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TO: Board of County Commissioners
Scott Vargo
Jeff Huntley
FROM: Sara R. Lopez
RE: Work Session Meeting of June 16, 2020
DATE: June 16, 2020

Attendees:

Elected Officials: Karn Stiegelmeier, Elisabeth Lawrence and Thomas C. Davidson – Commissioners

Staff: Scott Vargo, County Manager; Jeff Huntley, County Attorney; Sarah Vaine, Assistant County Manager; Bentley Henderson, Assistant County Manager; Julie Sutor, Communications Director; Cameron Turpin, Assistant County Attorney; Nicole Valentine, Public Health PIO and Sara R Lopez, Administrative Assistant.

Staff (via phone): Marty Ferris, Finance Director; Tom Gosiorowski, Public Works Director; Aaron Byrne, Landfill Director and April Paige, Executive Administrative Manager.

Guests (via phone): Walter White, Thomas Chambers, Tom Little, Tom Kroenke, Daniel Bjork, Jen McAtamney; Ann Marie Damian, Peter Siegel and others who did not sign in.

I. Water Matters, Legal Advice, Negotiations and the Legal Issues related thereto (Attorney) (Executive Session Recommended).

A motion was made by Commissioner Davidson and seconded by Commissioner Lawrence to go into Executive Session to review Water Matters, Legal Advice, Negotiations and the Legal Issues related thereto. BOCC voted 3 to 0 to go into Executive Session per CRS 24-6-402 (4) (a)(b)(e). The motion was approved.

II. Shooting Range Noise Discussion

Bentley Henderson, Tom Gosiorowski, Aaron Byrne and Summit Range Association (SRA) board members gave a digital presentation on the following topic but not limited to:

Ongoing noise mitigation complaints from residents who live immediately below the landfill, Elk Run and Summit Cove neighborhoods. Complaints include the sound of gunfire, rapidity and time of occurrence.

Noise mitigation options being considered are:

- Earthen Berm Construction
- Enclosure Construction over the shooting benches to fully enclose the structures
- Fencing of the entire site

- Limiting hours of operation, especially on the weekend
- Requiring membership to access the site, but keeping it free for Summit County residents
- Online booking

The group discussed the options and agreed that a study is needed before making any permanent decisions. Effective noise mitigation studies can range from \$20,000, for simple studies, to \$100,000, with design added into the equation. However, having the proper documentation and data is critical for pursuit of grant funding for upgrades. Mr. Henderson will request a study for future presentation to the Board.

III. Behavioral Health / Building Hope Update

Sarah Vaine and Jen McAtamney, Building Hope, gave an update on the following topic but not limited to:

Mental Health and Substance Use: Services & Recommendations

Background

Over the past five years Summit County has identified mental health and substance use service needs as high priority for the community. Intensive local planning efforts have examined the service gaps and a variety of strategies have been implemented to address the critical shortage of mental health and substance use professionals in the County.

In addition, Referred Measure 1A, known as Summit County Strong Future Initiative, was passed by the voters, authorizing a 4.7 mill property tax levy and requiring \$2 million be used for mental health and substance use programs and services. The passage of Strong Future, has led the County to further identify the gaps in mental health and substance use services and to prioritize these gaps in order to effectively invest the Strong Futures funds.

As the County has further examined community needs, emergency mental health and substance use services have emerged along with intensive outpatient treatment as the top priorities for community. Although the County has a relationship with a vendor for clinically-managed detoxification, the relationship has been strained for a number of years due to inconsistencies in the availability of services. As a result, at the beginning of 2020, the County communicated its intent to locate an alternative vendor for these services and Nancy VanDeMark, PhD was retained to assist the County in locating a new vendor.

In January of 2020, the County released a Request for Information (RFI) seeking potential partner organizations to provide mental health and substance use services in the County. The RFI asked potential vendors to identify their interest in a range of emergency and intensive services. Only three organizations responded to the RFI. None of these three potential vendors expressed an interest in operating clinically-managed detoxification program.

