



Behavioral Health Advisory Committee Meeting
Meeting Minutes
Nov. 6, 2019

Advisory Members Present:

Jeff Leach
Michele Missel
Christopher Kelly
Nancy Kelley
John Sheehan
Dean Loftus
Janet McCartney
Michael Touzin

Advisory Members Absent:

None

Region 6 Staff Present

Patti Jurjevich
Taren Petersen
Lorie Thomas
Crystal Fuller

Recorder:

Bev Juhl

1. Welcome and Roll Call

- Dean Loftus, Chair, called the meeting to order at 9:00 am.

2. Approval of Meeting Minutes from October 2, 2019 BHAC

- John Sheehan made a motion to approve the October 2, 2019 minutes.
- Michael Touzin seconded.
- Dean abstained.
- Motion passed on voice vote.

3. Approval of Agenda

- John made a motion to approve the November 6, 2019 agenda.
- Michele Missel seconded the motion.
- Motion passed on voice vote.

4. Administrator's Report - Patti Jurjevich

- Patti reminded the members that the December 4th meeting will begin at 10:00am. After the meeting, the Holiday Luncheon will be held at Johnny's Italian Steakhouse.
- Patti shared that a listening session on Medicaid expansion will be held at UNO on Nov. 12th.

- We are in year two of the biennium, and there will be a \$4.35 million cut across the regions. Region 6 will see a \$1.3 million cut. These cuts are in anticipation of cost saving because Medicaid expansion.
- Patti has been visiting with state senators, and sharing her concerns that it is premature to make these cuts prior to the implementation of Medicaid expansion.
- The Regional Administrators are working to try to get the reduction removed from the FY21 budget.
- There will be a Mental Health First Aid training to be held here at Region 6 on January 23, 2020.

5. Spotlight on Services, Transition Services - Lorie Thomas

- Transition Services focuses on helping consumers that in an inpatient psychiatric hospital, reach the next level of care, whatever that may be.
- The program is an adult only program
- The program makes sure that there is oversight at all levels of care.
- Lorie had a handout that everyone received, with current data and comparisons.
- There are on average 40 people on the waitlist.
- The wait time is on average 45 days.
- The goal is to stabilize the consumer within 6 months.
- There is discouragement among the doctors because of the length of time from start to end.
- Challenges include; the number of beds allotted has dropped from 90 to 70 statewide, customizing the best discharge plan, that there are only 169 spots, state wide for Telecare, the length of time from start to end, and trying to find the best care for repeat consumers.
- Lorrie then shared a success story, as she wants it to be known that the program does work.
- BHAC member Christopher Kelly asked why there isn't a regional center, funding often plays a part in the picture. There are 3 centers in the state, they are located in Norfolk, Lincoln and Hastings, but the push is to develop community-based services. Chris then asked are we in danger of exceeding capacity? Yes, but the state doesn't see the need to add capacity at this point.
- Priority is given to court ordered consumers.

6. FY20 Funding for Prevention Block Grant – Crystal Fuller

- a. Review of the Coalition's Additional Activities
 - Crystal presented an overview of programs funded by this Block Grant, and shared that LiveWise is no longer operational. She would like to shift funds from LiveWise to Coalition Rx and Omaha Collegiate Consortium.
- b. BHAC recommendation to the Regional Governing Board
 - Jeff Leach made a motion to present for approval to the Regional Governing Board.
 - Michael seconded.
 - Motion passed on voice vote.

7. Psychiatric Emergency Services (PES) Request for Proposal (RFP) – Taren Petersen

- a. Taren presented a recap of the schedule. There was only one proposal, which was from Nebraska Medicine. There were 9 individuals on the RFP Review Committee. John Sheehan asked where is the proposed location and Taren

answered that it will be located at the Clarkson Hospital, in the previous Emergency Department.

- b. BHAC recommendation to the Regional Governing Board
 - Michele Missel made a motion to present for approval to the Regional Governing Board.
 - Janet McCartney seconded.
 - Motion passed on voice vote.

8. Update on Heartland Family Services Outpatient Services – Taren Petersen

- Taren updated the committee that the “Better Together Program” has closed as of October 31, 2019.

9. PATH Services Overview – Taren Petersen

- Taren presented the committee with a PowerPoint that highlighted what PATH Services are, what they do, and how they are funded.

10. Network Services Update - Taren Petersen

- Taren updated the committee with the activities that have been participated in and accomplishments that have been achieved by the Transition Services, Housing and Nebraska Strong programs.
- Michael shared that there is a program for victims of the spring flooding, to receive a Christmas tree.
- John asked Taren how long will the Nebraska Strong Recovery Project last and Taren answered that it is projected to run to March, 2020.

11. Status Reports for Period Ending October, 2019. – Taren Petersen

- Taren gave a brief overview of each report.
- Reports were included in the packets for everyone’s review.
- Michael asked if there will be a tour of the PES when it is completed, Taren answered that she would assume that there would be some type of open house.
- John asked what the capacity would be and Taren wasn’t sure what the final numbers would be, but at this point, the estimate is 6 beds for higher level of care, 4 beds for general care and 8 to 12 beds for general observation.

12. Public Comments

- There were no public comments.
- The next meeting will be held on December 4, 2019.

13. Adjourn

- John made a motion to adjourn.
- Michael seconded the motion.
- Motion passed on voice vote.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:15 a.m.

Prepared By: _____ Date: _____

Approved By: _____ Date: _____