



Behavioral Healthcare

Behavioral Health Advisory Committee Meeting

Meeting Minutes

October 2, 2019

Advisory Members Present:

Jeff Leach
Christopher Kelly
Nancy Kelley
John Sheehan
Janet McCartney
Michael Touzin

Advisory Members Absent:

Michele Missel
Dean Loftus

Region 6 Staff Present

Taren Petersen	Joel Case
John Murphy	Mollie Marple
Miles Glasgow	Micki Noah
Jennifer Determan	Melissa Schaefer
Lorie Thomas	Dolores Bangert
Kim Kalina	Jen Hazuka
Crystal Fuller	Zachary Davison

Recorder:

Bev Juhl

1. Welcome and Roll Call

- Michael Touzin, chairing the meeting in Dean Loftus's absence, called the meeting to order at 9:00 am.

2. Approval of August 7, 2019 BHAC Meeting Minutes

- John Sheehan made a motion to approve the August 7, 2019 minutes.
- Jeff Leach seconded.
- Motion passed on voice vote.

3. Approval of Agenda

- John made a motion to approve the October 2, 2019 agenda.
- Janet McCartney seconded the motion.
- Motion passed on voice vote.

4. Administrator's Report - Patti Jurjevich

- Patti shared that there are Cost Model Increases (CMI), and that this means that there will be additional revenue funds for Plans for One, Rental Assistance and First Episode of Psychosis. The funding picture is finalized, for now.

- Patti handed out some informational sheets on the Medicaid Expansion Plan for October 2020 enrollment. Some key points that Patti made were:
 - Nebraska filed for a 1115 Demonstration Waiver. This allows a state to implement an alternative program, but it must be budget neutral.
 - Included in the handouts was a copy of the most recent update, with a timeline. Patti stated at this time, it isn't clear what the benefits will be, but that it will most likely be a tiered system.
 - Nebraska does provide services over and above what is required for Medicaid.
 - Patti also shared the upcoming hearings schedule.
 - Medicaid Expansion will have a direct impact on Region 6 services. What we don't know is, what will be funded and how quickly.
 - Next year there will be a \$4.53 million cut to the regions.
 - Chris Kelly asked if there is information out there that would show what the upcoming cuts are, Patti answered that there currently is not.
 - Currently, funding for behavioral health is tied in with funding for physical health and pharmacy, but the allocations aren't clear.
 - John asked if Patti will be testifying at these hearings, and she stated that yes, she will be.
 - Patti is concerned that there will be cuts to behavioral health, so her testimony will be that there be no cuts until Medicaid Expansion is fully implemented, as there are too many unknowns.

- Patti shared with the committee that she had attended the LR104 Committee Meeting, and that an assisted living and death in Region 3 study was done, but the report was not accurate. Patti tried to educate members of the LR104 Committee on the region's limited roles.

- Patti then shared that she had also attended the LR160 Committee meeting on September 27th. Senator Howard introduced a study. Patti testified and again clarified the region's role.

- Patti reminded everyone that the Holiday Luncheon for the BHAC members will be after the December 4th meeting, which will begin at 10:00 instead of 9:00. When the meeting adjourns, then they will go for lunch. Further information on the location will be forthcoming.

5. Annual Site Visit Summary FY19 – John Murphy

- John gave a brief overview of his Annual Site Visit Summary
- Committee member Nancy Kelly asked John to give some examples of things that would need corrective action on the Expense Verification, so he gave a few.
- There were no further questions.

6. Spotlight on Services – Youth System Coordination – Melissa Schaefer

- Melissa shared with everyone what role Region 6 has in the Youth System Coordination. She handed out a flyer that further details the services offered.
- She briefly explained Region 6 funded services and what each one does.
- Some of the local and statewide initiatives are:
 - The 2015 First Episode of Psychosis Pilot
 - Suicide Prevention
 - Safe storage for firearms and pharmaceuticals
 - Various trainings and workshops

- Melissa shared that there is an upcoming Seeking Safety training to be held on October 18th
- Committee member Chris Kelly asked how many schools are served, and Melissa answered that there are currently 3 school districts that are involved. Those districts are Ralston, Millard and Bellevue.
- Committee member Michael Touzin asked if the colleges are also involved and Melissa shared that they are actually partners in a prevention plan.

7. Request for Proposal (RFP) Process and Timeline – Taren Petersen

- The RFP is for Psychiatric Emergency Services (PES).
- UNMC was the first to “step up to the table”.
- Taren presented the schedule of events and timeline for the RFP
- Taren then asked if there were any volunteers from the committee that would like to sit in on the process and Michael Touzin and Chris Kelly volunteered their services.

8. Network Services Update - Taren Petersen

- Taren gave a monthly update on Network Services and stated that there seems to be a trend in transitions from legal to Board of Mental Health. Taren is questioning why the trend and what it may mean. Lorie Thomas will compile data and report on it next month.

9. Status Reports for Period Ending August 31, 2019. – Taren Petersen

- Taren gave a brief overview of each report and explained the Cost Model Increases (CMI) and that CMI can't be moved to any other program that already receives CMI.
- There have been reductions in all counties for Emergency Protective Custody (EPC). This doesn't usually happen, and is a good trend.
- Reports were included in the packets for everyone's review.

10. Public Comments

- Miles shared with everyone that Nebraska Medicine closed their 10 acute beds.
- There were no further comments
- The next meeting will be held on November 6, 2019.

11. Adjourn

- John Sheehan made a motion to adjourn.
- Jeff Leach seconded the motion.
- Motion passed on voice vote.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:55 a.m.

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