

JOINT BUDGET COMMITTEE MEETING

Minutes: April 24, 2023

Attendees: Sean Flowerday, County Board; Christa Yoakum, County Board; Sandra Washington, City Council; Dave Derbin, County Board CAO; TJ McDowell, Mayor's Office; Patrick Kreifels, Region V; Meagan Liesveld, United Way; Sara Hoyle, Human Services; and Jenni Ryan (Human Services)

Excused: James Michael Bowers, City Council

Sara called the meeting to order. Sandra made a motion to approve the consent agenda & the minutes from November. Christa seconded. Motion passed 5-0.

Human Services Activity Report:

- Contracted with Toni Jensen to assess our victim services partnerships post Bob Moyer's passing.
 - The Health Department may take over data collection for Victims Services
 - Sara is writing grants at the moment.
 - Batterer Intervention Programming is now handled by the State. No need for a separate Family Violence Council non-profit. LPD has been coordinating other pieces of Bob's work.
- CPC – see attached the quarterly reports from 24 hour Detox and LinkPointe.
- GARE Training – hoping to continue this next year.
- Juvenile Justice Data – interest from the adult side with getting similar individual level data.
- NCAJJC – our statewide juvenile justice conference is June 14-16th at the Graduate Hotel. The conference is free. [Register Here](#)
- ERA – May 11th the Emergency Declaration ends. Can still get assistance but will need income documentation.
- We have an Education Advocate housed at Malone Center through a federal grant. She can work with any kid/family struggling with school.
- The Crim Commission is not funding school social workers after this year for high school truancy. LPS will pick up the cost. E will fund the in-home therapeutic component.
- Discussion around the general lack of mental health practitioners at agencies & difficulties hiring. Various incentives have been put in place with little success. Pat mentioned BHECN has grants.
- Family Resource Center – working on an interlocal for a political subdivision.
 - Health Department is interested in participating.
 - Have a location in mind as part of the NIFA development on South St. Sandra mentioned making any residential facing sides to look residential.
 - Plan to make the whole area different looking than how it looks now.
 - They have existing plans for refugee housing & making it look nice.
- Our office did site visits over the winter of all our agencies.
- Shared Keno & JJPF Semi-annual report summaries.

ACTION ITEMS:

2023-2024 Juvenile Justice Prevention Fund Recommendations

The Juvenile Justice Grant Review Team met to review the 2022-2024 JJPF applications. Sara highlighted a few things the review team discussed:

- BraveBe CAC – did not fund the app for a program facilitator as it was not providing a direct service and wasn't accounting for sustainability, were just moving from one grant to another.
- Voices of Hope – this application got cut when they needed to make cuts, it's a new program.
- Youth for Christ – were not funded last year but the team chose to fund them this year.
- YWCA – financial concerns were raised regarding payroll.

VOTE: Sandra motioned to move the 2023-2024 Juvenile Justice Prevention Fund Recommendations forward for final approval by the County Board, Christa seconded. Motion Passed 5-0.

UPDATES:

Opioid Allocations

- Christa hasn't gotten clear answers about getting involved on emails, etc.
- They have a meeting planned for May. Funds are still held at DBH.
- Counties can choose to redirect their funds to their Region or the State.

State Gambling Prevention Allocation

- No update – want to have a longer conversation about what will be done with gambling revenues.

REPORTS:

United Way – Meagan Liesveld: reviewing grant applications. Seeing high requests and new programs. Have just under \$3.5M in requests from 75 programs, 45 agencies. Funding will be decided in May with funding to start July 1. Last year they funded \$1.8M.

Region V – Patrick Kreifels:

- Working with DBH on a service definition for our family resource center. Plan to release an RFP in June. Will offer crisis response & respite, emergency supports for up to 90 days. Having discussions on what services can be started before the building is ready.
- Volunteer Crisis Center for adults – have received 2 appropriate RFP's and are in the questioning phase. Looking at arch-Sept.
- 988 is for anyone experiencing a behavioral or mental health problem. They are not at capacity (are only getting about 50 calls & can handle 200/day). 988 is the number to call. CenterPointe & TASC are the someone to respond. The two places listed above would be the place to go.
- Budget – appropriations approved a rate increase for providers.

Mayor's Office/One Lincoln – TJ McDowell:

- Are continuing to use the Equity Framework as they look at new projects.
- How to do more robust community outreach, especially with communities that should be engaged.
- Report on City boards & Commissions – more diverse than our overall population, though do need more Hispanic individuals

Other:

- County is planning to increase their JBC contribution by \$250,000, earmarking \$200,000 of that for early childhood education assistance.

Next Meetings:

- Sean called an Emergency JBC meeting for May 9th at 2:30pm in room 107.
- May 31st, June 26th, Aug 28th, Oct 30th from 2-3:30pm will be our next regular JBC meetings.

Respectfully Submitted:

Jenni Ryan, Lancaster County Human Services