



Region 6 Behavioral Healthcare

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Behavioral Health Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes February 3, 2010

Advisory Members Present:

Mary Angus
Jo Lynn Coles
Ann Ebsen, Chair
Duane Wilcox
Brian Paulsen
Michael Touzin

Advisory Members Absent:

Donna Mahlendorf
Mike Smith

Region 6 Staff Present: Patti Jurjevich, Taren Petersen

Recorder: Amy Lett

1. **Welcome, Roll Call, and Introductions**
Ann Ebsen called the meeting to order at 9:10 a.m. Roll call was taken.
2. **Welcome New Member**
The Behavioral Health Advisory Committee welcomed new member, Michael Touzin. Mr. Touzin will be representing the Consumer Advisory Team (CAT).
3. **Approval of Meeting Minutes of December 2, 2009**
Duane Wilcox made a motion to approve the minutes. Brian Paulsen seconded the motion.
Approval of the meeting minutes from December 2, 2009, passed unanimously upon roll call vote.
The January 2010 meeting was cancelled; no minutes to approve.
4. **Approval of Agenda**
Mary Angus made a motion to approve the BHAC Agenda for 2/3/10. Brian Paulsen seconded the motion. Approval of the agenda passed upon voice vote.
5. **Administrator's Report – Patti Jurjevich**
 - Nothing to report at this point. Ms. Jurjevich will reserve her comments for Item #9 on today's agenda - FY11 Budget.

6. Election of BHAC Officers for 2010

a. Report from Nominating Committee

Mike Smith was not present and at this time there was no report from the nominating committee.

b. Election of Officers

A decision was made by all members in attendance to carry this item over to the March 2010 BHAC meeting.

7. Presentation on the Transitional Youth Professional Partner Position – Ritha Moro

Ritha Moro gave a power point presentation about the Transitional Youth Professional Partner position. Ms. Moro had been a Professional Partner in the Traditional program for 6-1/2 years before becoming the first Transitional Youth Professional Partner in October 2009.

The Transitional Youth Professional Partner position was designed to help serve people between the ages of 17 – 25 to help them transition from youth services into adult life and adult services if needed.

Ms. Moro noted her number one focus and the biggest struggle of her position is finding housing.

Ann Ebsen asked how people transitioning get their medications. Ms. Moro said One World and Douglas County Community Mental Health Center (DCCMHC) help and sometimes direct them to the manufacturer of the drug to get aid in receiving medications at little or no cost.

Ms. Moro said she works to get individuals involved with community resources including churches, YMCA, and other local agencies.

The people Ms. Moro assists include Hispanic, Black and Anglo ethnicities.

Ms. Moro's current case load is 10.

Beth Sparks, Region 6 Director of Youth Services, explained the Transitional Youth Professional Partner position is a subgroup of the Professional Partners program. She noted Ms. Moro does work to get youths in transition an adult diagnosis to see what programs they may qualify for in terms of adult assistance.

Ms. Moro stated that even if she is not able to put someone on her current case list; anyone can be referred and put on a waitlist and Ms. Moro or someone from the Professional Partner program will at least call them once a week to check in with them.

8. Capital Expenditure Request for Proposal – Patti Jurjevich

Region 6 Behavioral Healthcare originally had a request for proposal in May 2009; part of that money was awarded to Catholic Charities Journey's Program. Since then, Catholic Charities has learned that the facility they had intended on using for the Journey's Program (the former mansion of Rod Kush) is damaged beyond what they thought and they are not able to get the additional funding necessary to do the renovations at this time.

Region 6 Behavioral Healthcare is now issuing a Request for Proposal (RFP) for Capital Expenditures that will distribute \$435,000 of One-Time funds and \$518,503 of carry over funds (this latter amount needs to be spent by June 30, 2010).

A timeline was included in members' packets. Taren Petersen asked for BHAC volunteers to help on the RFP review committee. Jo Lynn Coles, Brian Paulsen and Mike Touzin volunteered.

Capital Expenditures include items such as building or remodeling a facility; not really intended to furnish a facility.

