



# CLARK COUNTY MENTAL HEALTH SALES TAX FUNDING ADVISORY BOARD MEETING MINUTES OF MARCH 21, 2024

The Clark County Mental Health Sales Tax Funding Advisory Board convened on March 21<sup>st</sup>, 2024 via Microsoft Teams.

**1:00pm**

## **Welcome and Introductions**

The board completed introductions. Attendance: Gary Medvigy, Cheryl Stone, DeDe Sieler, Alan Melnick, Bryan Farrell, Christine Simonsmeier, Lanea VanSant, Emily Zwetzig, Jordan Boege (facilitator)

## **Advisory Board Purpose, Roles, & Resources**

The board reviewed online resources; the County website and the Clarknet page. The board reviewed the advisory board by-laws and resolution.

## **District Court Funding Reallocation Request**

Bryan Farrell presented a reallocation request from District Court related to the community court program which receives MHST funding. Community court has had far more referrals than originally anticipated, and the group considered under what circumstances funds could be reallocated. It was decided that because fund usage was still permissible under the rules of the MHST, related to the original request, and not a request for new money (funding was reallocated from unanticipated savings) the request fell under the original request and would not need to come before the advisory board or council for further deliberation.

## **2024 Process Strategy**

Conversation occurred about when and how to deal with out of cycle or reallocation requests continued more broadly, and it was requested that staff draft potential criteria for reallocations, changes, or midyear requests to strike a balance between remaining nimble while also providing a consistent, transparent, and fair process that fits within the county's budget process timeline. The MHSTAB also discussed the need for continuing and improved collaboration with smaller groups and community providers.

### **Additional Topics from Community Services**

DeDe Sieler from Community Services presented on two opportunities related to housing. The first was a minor reallocation request from Thrive2Survive, which the group decided fell into the same category as the Community Court request (minor and within the scope of the original contract). The second was related to the former Mullen Polk facility near 19<sup>th</sup> and Fourth Plain, with reported interest in using the building for housing.

### **Next Meeting**

The next meeting of the Clark County Mental Health Sales Tax Advisory Board will be held on April 25, 2024, at 3pm.