

Meeting Notes for Task Force on Mental Health for June 26, 2014

Brief Remarks by Mr. Andy Vallejos

- Experiencing behavioral health crisis
- We need to reach as many constituents as possible while being transparent
- Our mission is to map gaps in the behavioral health system and look for potential redundancies
- The nature of this task force is to come up with common sense solutions
- We will break into small working groups

Introductions with Comments

- We need to coordinate how we are allocating resources
- This is a bipartisan, multijurisdictional task force
- We have four months to come up with recommendations from today
- Senator Rue would like for the task force to produce a report that can be shared with the Justice Reform Subcommittee
- Question: How do you keep those with a mental illness on their medication?
- Psychiatric illnesses are often a result of social conditions

Discussion Regarding Small Working Groups

- Mr. Wayne Lindstrom proposed the following recommendations to expand on the small working groups:
 1. Not focus on only mental health conditions
 2. Focus on recovery model as opposed to maintenance model
 3. Focus on short term gains and long term solutions
 4. Must focus on financing methodologies: discussion of funding streams with finance experts; where will the money come from

5. Work force Challenges (would like to see someone from Workforce Solutions at one of the meetings)
 6. Supportive employment
 7. Technology integration
 8. Behavioral health Integration
 9. Long term prevention and early intervention
 10. We add another small working group to focus solely on funding mechanism; the task force agreed.
- Seek peer reports
 - What type of support can we provide these folks after they have been integrated?
 - Funding is the common denominator
 1. All small working groups need to discuss funding mechanisms
 2. Work with each other to catalogue all sources of funding
 3. Identify how the funding will be sustainable
 4. Would like to see financial advisors incorporated into meetings
 5. How do we get the money out of the jails and into the community?
 6. Senator Rue suggests that we focus on evidence based funding
 7. The City of Albuquerque has committed \$1.5 million for FY/15 for mental health initiatives that are to be determined by this task force
 - Suggested name change of task force from the task force on mental health to the task force for Behavioral Health Care
 - Task Force Members will select their preference of small working groups and give their choices to Jessica. For those unable to attend this meeting they will need to coordinate their choices with Jessica or Andy Vallejos.
 - Next meeting will be Wednesday, July 16th 5:30 p.m.- 7:30 p.m. in the County Commission Conference room on the 10th floor of City Hall located at 1 Civic Plaza (3rd and Marquette), 87103.
 - Meeting adjourned