

# Mental Health & Addictions Council

Meeting Minutes  
Tuesday, August 26, 2025  
4:30 – 6:00 PM  
Zoom Meeting

**Members Attending:** Teresa Melville, Pam Pearce, Sara Clement, Dave Hunt, Bo Brinson, Cathy Horey, Beto Contreras, Catherine LeJeal, Rae Gordon, Adam Caba

**Members Unexcused:** Sheri Price

**Members Excused:** Mary Ann Andrews, Ashley Cross

**Staff:** Mary Rumbaugh, Karen Kern

**Guests:** Kathy Turner, Bill Stewart, Amber Brinson

Item	Discussion	Action/Follow up
Call to Order, Establish Quorum (XX members), Approval of Minutes –	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ Bo brought the meeting to order at 4:34pm</li> <li>➤ Introductions of members, staff and guests</li> <li>➤ Review of group norms</li> <li>➤ Approval of July Minutes. Dave: 1<sup>st</sup> Pam: 2<sup>nd</sup>. Approved by members</li> <li>➤ Acronym list updates per request from May meeting</li> </ul>	During the engagement session, note any acronyms during the discussion
BH Local Plan Community Engagement Session- <i>Kathy Turner</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ Facilitated discussion and presentation specific to the County Financial Assistance Agreement and the requirement for the BH Local Plan. Components of the plan were reviewed at a high level, including funding and priority populations to be served.</li> <li>➤ Members participated in polls to solicit feedback in the following areas: most important behavioral health challenges; substance use and mental health service priorities;</li> <li>➤ Members participated in group discussion questions including: what do you see as the most important strengths of Clackamas County BH services-what do we well? What about opportunities for innovation, to address challenges or identify areas for improvement.</li> <li>➤ Kathy will be sending out a longer survey that we hope members will complete: <a href="https://form.jotform.com/252295437118157">Survey Link</a> <a href="https://form.jotform.com/252295437118157">https://form.jotform.com/252295437118157</a> Please respond by or before <b>September 10, 2025</b></li> </ul>	<p>Kathy will be facilitating additional community engagement sessions. The Behavioral Health Division will submit the first draft and budget by 10/1 with final plan and budget due to OHA on 12/31. The draft and final plan will be shared with MHAC.</p> <p>Kathy via Mary will be sending out a longer survey link-everyone is asked to complete it even if you participated in the meeting.</p>
Committee updates – All	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ <b>Advocacy/Legislative Committee:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ HB 2005-focus on civil commitment and Aid &amp; Assist</li> <li>○ HB 2059-\$65 investment in treatment capacity (Clackamas hopes to receive \$10M for the Recovery Campus from this bill)</li> <li>○ HB 5204 \$6M workforce</li> <li>○ HB 3321-statewide youth substance use prevention plan</li> <li>○ In the short session, limits on the number of bills that can be submitted</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ <b>Nominating Committee:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ No updates and no current recruitment right now</li> </ul> </li> <li>➤ <b>Suicide Prevention Coalition Update:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ App is live on Apple-Compass to Connections</li> </ul> </li> <li>➤ <b>Director Update:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✓ Welcome Karen Kern</li> <li>✓ Stabilization Center-construction on track for completion by end of October and opening the beginning of December</li> <li>✓ Recovery Campus-in design-construction and program. Still looking for funding</li> <li>✓ Trying to manage state and federal impacts-more to come</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	
Round Table	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ Teresa Melville- Planning for return to school, please hold grace for the young folks and their family</li> <li>➤ Sara Clement- Power in Prevention conference attendee and attending several other conferences to raise parent and peer voice. Still job searching</li> <li>➤ Dave Hunt- NAMI Clackamas Party with a Purpose 9/25 at 6 pm. H3S table still has 2 seats available. Let Mary know if you are interested in joining</li> <li>➤ Pam Pearce- August 28<sup>th</sup>-4D and Clackamas County will have an overdose awareness day 11-2. Highlighted that Governor Kotek publicly signed 4 bills and one of them was prevention</li> <li>➤ Cathy Horey-Nothing for today</li> <li>➤ Rae Gordon-Singer and supporting a small business-Willamette Musical Festival this weekend. Doing a food drive that will benefit Love One</li> <li>➤ Adam Caba-appreciation for Kathy T and warm welcome to Karen</li> <li>➤ Beto-As follow up to our previous discussion, remember to support fathers with children. Fundraising event coming up. Beto will send the information to the group.</li> </ul>	
Public Comment	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ No public comment</li> </ul>	
Recap; Summarize action items; Agenda item suggestion – All	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>The meeting adjourned at 6:15 pm</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ <b>Proposed agenda: More in depth meet and greet with Karen Kern, new BH Division Director</b></li> </ul>	
Next Meeting Date and Location	<p><b>Tuesday, September 23, 2025, from 4:30-6:30 pm Hybrid-In person at Clackamas MHC and Virtual</b></p> <p>Please RSVP to Karen Kern: <a href="mailto:kkern@clackamas.us">kkern@clackamas.us</a></p>	