

Mendocino County Youth Project
Board of Directors
Meeting Minutes
July 19th , 2023

Board Members: (Present, Absent)

Nicole Glentzer, MCOE

Joe Aldridge, FBUSD

Jason Iverson, UUSD

Rick Pintane, City of Ukiah PD

Warren Galletti, PAUSD

Mark Beebe, WUSD

Izen Locatelli, MC Probation

Bruce Peters, LUSD

Staff Present: Amanda Archer, Executive Director; Mandie Rojas, Deputy Executive Director CFO/COO

Call to Order: 8:02 AM

Public Input:

- None

Past Minutes/Agenda

- **Approval of April 19th, 2023 Meeting minutes**

Motion to Approve: N. Glentzer Second: M. Beebe In Favor: Unanimous

- **Approval of July 19th, 2023 Draft Agenda**

Motion to approve: M Beebe Second: J. Iverson In Favor: Unanimous

Action Items:

None

Executive Report: Written and summarized by Executive Director, Amanda Archer, Deputy Executive Director CFO/COO Mandie Rojas

Grants Submitted by Executive Team:

Federal Basic Center Grant application submitted in June: (\$200,000 annual for 3-year term)

Proposal for year of 2 of 4 was submitted for KE (Emergency Shelter) (\$300,000)

Proposal for year 3 of 4 was submitted (Psychotherapy & paraprofessional outreach supportive services for children victims) submitted in early July. (\$300,000)

Proposal for a NEW CAL OES funding opportunity to implement new and unique direct support services for victims of crimes who are part of marginalized populations. (\$224,000)

Upcoming Grant Proposals due

Due 7/28 /2023: XH23 (Transitional Housing), (\$350,000)

Due 8/2/2023: CS23 (Psychotherapy & paraprofessional outreach supportive services for victims of sexual abuse/exploitation) (\$73,470)

Combined Financial value of grants noted above: \$1,404,970 annually

Award Notifications for previous applications:

MHSA- Prevention, intervention, de-stigmatization, access, linkages etc.
AWARDED@ \$30,000/year for next three fiscal year cycles

Peer Wellness Center-

County withdrew this RFP; no awards released. County will continue to administer a Peer Wellness Center in Willits focused on adult, severe persistent mental health population.

Fully Executed Medi-Cal Contract

\$900,000 for FY 23-24

Community Contracts under negotiation:

Juvenile Hall

Adjustment to service model to include utilization of para-professional “Youth Success Coaches” in addition to Therapeutic Services. Shift to a model that supports the transition to community-based services upon release from custody through connection with guardians at release to sign required documents to receive community-based services. Community-based services include case management, support with housing support, compliance with probation requirements, AOD/Anger Management Groups, life skill groups and other individualized supports as needed.

Sequoia Charter School:

Draft contract and Budget provided for 23/24.

Negotiations with Laytonville Unified School District:

Contract expected to include an increased focus on Youth Success Coach Services to support lower-level needs and prevention/intervention services including groups, presentations, and facilitation of group leadership activities.

Potter Valley Unified School District Negotiations 23/24 school year:

Contract Negotiations underway with request for increased participation on participation in family events, back-to-school nights, and other school-focused community events. PV administration requests an increase in suicide prevention activities, bullying, SUDT prevention, and intervention.

Medi-cal Subcontractor Negotiations:

Early negotiations for potential contract to provide up to 2 therapeutic groups to youth under MCYP Medi-Cal contract.

Peaceful Warrior Project:

Finalization of transition existing contract from CAL OES to Medi-Cal. This transition will increase capacity of youth served.

FISCAL:

Financial reports: YTD accrual-based Profit & Loss financial reports for July 2022 through March 2023 were reviewed with discussion of current YTD loss and anticipated yearend loss. The Counseling Services Program remains at the largest deficit program with all other programs at breakeven. It is anticipated the changes to internal organizational structure and use of para-professional staff within the Medi-Cal services contract, along with significant CalAIM changes, will assist with the reduction of the current deficit within the Counseling Services Program.

Cash Balances: Current and historical Cash in County balances were reviewed showing a recent, actualized reduction of the current cash deficit. Significant actions and internal changes have been implemented with a high focus on cash flow needs. MCOE Director of External Fiscal Services, Business & Admin Services, Michelle Ebert provided reports show an even greater reduction of deficit than what was presented by MCYP's Deputy ED, CFO/COO. Further explanation from Michelle Ebert revealed MCYP does not have access to the most current Cash in County reports and that the most current data is recorded "internally" within MCOE Business Office; provision of MCYP's actual/current cash balance data will need be supplied from MCOE to MCYP. With positive trajectory being reported and recognized both by MCOE and MCYP is a very welcome sign, it was acknowledged that the longstanding historical cash deficit will take considerable time to adjust to an ongoing positive cash flow. Current extensive efforts and focus on cash flow needs will remain.

Medi-CAL/ CAL AIM Changes:

CAL AIM changes effective July 1, 2023. The focus of CAL AIM is to reduce/avoid fraud, waste, and abuse. Through extensive collaboration with Community partners funded by Medi-Cal, extensive programmatic and operational shifts are underway.

Cal Aim focuses on more efficient use of resources, encouraging a model that is in alignment with MCYP's public health model of care; providing the level of support necessary for client to self-correct, and increasing focus on when it is ethically appropriate to close a client who is adequately functioning; reopening at another time if needed. Cal Aim through identified processes and through recommended service models strongly encourages increased use of para-professional (Mental Health Rehab services) to youth either as complementary service to youth engaged in therapy, OR in lieu of therapy with lower-level need when appropriate. MHRS are supporting the assessment process through identifying barriers, symptoms and history.

Significant operational structure changes are necessary for full implementation in response to CAL AIM changes to ensure efficient response time to clients, identifying appropriate level of services and use of paraprofessional service staff.

J.Iverson recommends setting the next meeting for Sept. (instead of August) due to the August meeting being the first week back in school making most board members unable to attend. Next board meeting set for September.

Meeting Adjourned: at 8:41 AM

Next Board Meeting: Sept 20th, 2023 7:45 am to 9:00 am VIA ZOOM
Board Minutes submitted by Amanda Archer, Executive Director