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8th meeting minutes of Behavioral Health and Treatment and Recovery Committees
March 30, 2023
9:00 a.m.

1. Welcome- Present: Commissioner Clark, County Manager Zinser, Deputy County Manager Linda Corliss, CDC Liaison Adam Hartwig, Sanford Housing Authority Executive Director Diane Small, York County Clinician Jennifer Ouellette, District Attorney Kathy Slattery, Sheriff King, Kennebunk Police Chief Mackenzie and Facilities Manager Rick deRochemont.
2. Review and approval of draft minutes of February 27, 2023- Sheriff King motioned to approve the minutes. Chief Mackenzie seconded the motion. Vote was unanimous.
3. Continue discussion of creation of a Foundation
 - a. Name-York County Recovery Allies Collaborative? County Manager Zinser stated that the work really needs to happen. The Committee needs to be formed to get this started. The County Manager will ask Attorney Brad Morin to help us pro-bono. He will talk to our auditing firm, also. He asked for three (committee) members to be initial officers. Diane Small, Linda Corliss and Kathy Slattery volunteered. County Manager Zinser added that the Foundation will decide who else will be part of the Foundation. County Manager Zinser showed the brick that the training facility foundation is selling.

The County Manager informed the Board that the Commissioners did approve hiring of a Director of Development. He continued that he and Linda have met with a number of people regarding this position. This position would be a liaison at the county and we would ultimately have a capital campaign. We could use some of our opioid money for this campaign. That person will do tandem things for both foundations.

- b. Groups to be part of Foundation- the three members will discuss this item further.

4. Updates-

County Manager Zinser informed committee members that the (construction) numbers came back and initial estimates are higher than we thought at \$46 million.

County Manager Zinser explained that he had a meeting with the AG's office as they have some opioid funds. Maybe the timing will work. The County Manager felt the meeting went well. The State Attorney General will need to look at his funding sources.

He continued that the meeting with the Planning Board is now in May. We are in the design development phase and then the guaranteed maximum price is next and they may ask for financing letters at that time.

Sheriff King asked if there is a Bill in to get some of the money?

The County Manager responded that there is a Bill to take \$9 million from the recovery council to redistribute to other programs. He added that he will approach them and submit a request. Our best chance right now is the A.G. County Manager Zinser informed all that another request has been made to Senator King's office for more CDS funding.

We will also continue to look at our own funding, stated the County Manager.

CDC Liaison Adam Hartwig will make introductions via e-mails between the County Manager and DHHS administrators.

Commissioner Clark reminded all to stress that we run a treatment facility now. We are proposing to do more.

Chief Mackenzie commented that we don't have enough detox beds. This (new treatment center) will solve this issue.

CDC Liaison Adam Hartwig stated that we have housing involved, commissioners involved, law enforcement involved. We have support from different communities and sectors.

District Attorney Kathy Slattery will have current Layman Way statistics available soon.

- a. conversation with VA- County Manager Zinser informed all that he had a great conversation with Ed Walsh who stated that traditionally, the VA looks at recovery from a hospital perspective and that Togus is the only facility in New England. There is no residential program.

Mr. Walsh did inform the County Manager that he believes money has been approved and they are close to breaking ground on a 24- bed unit that will provide six week residential treatment. County Manager Zinser continued that there are natural synergies here. We could help them. Mr. Walsh was supportive of the program and needs to get this to Public Affairs. Tracy- regional administrator.

County Manager Zinser added that Bonnie Pothier from Senator King's office did connect him via e-mail with Tracy, the Regional Administrator of the V.A.(in Maine) and he sent her an e-mail but hasn't heard back.

He also hasn't heard back from the Travis Mills Foundation yet.

Diane Small commented that this would really be a cost savings for the entire state.

County Manager Zinser stated that he will send out Jen's (Ouellette) work that he has named the York County model.

5. Next steps- The Foundation will move forward. They can update us at the next meeting.

6. Schedule next meeting- April 24, 2023 at 9:00 a.m.

7. Adjourn – meeting adjourned at 9:52 a.m.

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