

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

## **MINUTES OF THE MEETING - WED, Aug 2, 2023 at 12:00pm**

- I. Welcome at 12 PM in the third floor conference room, City-County Bldg.
- II. Proxies. Stiller for Moon. Deuser for Beckwith. Attendance taken. All in attendance with exception of Schellenberger, Granger, Moon, Beckwith, and Carruthers (16 out of 21 members with 2 proxies so 18 of 21 for voting).
- III. Minutes from 8/2 meeting vote. Motion by Lorch. Second by Flanigan. Unanimous approval.
- IV. Discussion regarding proposed budget for use of Opioid Funding committed to JRAC as follows:
  - a. Motion to approve the Clark/Floyd System of Care funding outlined below is made after discussion by Bush and Seconded by Konkle. Motion is as follows: **To approve the proposed funding described in the chart below for the 2023/2024 fiscal year effective October 1, 2023 through September 30, 2024. SOC shall provide accounting and reporting on funding at quarterly JRAC meetings. Any additional requests for funding from SOC would be reviewed at the time so made.** SOC member in attendance (Amanda Omar) abstains from vote. Unanimous approval. (17 of 21 members) Plan to submit for approval to full JRAC at upcoming Regular Meeting on 10/16/23.

### **Clark/Floyd System of Care**

1) Funding for criminal justice involved individuals in need of support services but who are indigent. This may include providing for their transportation, basic needs, sober and transitional housing rental assistance, clothing, food, hotels, both pre-and post-arrest. These funding needs often arise when SOC is providing connections to care for people who have – or are at risk of developing – OUD and any co-occurring SUD/MH condition. It may also be utilized in support of criminal justice partners (jail, probation, FCCC, problem-solving courts).

\$ 41,000.00

(Part C, 3, Core Strategy G, 1, 2,5, Part D, 2, 7,8; Connections to Care, 11, 12, 13,14,15)

2) Funding to help provide for staffing needs for SOC who support our CARES program including but not limited to: (a) connecting criminal justice involved individuals to services and reduction of barriers; (b) seeking grant funding so that this programming can continue in Floyd County; (c) supporting all criminal justice partners (Jail, probation, FCCC) in funding positions through grants and filling gaps in personnel and resources; (d) providing resources for educating the community; (e) and, providing training. This amount is needed to help replace other grant funding that has concluded. SOC currently employs several employees (full and part-time) and so this funding would only provide for a portion of personnel costs to offset costs associated with programming specific to CARES. Additional funding for personnel obtained by SOC through other grants.

\$ 60,000.00

3) Funding to continue to support a Licensed African American Mental Health Therapist from MIGHT, LLC to provide mental health counseling. MIGHT, LLC will provide (6) therapy sessions for (20) BIPOC individuals who are currently involved or have had a history in the criminal justice system to address criminogenic needs.

\$ 8,000.00

- V. Discussion regarding Summit Planning.
- VI. Adjournment at 1:00pm.