

Town of Bath Planning Commission

Minutes: November 3, 2022

1. **Call to order:** Larry Landon @ 5pm
2. **Roll Call:** Larry Landon (x), David O'Connell (zoom), Susan Webster (x), Scott Merki (), Steve Keith (x), Guest: Michael Mesveskas (zoom)
3. **Review and Approval of Minutes:** October minutes not available
4. **Comprehensive Plan Development Discussion**
 - a. Lotus Director of Development Michael Mesveskas discussed Lotus plans
 1. Michael worked at an Outpatient Drug Rehab Center located in New Jersey 2018-2020 Eventually move into project management.
 2. The selection of the Morgan County (Berkeley Springs) location was based on data assessment, looking for the geography having the greatest level of unmet needs.
 3. Inpatient facility [Acute Psychiatric beds] was not originally planned.
 4. Acute Psychiatric services were seen as an unmet need based on the experience at the Lotus Comfort WV Rehab center. The Comfort location can not handle Acute Psychiatric patients.
 5. Current plans account for 26 Psychiatric beds, 43 Drug rehab beds
 6. Michael noted that any Housing & Transportation comments were made with regards to employee needs. No plans were being made with regards to housing or transporting patients outside the Green St location.
 7. Lotus would not be treating patients with only a Psychiatric disorder but rather treat patients with Substance abuse who have comorbid psychiatric disorder.
 8. Lotus would treat substance abuse for maximum of 28 days because of insurance limits. Michael did not think that 28 days was a realistic time frame for most patients. The 28 days would be sufficient to dry out a patient but not enough time to modify behavior.
 9. Larry questioned if patients were voluntarily admitted or would they be under a court order. Michael said that patients would not to be locked-down, his experience was that most patients would not leave treatment early.
If a court order patient left early then appropriate authorities would be notified.
 10. Dave ask what portion of patients would be under court order.
Michael did not know at this point.
 11. Larry wanted to know who would be the Lotus point-of-contact during development and operation. Michael stated that he would be the point of contact.
 12. Larry wanted to know if the Local Manager would be a point of contact.
Unknown at this point.
 13. Susan wanted to understand Parking Lot usage
Steve questioned about unauthorized exits [to parking lot or local community].
Michael emphasized that patients would have the enclosed smoking patio for outside usage and the Parking Lots were primarily for employee use.
 14. Larry wanted to understand how beds would be allocated between Local vs State residence. Michael said that it would be a First-Come-First-Served approach.
 15. Larry wanted to understand Financial sources for the project.
Michael noted that there was a VA grant and some West Virginia support.
 16. Larry wanted clarification on patient transportation for medical needs.
Michael noted that patient transportation for medical needs was not be planned.
 17. Larry wanted to understand if patient outdoor excursions were being planned?
Michael: No

18. Steve want to understand how After Care and Discharge was being planned.
Michael: After Care would be desirable but not planned at this point. Transportation at time of discharge was up to the patient.
19. Steve wanted to know if there would be a local contact for with regards to discharge (e.g. Homeless Shelter, 12-Step-Program)
Michael: No
20. Susan noted that construction was planned to be completed 1st Quarter 2023
Michael noted that construction would take around 8 months
Note: Construction has not started at this point.
21. Larry wanted to know about Employee Training Programs or Employment Certification Requirements. Michael did not have this information at this point.
22. Susan pointed out that Mountain Recovery Center (outside of Martinsburg) had a Long-Term recovery plan vs the 28 day treatment plan.
Dave commented that this look like a good collaboration opportunity for Lotus.
Michael stated that there is a lot of cross pollinating between Mountain Recovery and Lotus. Michael suggested that collaboration would be a natural outcome.
23. Larry wanted to know if there was any Veteran Outreach.
Michael noted that the Veteran population was understood to be trouble population and that outreach should happen.
24. Dave reflecting on this discussion commented that Lotus (Michael) did not really have plans beyond the Lotus doors. (e.g. Unplanned discharges, ex-patients lingering around town, security/problem escalation, long-term follow-up/treatment).

5. Status of Tasks:

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6. Any New Business:

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7. Tasks For Next Meeting

8. Next Meeting: Thursday, December 1st at 5:00 PM

9. Motion to Adjourn: Time: 6:30pm approved with common consent.

Attest:

Chair:



Recorder:

