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Meeting Minutes of Behavioral Health and Treatment and Recovery Committees
August 16, 2023
9:00 a.m.

1. Welcome- (in attendance) Executive Director York County Community Action Corporation Carter Friend, Y.C. Development Director Rachel Stansfield, Kennebunk Police Chief Robert McKenzie, Y.C. Media Specialist Tammy Wells, Sanford Housing Authority Executive Director Diane Small, Y.C. Clinician Jennifer Ouellette, Y.C. Commissioner Richard Clark, Y.C. Facilities Director Richard DeRochemont, Y.C. Sheriff William King, Recovery Advocate Torie Arsenault, Y.C. Deputy Manager Linda Corliss and Y.C. District Attorney Kathy Slattery
2. Review and approval of draft minutes of March 30, 2023- Y.C. Facilities Director Rick DeRochemont motioned to approve the minutes. Y.C. Commissioner Richard Clark seconded the motion. Vote unanimous.
3. Introduce Development Director Rachel Stansfield- County Manager Greg Zinser introduced Rachel to the Committee. He added that Rachel will be critical in assisting us.
4. Recent creation of Foundation- County Manager Zinser stated that we will discuss this item further in a future meeting, but a Foundation is in the works for the recovery side as well as the training facility. There may be one Foundation for both or maybe two.
5. Architect/Engineers/Construction Manager
 - a. Reports & Status- We are in the design/development phase, explained County Manager Zinser. Since (our last meeting) March, nothing has really changed. It has slowed down. The Training Center has been moving along at a faster pace so the designers can only focus on one design at a time, commented The County Manager. He continued that the overall design is still to have a 58-bed facility with 8 beds being observation beds. The programs offered will be short term, mid-term and long term, outpatient as well as detox.

- b. Cost estimates, timeline, if available
- c. Permitting process- County Manager Zinser stated that we are in this phase right now.

Town /State/Federal are working on their environmental assessment. We are starting to see some confusion crop up with the various government entities regarding the various study requirements, commented County Manager Zinser.
EHP

DEP (?)-

Others (?)-We learned recently that the required traffic study that we were required to have is fine.

Another required study is from the Inland Fisheries and Wildlife. We have been verbally told that this area is not conducive to the type of animals they are looking for.

County Manager Zinser continued that the only hangup might be the local permit. Layman Way Recovery Center already has approval for 36 beds with our land permit.

County Manager Zinser continued that we currently are \$7 million short overall, but we are committed to going forward. One possible way to deal with this issue could be cutting one wing off and keeping the current LWRC open. We have also brought in some additional funds through CDS. We have enough money to build the buildings, but we don't have the escalator clauses built in, explained County Manager Zinser. We know there will be change orders and the contingencies are close to \$2.5 million.

County Manager Zinser informed everyone that he and Sheriff King recently had a great conversation with Commissioner Liberty of the Department of Corrections. He relayed to us that he will e-mail all the other State Commissioners regarding these projects. He added that he is 110% behind them. He will ask if they can make any contributions.

Commissioner Liberty offered to have the furniture made for the facilities from the Maine Prison Furniture Store so we should see some savings there.

County Manager Zinser added that they did have a meeting recently with Senator King's office.

The Recovery Council is sitting on \$17 million right now stated the County Manager.

We will need to make a decision in November on how we proceed, stated County Manager Zinser. We need \$7 million over the next two years.

Sheriff King asked if there would be any benefit in this Committee sending them the Recovery Council a letter?

County Manager Zinser replied that might help as they would know there are active, fully designed projects ready to go.

Sheriff King motioned to send a collective letter to the Recovery Council supporting this project. Chief McKenzie seconded the motion. Vote- unanimous.

Y.C. Clinician Jen Ouellette commented that she had prepared an analysis about 1.5 years ago. Maine Care reimbursement rates have changed for the better. She stated that she can update that concept of operations.

Sanford Housing Authority Executive Director Diane Small commented that it is hard to hire people in that field (medical/clinical). We don't want to compete, we want to collaborate, she stated. County Manager Zinser stated that York County Community Action Corporation can work with us on staffing. He added that Greg we will have enough money to backfill based on our analysis a couple of years ago.

Diane Small suggested we contact Cait Grant from YCCC and talk with her. It was stated that she had given us the name of a social worker. Deputy Manager/H.R. Director Linda will get her name.

County Manager Zinser stated that we originally had a 40-unit housing project included with these projects, but it was dropped because the town wouldn't let us. Sanford Housing Authority Executive Director Diane Small is looking at a place in Sanford to build this so that people leaving the Treatment Center will have housing. Diane Small added that also it will be possible that we can have them stay in other buildings in Sanford.

County Manager Zinser informed all that he has spoken with Dan Brennan, the State of Maine Housing Director a while ago about our Treatment Center as we will be providing housing, recovery, food, etc. We are getting people off the street.

County Manager Greg Zinser stated that we also received an interesting lead yesterday that we should reach out to the Department of Economic and Community Development at the State regarding community development block grants.

Commissioner Clark suggested inviting the Alfred Planning Board to tour the Layman Way Recovery Center so they can see it in action.

County Manager Zinser asked Sheriff King if we could expand that visit to include the jail MAT program. Sheriff King agreed.

County Manager Zinser informed all that we have had some conversations with the abutters. Some came for the DEP permit Hearing. They were mainly concerned about the EVOC course. We have tweaked it, so they seem fine and feel it is more acceptable.

Sheriff King stated that he would like to resurrect the “bus route’ conversation. YCCAC Executive Director Carter French said he and Tom have had some conversations about this. He added that they were discussing a discharge planning program with the jail prior to COVID.

York County Development Director Rachel Stansfield stated that she is impressed with the services already set up through the IMAT program such as counseling.

Sheriff King suggested perhaps a video of successful people from IMAT and LWRC for our website.

York County Clinician Jen Ouellette added that the other important point is financial. We can treat a person for a lot less money. We could get the history of some who have been through the LWRC and IMAT program to show the Town.

Torie will help to contact the person who spoke at the Opioid summit. County Manager Zinser informed her the meeting to tour the jail and LWRC will be scheduled in September or October

SHA Executive Director Diane Small asked the County Manager if he had talked to the towns to ask how they are using their Opioid settlement money? The County Manager replied that he will do so.

6. Schedule next meeting-It was decided to meet on September 20, 2023, at 9:00 a.m.
7. Adjourn – Meeting was adjourned at 10:14 a.m.