

### ATTENDEES:

Jim Novelli, DBH; Sheriff Joe Nole; Apple Martine and Barb Jones, JCPH; Gabbie Caudill, Believe In Recovery/Gateway to Freedom; Dr. David Carlbom, JeffCo Medical Program Director; Greg Brotherton, JeffCo Commissioner; Lori Fleming, JeffCo BHC.

### SUMMARY

The discussion centered on the consortium's readiness, the adequacy of data or lack thereof, and the strategic fit of the grant. Concerns were raised about the capacity to compile a competitive application and the necessity of strategic planning. The consensus leaned towards postponing the grant application in favor of strategic preparation for future opportunities.

### CONTEXT

The Behavioral Health Consortium met to discuss the potential application for the HRSA 24-014 RCORP-Impact grant. The discussion included reviewing the [meeting notes from a discussion led by Jim Novelli](#), where he proposed the BHC Members explore an innovative approach that involves implementing Partial Hospitalization Programs (PHPs) as an alternative to conventional inpatient care. PHPs offer intensive daytime treatment, allowing patients to stay in their communities, thus providing less disruptive and more accessible care options. This discussion was prompted by consideration of pursuing the HRSA 24-014 grant funding. [Also, Padlet was shared](#) to support this discussion with a detailed list Pros and Cons to pursuing this grant. (See the [video of this meeting](#).)

### MEMBER PERSPECTIVES ON GO/NO-GO DECISION

**Jim Novelli (DBH):** Jim outlined a model for community-based support to prevent immediate inpatient treatment and aid those exiting inpatient care, emphasizing the need for a partial hospitalization program. He highlighted the lack of state support for such a model for adults and suggested a community-based intensive treatment program. Despite recognizing the grant's potential, Jim voiced concerns about the timing and competitiveness due to population size and detailed requirements.

**Sheriff Nole:** Expressed support for community improvements but noted it sounded like this county wouldn't have the numbers of those we could impact to be competitive and that it would take someone other than him to provide the expertise and capacity to contribute to the grant pursuit.

**Apple Martine:** Shared enthusiasm for the innovative ideas Jim put forward and also advised caution due to the grant's timing and the consortium's preparedness. Apple emphasized the importance of strategic planning over hurried grant applications and her support for the development of a strategic approach to developing the idea of a Partial Hospital Program (PHP) for this county.

**Gabbie Caudill:** Expressed concerns about the county's ability to be competitive with the numbers of impacted individuals the funding is intended to support and the consortium's capacity to compile a competitive grant application in the required timeline. She advocated for additional strategic planning to support preparedness for future opportunities.

**Dr. David Carlbom:** Expressed reservations about the consortium's readiness and the adequacy of data for a successful grant application, suggesting a focus on strategic planning.

**Greg Brotherton:** Noted that, despite the unsuitable timing for this specific grant, it has been valuable for the BHC to consider pursuit of this grant, and the strategic planning effort that has been sketched out is in line with the BHC's mission and what the Consortium has been funded by Opioid Settlement dollars to accomplish.

## ACTION LIST

### Documentation and Communication

- L.F. will send out notes from this meeting to all members.
- A survey will be circulated to gather votes on the decision to pursue the grant or not.

### Strategic Planning

- Initiate a strategic planning exercise to further explore Jim's model and its applicability to the community.
- Engage in stakeholder engagement and data collection to better understand community needs.

### Grant Readiness

- Develop a comprehensive narrative of the community and potential projects to be grant-ready for future opportunities.

The action items highlight the BHC's commitment to strategic planning and preparedness for future grant opportunities that can support thoughtful improvement of Jefferson County's behavioral health system.