Regional Approach to Mental Health & Substance Use Services

During the winter of 2020, Eagle County approached Summit County about the possibility of engaging in a regional approach to mental health and substance use services and identified

clinically-managed detoxification (sometimes known as “social detox”) as a high priority for their county as well. As a result of the discussions across the two counties, Recovery Resources, the non-profit organization operating the clinically-managed detoxification program in Pitkin County was identified as a potential vendor. Recovery Resources expressed an interest in the possibility of operating a similar program in Summit County that would serve both Summit and Eagle Counties.

Because no entities expressed an interest in operating a clinically-managed detoxification program in the County during the RFI process, in May of 2020, the county requested that Recovery Resources prepare a proposal to implement a clinically-managed detoxification program to serve both Summit and Eagle Counties. Recovery Resources submitted a proposal that has been reviewed by the Summit County Strong Futures Mental Health Review Team.

As with Summit County, Eagle County has been engaged in planning efforts over the past five years that resulted in a local tax measure to fund mental health and substance use services. Through these processes, both counties have arrived at similar conclusions about their service needs. Both counties have prioritized emergency services including clinically-managed detoxification and emergency mental health care in addition to intensive outpatient treatment. Further Eagle County has concluded that a regional approach, in collaboration with Summit County, is the most cost-effective approach to meeting the two counties needs for emergency and intensive services. Currently, Eagle County Behavioral Health is assisting their law enforcement agencies with transportation of individuals needing detoxification to Summit County and planning to build mental health emergency beds that will be available to Summit County in the future.

Priorities

The extensive strategic planning work that has been done by the two counties demonstrates significant alignment in priorities and needs for mental health and substance use services across the region. Both counties have already worked to expand school-based mental health, expand the network of outpatient providers available, and have either implemented or in the process of implementing navigation services. Eagle County has expanded its mobile crisis response and the Summit County Sheriff has implemented a mental health co-responder program. Both counties identify clinically-managed detoxification, emergency mental health care and intensive outpatient programs for mental health and substance use disorders as the remaining highest priorities.

Recommendations

Based on the strategic planning work that has been done by both Eagle and Summit Counties, the RFI that was released by Summit County in January 2020, and the proposal submitted by Recovery Resources, Innovela Consulting Group recommends the following actions.

- Identify Recovery Resources as the vendor for clinically-managed detoxification in Summit County, offering a lease agreement for the space currently used for detoxification and designating Building Hope to strengthen Recovery Resources’ organizational

capacity and assist with embedding their work in the Summit and Eagle County communities.

- Designate Strong Future funding to support the operation of the program and work with the Summit County Strong Future Mental Health Review Team to satisfy any remaining questions about the operation of the program.
- Further collaborate with Eagle County to ensure the clinical and financial success of the Recovery Resources Summit County detoxification facility.
- Continue collaborative efforts with Eagle County Behavioral Health on development of emergency mental health care to be available to Summit County residents and visitors.
- Collaborate with Eagle County to identify how to bolster and share intensive outpatient services for people with mental health and/or substance use disorders.

Commissioners asked questions and thanked Sarah and Jen for their work.

IV. Managers' and Commissioners' Issues

Senior Management and Commissioners discussed several topics including but not limited to:

The department of Child Care Assistance Program (CCAP) requested the county pay staff through July. Commissioners agreed.

Commissioners also reviewed schedules and upcoming calendar events.

After lunch, Commissioners reconvened into an extended afternoon Work Session at 1:30 p.m.

V. Recent Legislation and Related Matters (Attorney) (Executive Session Recommended)

Jeff Huntley and Scott Vargo requested an amendment to the Work Session Agenda to add an Executive Session to review Recent Legislation and Related Matters.

A motion was made by Commissioner Davidson and seconded by Commissioner Lawrence to go into Executive Session to review Recent Legislation and Related Matters. BOCC voted 3 to 0 to go into Executive Session per CRS 24-6-402 (4) (b)(e). The motion was approved.

Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted:



Sara R Lopez, Deputy Clerk



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Approved by:



Karn Stiegelmeier, Chair