

**Multnomah County**  
**Behavioral Health Division**  
**Behavioral Health Advisory Council Meeting**  
**March 6th, 2024 10AM - Noon**



Community Representatives	Public Service Representatives	Staff	Guests
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Barb. Rainish <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Eric Bray <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Etta Assuman <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> John Williams <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Joni Scheib <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> June Howard Johnson <input type="checkbox"/> Katrina Malachowski <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Kevin Fitts <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Laura Bueford <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Mamie Gathard <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Mary Avalon <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Patty Hamit Arvizu <input type="checkbox"/> Robert Fentress <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Ruthie Benjamin <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Ryan Hamit <input type="checkbox"/> Seth Dugan-Knight	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <b>CareOregon</b> Cassi Sturtz <input type="checkbox"/> <b>Cascadia Behavioral Healthcare</b> Dave Kohler <input type="checkbox"/> <b>Lifeworks NW</b> Nautilus Torell <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <b>Multnomah County Sheriff's Office</b> Nora Mains (NWIAS) <input type="checkbox"/> <b>NAMI Multnomah</b> Kerri Melda <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <b>NARA NW</b> Albie Lemos <input type="checkbox"/> <b>New Narrative</b> Haven Taylor <input type="checkbox"/> <b>Portland Police Bureau</b> Chris Burley, Billy Kemmer for Chris Burley <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <b>Quest Center</b> Danielle Deer <input type="checkbox"/> Vacant <input type="checkbox"/> Vacant <input type="checkbox"/> Vacant	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Heather Mirasol <input type="checkbox"/> Deandre Kenyanjui <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Sadie Campbell <input type="checkbox"/> Jenny Tsai <input type="checkbox"/> Kelley Durrton <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Roger Garth <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Mario Cardenas <input type="checkbox"/> Jill Jessee <input type="checkbox"/> Jennifer Gulzow <input type="checkbox"/> Anirudh Padmala <input type="checkbox"/> Rachael Banks	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Abigail Wells <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adam Peterson, <b>Health Share of Oregon,</b> <b>Behavioral Health Program Manager</b>

Agenda Item	Discussion Notes
<p><b>Welcome and Introductions / Group Agreements and Announcements</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• BHAC Documents older than two years and/or with incorrect information being reviewed</li> <li>• Elections in May for General Council seats - One lived experience &amp; three provider representative seats are available. There are also three term expirations with folks reapplying.</li> <li>• Elections in June for Steering Committee seats, the two terms that are expiring are term limited. If you are interested in joining or would like to nominate someone please reach out to Sadie Campbell directly. <a href="mailto:sadie.campbell@multco.us">sadie.campbell@multco.us</a></li> <li>• Kevin Fitts announced weekly PeerNetwork meeting - Please email Sadie for link</li> </ul>
<p><b>Recognition Month or Awareness Events (if Applicable)</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Neurodiversity Celebration Week</b> (March 18th-24th) is a worldwide initiative that challenges stereotypes and misconceptions about neurodevelopmental disorders and learning disabilities.</li> <li>• <b>National Social Work Month</b> recognizes the dedication and empathy social workers across the country deliver while providing services to children and adults in need.</li> <li>• <b>Women’s History Month</b> is an annual observance to highlight the contributions of women to events in history and contemporary society.</li> </ul>
<p><b>Presenter: Canada Taylor Parker</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Zero Suicide Pilot Project - introduction of survey to assess knowledge, skills and abilities around suicide prevention and intervention.</li> <li>• Ask from group and discussion with Canada around offering suicide prevention training to the group in the near future.</li> </ul>
<p><b>Presenter: Kevin Fitts</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• BHAC was previously AMHSAAC and before that was MEDAC. AMHSAAC = Adult Mental Health and Substance Abuse Advisory Council. MEDAC = Mental and Emotional Disabilities Advisory Council.</li> <li>• Jerry Wang and Scott Snedecor’s roles as Lived Experience Directors in the 1990’s laid the groundwork for integrating consumer and peer perspectives in Multnomah County’s mental health services.</li> </ul>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The Lived Experience Director position was cut from the budget in approximately 2002.</li> <li>• In August of 2015 Kevin began advocating to reinstate the Lived Experience Director role and/or something similar via public comment and attendance with AMHSAAC.</li> <li>• Video shared “Peer Presentation” - <a href="https://youtu.be/2wpzIVkcFnM?si=lydpsVkdPzVosr-G">https://youtu.be/2wpzIVkcFnM?si=lydpsVkdPzVosr-G</a></li> <li>• Link for livestreams of MultCo Board Meetings <a href="https://www.youtube.com/MultCoBoard">https://www.youtube.com/MultCoBoard</a></li> <li>• By advocating and testifying at board meetings, Kevin was able to schedule a meeting with County Chair Deborah Kafoury and others. Chair Kafoury included a program offer for the Office of Consumer Engagement in the county budget.</li> <li>• The Office of Consumer Engagement now consists of Deandre Kenyanjui (Supervisor), Sadie Campbell (Peer Program Specialist), Roger Garth (Culturally Specific Engagement Coordinator) and Mario Cardenas (Culturally Specific Engagement Coordinator).</li> </ul>
<p><b>OCE &amp; Director’s Office Updates</b></p>	<p><b>OCE Update:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• First quarter data pull completed, slides to be presented at upcoming meeting</li> </ul> <p><b>Director’s Office Update:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• We’ve passed the 30-day mark following the Emergency Declaration. BHD is honored to have Anthony Jordan our Senior Manager of Addictions and Prevention Services in Unified Command with City, State, and County representation to advise action.</li> <li>• House Bill 4002 was passed in both houses of the Oregon Legislature and is awaiting signature by Governor Tina Kotek. We anticipate some funding to come to the County to help us establish a Deflection Program which is intended to keep folks cited for drug possession out of jail; there may be other funding as a result of this bill.</li> <li>• We are providing contract support to Commissioner Brim-Edwards’ work to develop recommendations for a sobering center. A primary driver of this effort is to provide law enforcement with a place other than jail or the ED to take folks.</li> </ul>
<p><b>Adjournment</b></p>	<p><b>Next meeting will be April 3rd 2024</b></p>