



Middlesex County Restoration Center Commission
Tuesday, May 3, 2022
12:30 PM – 2:00 PM
Virtual via Zoom

MINUTES

Attendees:

Danna Mauch from Massachusetts Association for Mental Health, Scott Taberner from Executive Office for Health and Human Services, Lydia Conley from Association for Behavioral Healthcare, Nancy Connolly from Department of Mental Health, Deirdre Calvert from Bureau of Substance Addiction Services, Timothy Burton from National Alliance on Mental Illness of Massachusetts, Abigail Kim from Association for Behavioral Healthcare, Eliza Williamson from National Alliance on Mental Illness of Massachusetts, David Ryan from Middlesex Sheriff's Office, Fiona Bruce-Baiden from Office of Representative Ken Gordon, Marisa Hebble from Massachusetts Trial Court, David Swanson from Office of Senator Cindy Friedman, Brian Kiwanuka from Executive Office of Health and Human Services, Tamika Jeune from Commonwealth Medicine, Katharine London from Commonwealth Medicine, Catia Sharp from Commonwealth Medicine, Debra Williams from Commonwealth Medicine.

1:00 PM: WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS

Danna Mauch welcomed attendees and opened the meeting.

1:05 PM: LEGISLATIVE AND BUDGET UPDATE

Senator Freidman and Representative Gordon were absent.

Danna Mauch mentioned that the House budget does not include funding for the Restoration Center pilot program. She continued to mention that, as in years past, Senator Friedman expects to file funding for the Restoration Center pilot program as part of the Senate Ways and Means Budget which will be released soon.

1:10 PM: APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM LAST MEETING

Danna Mauch accepted a motion made by Scott Taberner and seconded by Lydia Conley to approve minutes from the last meeting held virtually on Tuesday, April 12, 2022, via Zoom. Danna

Mauch conducted a roll call vote. Lydia Conley, Scott Taberner, Nancy Connolly, Deirdre Calvert, Timothy Burton voted to approve. The minutes from the last meeting are approved.

Scott Taberner asked whether Marisa Hebble votes on behalf of the Chief Justice Carey.

Marisa Hebble shared that she does not vote on behalf of Chief Carey.

Dave Ryan mentioned that the co-chairs are sending a letter to Chief Justice Locke to solicit an appointment to the Commission from the Trial Court.

1:15 PM: WORK PLAN AND PROCURMENT UPDATE

Catia Sharp shared that the Middlesex County Restoration Center pilot program procurement is open. She reviewed key procurement timeline dates.

Katharine London shared that all questions regarding the procurement must go through the Procurement Manager at Commonwealth Medicine. She reminded meeting participants that in order to register for the Pre-Bidders Teleconference, reach out to the Procurement Manager at Commonwealth Medicine via email.

Catia Sharp shared a brief work plan update.

Scott Taberner shared his gratitude for the Commonwealth Medicine team on behalf of the Executive Office of Health and Human Services for developing the Middlesex County Restoration Center pilot program procurement documents.

Danna Mauch added her appreciation for Commonwealth Medicine on behalf of the Commission co-chairs.

1:15 PM: FINANCING UPDATE

Danna Mauch shared that the annual state budget process mentioned at the beginning of the meeting is a subject of current focus. Danna also mentioned that the federal fiscal year 2022 earmark, approved earlier this year, will require submission of a project plan to SAMHSA by EOHHS. An approved project plan will allow EOHHS to draw down \$1.65 million from SAMSHA for the Middlesex County Restoration Center.

Dave Ryan shared that a request was made to Senator Markey and Congressman Auchincloss to support an additional earmark of \$2 million in the federal fiscal year 2023 budget. Both requests are awaiting response.

Danna Mauch shared that there are ongoing conversations with Pew Foundation to obtain funding.

1:20 PM: DISCUSSION: STATUTE

Danna Mauch noted that statutory language drafted by Senator Friedman's office was shared with Commission members before the meeting and welcomed feedback on the statute language.

Nancy Connolly shared that the requirement for BSAS and DMH representatives to have knowledge of Sequential Intercept Mapping seemed out of place in the draft statute language.

Danna Mauch shared that Sequential Intercept Mapping was legacy language and proposed reviewed of the language. She opined that diversion expertise may be more suitable for the future goals of the Commission.

Lydia Conley commented that Association for Behavioral Healthcare is no longer a member of the Commission in the draft language. She encouraged members to consider continued representation of the provider community on the Commission in a manner appropriate to any potential conflicts of interest.

Danna Mauch agreed that the provider community should be represented on the Commission.

Catia Sharp shared that the draft language will go to the Senate Ways and Means in the coming business day or so and requested suggested changes be sent to Dave Swanson in Senator Friedman's office today.

Danna Mauch promised to send language reflecting the topics discussed in the meeting to Senator Friedman's office before close of business.

1:30 PM: NEXT STEPS AND CLOSING

The next Commission meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, June 21, 2022, via Zoom.

Danna Mauch accepted a motion from Scott Taberner and a second from Lydia Conley to adjourn the meeting. Catia Sharp conducted a roll call vote to adjourn; Nancy Connolly, Deirdre Calvert, Timothy Burton voted in the affirmative. No members voted in the negative. The meeting was adjourned.