



## Region 6 Behavioral Healthcare

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### Behavioral Health Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes December 7, 2011

#### **Advisory Members Present:**

Mary Angus  
Jo Lynn Coles  
Ann Ebsen, Vice Chair  
Theresa Sullivan  
Michael Touzin  
Michael Wehling

#### **Advisory Members Absent:**

Mike Smith, Chair  
Duane Wilcox

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

**Recorder:** Amy Lett

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

Ann Ebsen called the meeting to order. Roll call of members determined a quorum was met.

#### **2. Welcome of New Members**

##### **a. Theresa Sullivan, Consumer Advisory Team (CAT) Representative**

Region 6 Behavioral Healthcare and the Behavioral Health Advisory Committee welcomed Theresa Sullivan. Ms. Sullivan has been a member of the Consumer Advisory Team (CAT) for over a year and she is also a Peer Support Specialist with the National Alliance on Mental Illness (NAMI).

#### **3. Approval of Meeting Minutes of October 5, 2011**

Michael Wehling made a motion to approve the minutes. Michael Touzin seconded the motion. Jo Lynn Coles abstained since she did not attend that meeting. Approval of the meeting minutes from October 5, 2011, passed unanimously upon voice vote.

#### **4. Approval of Agenda**

Jo Lynn Coles made a motion to approve the BHAC Agenda for December 7, 2011. Mary Angus seconded the motion. Approval of the agenda passed upon voice vote.

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

- Next week a report is expected to be released on LR 37 which will include information from the hearings (LR 37 focuses on the effectiveness of child welfare reform). The results of the report will likely drive future plans for child welfare reform and what they do or don't do will have an impact on our system.
- As DHHS's Medicaid Division moves towards at-risk managed care, Nebraska Alliance of Behavioral Health Organizations (NABHO) initially thought they would have a place at the table in developing the Request for Proposals (RFP). However, it turns out that Medicaid thinks having NABHO at the table could be considered a conflict of interest so prior to the RFP, Medicaid will issue a Request for Information (RFI) and NABHO will be able to provide their input at that time.

**6. FY12 Funding**

**a. Review of Proposed FY12 Funding**

See handout. Region 6 Behavioral Healthcare had unallocated funds when we originally planned the FY12 budget. There were 2 main areas of focus we researched; 1. Transition Aged Youth and 2. Outpatient Medical Management. Region 6 is also still reviewing a study regarding people who are often in the Emergency Room; we would like to break the cycle of people who need emergency care so often.

In regards to plans for another Secure Residential facility; it looks like it might be more of a multi-region center and may not be located in Omaha. Clarification was made that it will be a 16-bed facility and that Region 6 would have 8 more beds. Ms. Jurjevich noted there are 28 people statewide currently on the waitlist for the Secure Residential program.

Also, a special note was made in reference to the Peer Ran Service (Acute Diversion) program that Region 6 has listed. Ken Timmerman, Manager of Consumer Affairs, explained there will be 6 components:

1. Crisis Diversion Program
2. Education
3. Warm Line
4. Follow up Program
5. Socialization Program
6. Outreach person – who will travel to Fremont, Plattsmouth and Blair to do one-on-one sessions as well as community sessions.

The closest program to what we're planning is in Leeds, England. Region 6 has been in contact with them and is learning from them.

Special Populations – people who have had numerous psychiatric incidents.  
More housing vouchers – 18 more for adults; should allow help for 20 people ages 17 – 25 years.

Housing Support Coordination – Someone to help find suitable places for people.  
Interpreter costs to help Providers cover costs to assist non-English speaking consumers.

There could be an adjustment to the total dollars if we do not get the DSH funds that we expect.

**b. BHAC Recommendation to Regional Governing Board**

Ann Ebsen asked for a motion to recommend this plan to RGB for approval. Michael Touzin made a motion and Jo Lynn Coles seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously upon roll call vote.

**7. Behavioral Health Advisory Committee (BHAC) Membership:**

See handout. End of the first term is coming due for many members; Region 6 would like to confirm those members are interested in serving a second term. We currently have openings for representatives from Cass, Dodge & Washington Counties and a representative from the Governing Board.

Mary Angus asked Region 6 send her the 1 page description of BHAC member requirements that Ms. Jurjevich mentioned.

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

See handout. Ms. Petersen noted that Region 6 is still waiting to hear about the next phase of the FEMA flood grant.

**9. Status Reports for the Period Ending October 31, 2011**

Handouts are in the packets for each of the items listed below:

**a. Contract Status Reports**

As of 10/31/11, Providers should have spent 33% of their funds. OneWorld is so low right now because their program with Region 6 just got started.

**b. Mobile Crisis Response**

Region 6 is pleased to see the LFS numbers in Douglas County are picking up. It was noted the other Regions are now developing a link between their Helpline and Mobile Crisis Response teams based on the results of Region 6's use. This chart does not reflect CPC numbers (people that go into detox).

**c. Emergency Protective Custody (EPC)**

Ann Ebsen asked if Joe Kenney could look into whether or not there has been an increase in the number of Sarpy County people being EPC'd who may have a developmental disability instead of a mental illness. Perhaps there is a training issue on who is appropriate or not to be EPC'd.

**d. Comparison of Acute and Subacute Occupancy Rates**

A handout was included in the packets. No comments or questions at this time.

**10. Selection of Nominating Committee Membership**

Ann Ebsen and Michael Touzin volunteered to be on the Nominating Committee for BHAC membership in 2012. We will vote on officers for 2012 during the January 2012 meeting.

**11. Public Comment**

- John Sheehan, Douglas County Community Mental Health Center, said he doesn't think an extra 8 beds for the Secure Residential in our Region is enough. He added that when people are ready to discharge from Acute Inpatient Care, they often need Secure Residential services. He also thinks the facility should be in Region 6.

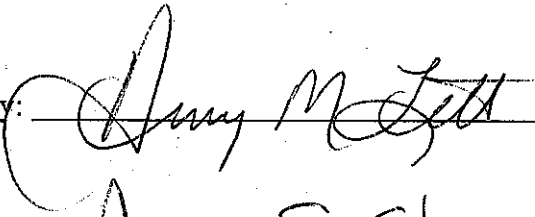
Region 6 representatives responded by saying that other Regions have expressed a desire to have the facility closer to their Regions and added that of the 16 beds in Omaha, 2 are now paid and used by Region 4. Our plan would be to see about utilizing those 2 beds and that would mean Region 6 would only utilize 6 beds in the 16 bed facility out of our Region.

- Sherry Glasnapp, Douglas County Community Mental Health Center, asked if any analysis has been done about a need in the community for more subacute beds. She stated her agency is having a hard time getting people into subacute at Lasting Hope Recovery Center (LHRC). She said lack of capacity is the biggest reason people cannot get into LHRC.
- Patrick Crouch, Telecare, noted that authorizations for Magellan are an issue for Secure Residential; people almost need to meet more of the criteria for acute. They would like to speak with Scot Adams, DHHS-DBH, about changing the service definition and meeting all 3 criteria. It was noted that Dr. Crouch is working with Micki Noah, Region 6, in an effort to help impact this change.

**12. Adjourn**

Mary Angus made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Jo Lynn Coles seconded the motion. Motion approved by a unanimous voice vote. Meeting adjourned.

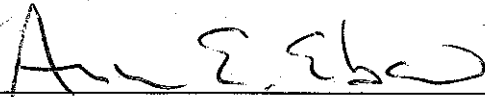
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