



## Region 6 Behavioral Healthcare

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### Behavioral Health Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes June 2, 2010

**Advisory Members Present:**

Mary Angus  
Jo Lynn Coles  
Donna Mahlendorf  
Mike Smith, Chair  
Duane Wilcox  
Michael Touzin

**Advisory Members Absent:**

Ann Ebsen

**Region 6 Staff Present:** Patti Jurjevich, Taren Petersen

**Recorder:** Amy Lett

**1. Welcome, Roll Call, and Introductions**

Mike Smith called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m. Roll call was taken.

**2. Approval of Meeting Minutes of May 5, 2010**

Duane Wilcox made a motion to approve the minutes. Donna Mahlendorf seconded the motion. Mary Angus abstained from voting since she was not in attendance at that meeting.

Approval of the meeting minutes from May 5, 2010, passed unanimously upon voice vote.

**3. Approval of Agenda**

Donna Mahlendorf made a motion to approve the BHAC Agenda for June 2, 2010. Mary Angus seconded the motion. Approval of the agenda passed upon voice vote.

**4. Administrator's Report – Patti Jurjevich**

Ms. Jurjevich referred to the document included in members' packets on the Legislative Performance Audit Committee's report on Nebraska's Community Based Behavioral Health: Funds, Efficiency and Oversight. The Legislative Performance Audit Reviews are based on questions/concerns raised by Senators.

Ms. Jurjevich noted that page 1 of the Audit Summary notes there were 3 areas that were examined:

1. Funds intended to pay for community-based behavioral health services differentiated from funds intended to pay for administrative costs
2. Administrative responsibilities between the Division and the regions are clear and efficient; and
3. Oversight mechanisms are adequate. Audit staff identified a number of concerns, many of which are described as part of the following recommendations from the Legislative Performance Audit Committee.

Ms. Jurjevich asked BHAC members to review the document before the July BHAC meeting so that we can go over it in more detail at that time. She also noted there could be a desire to review a Region.

**5. Presentation on the Helpline and Family Navigator Programs – Katie Bohn, Boystown**

Katie Bohn of Boystown presented information today on the Helpline and Family Navigator Programs. She noted that Shellie Gomes is the Program Manager.

The following facts were also noted:

- The age of majority is 19 years
- Navigators are the peers that speak with callers
- Since the hotline started on Jan. 1, 2010, there have been 1250 calls between then and May 31, 2010; this is less than what the State originally projected/anticipated.
- They have had 150 navigator referrals
- They are screening for immediate safety needs by using the Lethality Risk Assessment.
- A lot of calls are from parents regarding their teen-agers with suicidal tendencies.
- The marketing department at Boystown is using media outlets such as radio and t.v. to get the word out about the hotline. They are also setting up outreach seminars, such as the one being presented today, to educate the public on the hotline. They have also sent letters to local sheriffs' departments.
- There have just been a few kids call; Boystown does have a hotline just for kids and so they generally use that number.
- There are a total of 10 – 12 operators and 2 of them are always on duty at one time.
- There have been 722 outbound calls made by Helpline personnel to follow up with families.
- Quarterly reports are going to the state and that is public information. Ms. Bohn advised people may contact her at [mary.bohn@boystown.org](mailto:mary.bohn@boystown.org) or they can also contact Shellie Gomes for information and data.
- Boystown's IT department has a database with 1200 referrals and also includes information such as insurance, sliding scale, location, etc. The resources are updated constantly.

**6. Nebraska Behavioral Health System Strategic Planning Report – Patti Jurjevich**

The second oversight commission focused efforts on creating a vision for the Behavioral Health Division – this was also required by LB 1083. Ms. Jurjevich asked that BHAC members review this document so that we can go over it in more detail at a later meeting. This report was intended to help develop priorities and goals.

Mary Angus stated she has concerns about the fact there were not many consumers represented on this committee.

John Sheehan asked that we email this document to him.

Ms. Jurjevich said the next meeting would be a good time to review this document.

**7. Network System Coordination Update – Taren Petersen**

See handout.

In regards to Katie Hruska's section about the Manager of Transition Service, she is planning to move the remaining three male persons at Norfolk Region Center (NRC) to the Lincoln Regional Center (LRC); these persons are the last people with mental health issues still at NRC and are from the Region 6 area. Ms. Hruska noted there should be no status for these men when they get to LRC unless there is an issue during transport. Ms. Hruska noted the milieu is very different at LRC as compared to NRC; the people coming from NRC have been stable for a longer period of time. All three have been at NRC for at least two years. Mary Angus asked Ms. Hruska to find out how long the men have each been at NRC. The original deadline to move these men was June 30<sup>th</sup> but Ms. Hruska was told yesterday that they will now be moved tomorrow, June 3<sup>rd</sup>.

With the transfer of these three men from NRC, Region 6 will be 1 over our bed allotment at LRC. In regards to the three men being transferred, 1 issue is finding a DD provider to help them and the other 2 are not ready for community treatment.

Ms. Angus thanked Katie Hruska for doing a good job.

**8. Status Reports for the Period Ending April 30, 2010**

**a. Network Contracts**

Handouts were included in the packets for BHAC members. Ms. Petersen noted agencies should be at the 83.3% point in spending down their funding. These figures do reflect a shift that was made. BHAC members were asked to review these and are welcome to contact Darren Weis or Taren Petersen with any questions that may come up.

**b. Mobile Crisis and EPC's**

The Emergency System Report was available in packets for members' review. Ms. Jurjevich noted this document continues to be refined to provide data. We added post crisis services. Next fiscal year we will have comparison data. Ms. Jurjevich added we are open to suggestions.

Mary Angus asked Joe Kenney to email her the amended form from his presentations at Crisis Intervention Training (CIT).

**9. Public Comment**

- No comments at this time.

**10. Adjourn**

Mary Angus made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Donna Mahlendorf seconded the motion. Meeting adjourned. Motion approved by a unanimous voice vote.

Prepared By: Amy M. Lett

Date: 8/4/10

Approved By: Michael A. Smith

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