

JRAC: Mental Health and Addiction Subcommittee

MINUTES OF THE MEETING - WED, Feb 8, 2024 at 12:00pm – Floyd Sup Ct 1

- I. Welcome at 12 PM.
- II. Proxies. Magistrate for Beckwith. Hodges for Stafford. All in attendance except Brown, Granger, Stigdon, Estephan, Carruthers, Evinger. Additional members of public in attendance: Leah Pezzarossi (Youth Shelter), Kimberly Pickering (Life Spring), Kerberg and Dabney.
- III. Discussion of topics for Mental Health of America training for Board. Sheriff spoke about the gap identified at Intercept O, and in particular, where law enforcement may be able to make a difference at that intercept. Additional training and programming may be explored. In the meanwhile, SOC takes referrals at Intercept O. Magistrate explained the procedure for MIWs under the new law and anticipated change/correction sought as updated to us by Dr. Beth Keeney to allow others to make requests besides only a physician.
- IV. Discussion of local agencies and organizations who serve the mentally ill and SUD population presenting at meetings. Life Spring will be presenting at an upcoming meeting, tbd. Kimberly Pickering present fielded questions about current services offered and Project 180.
- V. Magistrate proposed for Leah Pezzarossi, Exec Director of Youth Shelter to serve on JRAC Board. Motion by Lorch. Seconded by Moon. Unanimous vote of approval. Recommendation will be made at April meeting.
- VI. Update from Connie Moon re work group for “Mental Health and Addiction Resource Support” Opioid Funds: a) they are completing an application; b) funds awarded will be referred to as “award”; c) we will host a breakfast for the award winners but will need to seek some funding approval for this (add to JRAC agenda); d) need to get press release to News and Tribune but also consider other ways of communicating with public such as a FB page. We will need to set up an email address. Anne (secretary) will answer the email and share with the group.
- VII. Schellenberger suggested another way to communicate to public re JRAC would be a report to the Commissioners at their meetings which are live streamed. Lorch suggested possibly live streaming JRAC meetings.

VIII. Adjournment at 1:15pm.