Band Workgroup
- 06/11 - Youth & Family Svc Collaborators (Qtrly)
- 06/14 - OCH Board Meeting (Regional)
- 06/15 - SC Harm Reduction Subgroup Meeting
- 06/16 - 3CCORP Treatment Workgroup
- 06/17 - Oversight Committee Meeting
- 06/17 - HCA/Peer Bridging Model Training
- 06/17 - JeffCO Board of Health
- 06/21 - Prevention Team Meeting
- 06/21 - Data Standardization w/ Sheriff's Office
- 06/23 - CHIP's Youth Age Band Team Meeting
- 06/29 - Pandemic/Isolation/Depression in Elderly
- 06/30 - RCORP-I Quarterly Reports Due
- 07/01 - RCORP-I TA call
- 07/06 - BHAC Meeting
- 07/08 - BHC July Meeting



Next BHC Meeting

Thursday, July 8th, 2021

@3pm





Thank You



Acronym Sheet

BH – Behavioral Health

BHC – Behavioral Health Consortium

CHIP – Community Health Improvement Plan

DUI – Driving Under the Influence

ED – Emergency Department

EJFR – East Jefferson Fire Rescue

EMS – Emergency Medical Services

JCPH – Jefferson County Public Health

JeffCo – Jefferson County

JHC – Jefferson Healthcare

HFPD – Health Facilities Planning and
Development Consultants

HRSA – Health Resources and Services
Administration

MAT – Medically Assisted Treatment

MH – Mental Health

ODU – Opioid Use Disorder

PTPD – Port Townsend Police Department

RHNDP-P – Rural Health Network Development
Program – Planning

RCORP-P – Rural Community Opioid Response
Program – Planning

RCORP-I – Rural Community Opioid Response
Program – Implementation

SUD – Substance Use Disorder

TBH – To Be Hired

VOA – Volunteers of America – Crisis Line

Vol - Voluntary

Invol – Involuntary