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9:00 a.m. 7th meeting of Behavioral Health and Treatment and Recovery Committees
February 27, 2023

Present: County Manager Greg Zinser, Deputy County Manager Linda Corliss, District Attorney Kathy Slattery, City of Sanford Executive Director Sanford Housing Authority Diane Small, York County Clinician Jennifer Ouellette, Kennebunk Police Chief Robert Mackenzie, Sheriff William King, Matt Leach, Biddeford Fire Department

1. Welcome

County Manager Zinser welcomed all.

2. Review of draft minutes of February 14, 2023

Chief Mackenzie motioned to approve the minutes. Deputy Manager Corliss seconded the motion. Vote- Unanimous.

3. Discussion of Development Director

County Manager Zinser explained that he brought this (position) up to the Commissioners. Looking into it, we found that a lot of entities have this position. He explained that he has a meeting with an individual who does this type of work next week and a couple of other meetings with others.

County Manager Zinser stated that we believe opioid funds would be an allowable use of these funds. He added that he will pull together a job description and give it to the Commissioners to sign off on. We need to determine what we are asking them to fund raise for, explained the County Manager (capital costs, operational costs). Additionally, stated the County Manager, they will be able to assist us with who to reach out to.

County Manager Zinser informed the Committee that Senator King is coming here on March 10th to talk with us about both facilities. He added that committee members were welcome to attend and if they wish to do so, please let him know.

Sheriff King motioned that the Committee support the concept of a Development Director. Chief Mackenzie seconded the motion. Vote unanimous.

The Committee discussed items to review with a Development Director-capital, operational, marketing, sustainability and if they have connections to major donors.

4. Discussion of creation of a Foundation

a. Review of documents

Review of documents that the Strategic Planning and Readiness Committee has already created and will be presented to the Commissioners at their Wednesday meeting. Our attorney says this layout can be used for this committee, too. County Manager Zinser explained that our Auditors are helping us get the paperwork submitted. He continued that he will ask our attorneys if they will do this for us pro bono or give us names of a firm that might.

There were discussions regarding the possibility of a regional collaborative as we are embarking on a public health initiative. Perhaps using the Foundation to pull together a larger collaborative and therefore having a more unified approach for treatment and recovery in general.

Sanford Housing Authority Executive Director Diane Small explained how Maine Housing has HUD and that hubs have been created to provide a mandated coordinated entry. This hub assists with housing in the State of Maine. She gave an example of someone coming out of the Layman Way Recovery Center and that they could go to the HUB and obtain assistance with housing and other items.

This hub is also looking at pooling grant money received from each town/city .

County Manager Zinser commented that we have given out ARPA money in Kittery for housing and perhaps there could be a hub there with a remote location for people who have graduated from the program.

The Committee discussed who (from what organizations) do we want here as well as a name for their Foundation.

Chief Mackenzie stated that this is a public health matter so it would be important to have Adam Hartwig from the Maine CDC on board.

Matt Leach suggested also having a preventive strategies initiative especially if you have a coalition.

The Committee decided on “York County Recovery Allies Collaborative” for now and will inform other Committee members to get their thoughts.

5. Discussion of ideas for sponsors/grants/donations, etc.

County Manager Zinser suggested the Committee members start thinking now about organizations we may want to talk to.

6. Review of plans to discuss any design changes- no changes

7. Next steps-

County Manager Zinser asked the Committee what are the other groups that they might want to have part in the Foundation?

Sanford Housing Authority Executive Director Diane Small suggested perhaps having a group called Friends of the Foundation to aid with finding recovery friendly workplaces and to perhaps start a training program to get them back to work.

County Manager Zinser stated that the community college program can help us.

Chief Mackenzie informed all that construction companies collaborate with Maine Works and that they work with recovery organizations and provide transportation, etc. They have their own Foundation. He added that they supply people with everything they need.

8. Schedule next meeting

March 20, 2023 at 9:00 a.m.

9. Adjourn

Meeting adjourned at 10:30 a.m.