



COMMISSION MENTAL HEALTH MEETING COMMUNITY ROOM

October 8, 2021 @ 10:00AM

- **Discussion re:** Initial List of Issues for Crisis/Hope House Transition.
- **Discussion re:** General Discussion.

Initial List of Issues for Crisis/Hope House Transition

1. The County Commission must comply with § 7-5-2122, MCA, regarding public notice and participation.
2. Ensure that there is no loss of crisis services during the transition, and ensure there is continued availability for local and least-restrictive treatment during and after the transition by:
 - a. Providing detention in a community based setting.
 - b. Guaranteeing continuity of care for out-patient community based services (e.g. 14-day diversion and voluntary stepdown for community commitment).
 - c. Having available at all times at least one emergency detention unit for Gallatin County residents.
 - d. Providing 24/7/365 coverage for crisis intervention and care.
3. Certified Professional Persons must be available to provide first and second evaluations and to testify in-person as requested by the County Attorney's Office.
4. The County must be involved in the purchase and sale of the WMMHC Campus regarding:
 - a. Payoff of the County's remaining debt financing on the Hope House.
 - b. Existing contracts and instruments with WMMHC:
 - i. Intercreditor Agreement;
 - ii. Funding and Availability of Services Agreement;
 - iii. Master Services Agreement;
 - iv. Statement of Work # 008 (if executed); and
 - v. WMMHC Hope House Project Covenants (#2356087).
5. What, if any, is the County requested to contribute to fund the transition in services?
6. If Bozeman Health intends for WMMHC to continue to provide any services from the after the real property is purchased, what are those services and will the County need to contract further with WMMHC?
7. Hope House Remodel:
 - a. What is the expense and who will pay?

- b. To what standards will the Hope House be remodeled?
 - c. How long will the remodeling process take?
 - d. During the remodel, where will patients in emergency detention be detained?
 - e. During the remodel, will there be any availability of voluntary treatment for patients (e.g. step-down for community commitment or 14-day diversion)
8. Contract for Services:
- a. Will the County need to directly contract with Connections for any services?
 - b. If yes, should these services be procured through the RFP process instead?
 - c. Is Connections able to comply with minimum insurance requirements (\$1.5 million CGL, Auto, and Professional Liability policies naming County as additional insured), and an umbrella coverage of \$5,000,000 combined limit available under all three policies?
9. Consider the extent to which involvement and input from the district courts, other professionals (e.g., Office of Public Defender), and community stakeholders is needed.
10. Consider to what extent and how the County will remain involved in ensuring the continuity of community mental health services post-transition.
11. Consider how the County will ensure necessary services remain available post-transition for the treatment of the seriously mentally ill per Title 53, Chapter 21, Part 1, MCA, including the services required for involuntary commitment proceedings.
12. The County should hire bond counsel to assist with payoff of the existing debt financing and a real estate attorney to assist with due diligence on the WMMHC campus sale.