

ADAPT INTEGRATED HEALTH CARE CURRY COUNTY BHAC MINUTES

The Adapt Curry County Behavioral Health Advisory Committee met on July 7, 2025, at 3:00pm in-person and via Zoom.

Present:

X	Bevin Ankrom	X	Erin Porter	X	Harold Lowry		Isaac Hodges

X = in attendance

Staff: Jocelyn Hanan, Cherie Barnstable, Jerry O’Sullivan

I. Call to Order

- a. Attendance was taken by Bevin Ankrom

II. Minutes

- a. Minutes of the June 2025 committee meeting were presented. **Hal Lowry moved to approve the June 2025 minutes. Erin Porter seconded the motion. Motion carried.**

III. New Business

a. Adapt Telemedicine

- i. Overview of Use
 - 1. Telehealth has been widely adopted post-COVID, especially in rural and underserved communities.
 - 2. Benefits include increased access, flexibility, and continuity of care.
 - 3. Challenges include limited effectiveness for youth and individuals with chronic symptoms.
- ii. Staffing and Access
 - 1. Remote clinicians serve clients across counties.
 - 2. Telehealth rooms are available for clients without personal access to technology.
 - 3. Devices and minutes are provided to bridge access gaps.
- iii. Concerns Raised
 - 1. Differentiation between Adapt’s telehealth services and commercial telehealth mills (e.g., BetterHelp).
 - 2. Emphasis on thorough evaluations before prescribing medications.
 - 3. Importance of maintaining in-person staffing as a priority.

b. General Discussion

- i. Port Orford Services
 - 1. Discussion on staffing gaps and service availability.
 - 2. Adapt's commitment to maintaining and expanding services in Port Orford emphasized.
 - 3. Updates on recruitment efforts and partnerships with local schools.
- ii. Homelessness and Mental Health
 - 1. Community concerns raised about the high prevalence of mental health and addiction issues among the homeless population.
 - 2. Outreach efforts include peer support and crisis teams engaging individuals in the community.
 - 3. Recognition of barriers to care and the need for proactive engagement strategies.

c. Committee Membership & Applications

- i. Applications received from:
 - 1. **Jay Sworenson** (VA Representative)
 - 2. **Alicia Benavidas** (AllCare CAC Member)
- ii. Reference checks completed; both applicants to be presented to Adapt's Board for preliminary approval.
- iii. Final approval to be conducted by the committee in August.
- iv. Additional recruitment efforts ongoing.

d. DEI Policies

- i. Item moved to the August 2025 agenda

e. Gender Affirming Care in Curry County

- i. Item moved to the August 2025 agenda.

Next Meeting: The next Curry County BHAC Committee meeting scheduled for Monday, August 4, 2025.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Hilary Juedes

GLOSSARY

Behavioral Health: This term refers to a broad range of mental health and substance use disorders, life stressors, crises, and stress-related physical symptoms that affect a person's overall well-being.

Behavioral Health Care: Refers to the prevention, diagnosis, and treatment of an identified Behavioral Health condition.

CHA: Community Health Assessment, managed by CHIP.

CHIP: Community Health Improvement Plan - a group working on the CHA & CHIP process for the Community Advisory Councils (CACs) and the two CCOs in Curry County.

LADPC: Local Alcohol and Drug Planning Committee

LMHA: Local Mental Health Authority, which is Adapt in Curry County

CMHP: Community Mental Health Program

OHA: Oregon Health Authority

People with Lived Experience: A Person who identifies as having lived experience and has received or is receiving services for a behavioral health-issue or disorder or has supported family who has done or is doing so. Some people with lived experience also identify as behavioral health advocates or are people who aided in the care of a family member with a Behavioral Health Condition/disorder.