Other requests have been made to purchase a building and funds to aid in preparing land for building that is being paid for with other funds.

The RFP will be released on 2/8/2010 and proposals are due March 12, 2010.

9. FY11 Budget – Patti Jurjevich and Taren Petersen

The FY11 Budget process has started. Revenue for next year is concerning but is still uncertain; we hope to know more by the end of the week.

Region 6 Behavioral Healthcare does not currently have a contract with Lasting Hope Recovery Center (LHRC); the Department of Health and Human Services' Behavioral Health Division holds that contract. Discussions are being held by Region 6 representatives Patti Jurjevich and Taren Petersen and representatives of both LHRC and DHHS about whether or not Region 6 will take over that contract from DHHS.

Ms. Jurjevich reviewed the chart by Scot Adams that showed the FY10 Regional allocations.

In regards to the FY11 budget, Ms. Jurjevich noted that LB 603 created some difficulties for Region 6 Behavioral Healthcare in the fact that dollars were reduced from the Secure Residential allocation with the assumption that Medicaid would make up for them. The problem is that at this time, CMS has not given a response to whether or not they will approve Medicaid dollars be used to pay for Secure Residential and so no payments have been issued. This has resulted in a total reduction of \$977,000 in FY10 and will be over \$1,000,000 in FY11. In the meantime DHHS-Division of Behavioral Health, states they can cover our loss in FY10 but they will not be able to provide any funds to cover the expected \$1,000,000 loss in FY11. Regional Administrators and DHHS representatives are trying to come up with different options such as having all Regions take a cut to help distribute the loss or only Regions 4 & 6 take a loss because they are the only Regions with consumers in the Secure Residential program at present.

Scot Adams has had talks with the Governor's budget office and Region 6 expects an allocation letter by this Friday. By next month Region 6 will have a better idea of what will happen.

DHHS has indicated there is a \$963,504 shortfall in FY11 that the Regions are expected to make up.

Ms. Petersen noted the budget is now due May 1, 2010, so Region 6 plans to submit our proposal to BHAC members at the April meeting.

Ms. Jurjevich added Region 6 will hold a meeting with Provider Agency Directors after we receive our allocation letter.

10. Network System Coordination Update – Taren Petersen

See handout.

Mary Angus asked Ken Timmerman about the Advance Directive that was created recently; Mr. Timmerman noted he will get a copy of that for next month's BHAC meeting.

11. Contract Status Report for the Period Ending December 31, 2009

Handouts were included in the packets for BHAC members. Ms. Petersen noted agencies should be at the 50% point in spending down their funding. BHAC members are welcome to contact Darren Weis or Taren Petersen with any questions that may come up.

12. Mobile Crisis Response Report for the Period Ending December 31, 2009

A new report was included in BHAC members' packets and will continue to be presented at these meetings. It is the Emergency System Report and shows the number of crisis calls and diversions from Emergency Protective Custody (EPC) for Dodge, Douglas and Sarpy counties.

Ms. Ebsen asked if we are still planning to have the representatives of the Mobile Crisis Response programs come to do a presentation. Ms. Petersen said yes, we are still planning on having them come to BHAC but we decided to wait a few more months to allow the Douglas County program to get up and running and have more data to discuss. It was noted that a proposal was submitted by Heartland Family Service to expand their Sarpy Mobile Crisis Response team into Cass County.

13. Public Comment

- Mary Angus stated there will be hearing this Friday on LB 771. Ms. Angus' has concerns with this bill and hopes that Senators read the entire bill before voting on it.
- Brian Paulsen noted that Robert Nelson, an Omaha World-Herald journalist, recently published an article on his own bout with mental illness. Mr. Paulsen found it to be a very good article and discussion was held that this article should be used as a lead in for CIT trainings. Mr. Paulsen said we could also consider asking Mr. Nelson to speak at CIT.

14. Adjourn

Brian Paulsen made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Duane Wilcox seconded the motion. Meeting adjourned.

Prepared By:



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