



Human Services Commission
Meeting Summary
Monday, July 8, 2019, 6:30 – 8:30 pm

Members Present: Anny Smith, Shawn Roland, Vibhas Chandorkar, Rue Khosa, Abril Martinez Rodriguez, Kristen Muscott, Janet Richards

Staff: Brooke Buckingham, Alaric Bien

Guests: Chris Verschuyt, Tisza Rutherford, Susie Kroll, Kailey Fiedler-Gohlke

Mental Health/Substance Use Disorder Panel

MIDD (mental illness/drug dependency) levy

- Chris explained how MIDD fits into the overarching behavioral health and recovery system
- 2 handouts (attached) and [2017 MIDD Annual Report](#) passed out showing complex funding streams and outcomes

What's going well?

- Redmond Community Court
 - <http://bit.ly/2NITLCI> Community Court Redmond Graduate
 - <http://bit.ly/2S15Xxa> Community Court model gets repeat criminal offenders out of bad cycle
- Providers coordinating and working with one another
- [Clubhouse Model](#) using evidence based practices to support employment, education, housing
- Embedded Mental Health Professional with Redmond Police Department

What are some best practices you would like to see here?

- Being able to do outreach to shelters, low income housing to address transportation barrier to services
- Opportunities like this one to talk to commissions/staff

What are some challenges you face?

- Funding - multiple streams and reporting requirements create more administrative work
- Cost of living – not only clients, but staff having to move out of their area
- Overcoming the stigma of mental illness
- Accessing and serving diverse cultures
- Newly employed clients losing Medicaid
- Inequitable access to services and treatment
- The gap between inpatient and community care

Public Comment: none

June 10 meeting summary: Approved with following correction under Commissioner Updates, “Open Kitchen” should be changed to “summer lunch program”.

Welcome New Commissioners

Rue and Janet introduced themselves to the group and were warmly welcomed. Other commissioners also introduced themselves.

Updates from Commissioners

- Anny is a new navigator for Community Court. She will be leading a discussion on use of pronouns in introductions at the August meeting. Anny also encouraged people to consider volunteering at the [Seattle/King County Clinic](#) next February.
- Kristen announced OK 5 at Redmond United Methodist every 1st Friday – community building through fun, food and friends. They are also starting the 3rd week of the summer lunch program and have served 310 lunches so far.
- Abril is doing Running Start full time at Bellevue College this year and has also joined OneAmerica.

Updates from Staff

- As part of its cultural inclusion efforts, Redmond has officially joined the [Welcoming America](#) network.
- Council has identified cultural inclusion as 1 of 5 priority areas for the city and is [soliciting input](#) on the draft Community Strategic Plan at LetsConnectRedmond.com

Debrief of Youth and Mental Health Panels

Moved to August agenda. Commissioners are asked to jot down their thoughts for discussion next month.

Next meeting: August 12, 2019