



Behavioral Healthcare

Behavioral Health Advisory Committee Meeting

Meeting Minutes
December 4, 2019

Advisory Members Present:

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

Advisory Members Absent:

None

Region 6 Staff Present

- Patti Jurjevich
- Taren Petersen
- Vicki Maca
- Dolores Bangert

Recorder:

Bev Juhl

1. Welcome and Roll Call

- Dean Loftus, Chair, called the meeting to order at 10:00am

2. Approval of November 6, 2019 BHAC Meeting Minutes

- Michael Touzin made a motion to approve the November 6, 2019 minutes.
- John Sheehan seconded, with the notation that there will be a correction to page 2, paragraph 5, bulleted item 11, with the first sentence to corrected to "BHAC member Christopher Kelly asked why there isn't an Omaha regional center"
- Motion passed on voice vote.

3. Approval of Agenda

- John made a motion to approve the December 4, 2019 agenda.
- Janet McCartney seconded the motion.
- Motion passed on voice vote.

4. Administrator's Report - Patti Jurjevich

- Patti shared with the committee that the state budget sessions will begin on January 28th, 2020 and that April 23rd, 2020 is the last scheduled session.
- Patti has been meeting with a few of the state senators, sharing information with them on the impact the \$1.3 million cuts in mental health will have on the region.

- October 2020 is the expected startup for Medicaid Expansion, but many officials are not sure that the startup date is reasonable. Some of their concerns are, 1115 Waiver, the 2-tier system, the length of implementation, and costs, which will include extra staffing costs.
- There is much competition for these dollars, for example, nursing homes, corrections and the impact of flooding in this area last spring.
- Michael Touzin asked if it is at the state or federal level that these cuts are happening and Patti replied that it is primarily at the state level.
- Patti asked the committee members if they would like to reschedule or cancel the January 1, 2020 meeting, as it is a holiday. The members are in agreement to cancel the meeting, and will meet next, on February 5th, 2020 unless there is an urgent need to meet in January, then they will re-schedule.

5. Spotlight on Services – Stepping Up Initiative – Vicki Maca

- The members' packets included a flyer giving an overview of the initiative.
- The Stepping Up Initiative is a national initiative that was started in 2015 by NACo for incarcerated individuals with mental illness, who are charged with minor crimes.
- The initiative has four main goals:
 - a. Reduce the number of people with mental illnesses booked into jail
 - b. Increase connections to treatment
 - c. Reduce the length of time spent in jail
 - d. Reduce recidivism
- There are 17 Innovator Counties nationwide, with Douglas and Sarpy counties being 2 of the 17.
- The biggest successes locally, that have been reached, is the relationship building between the criminal justice system and the behavioral health system.
- The biggest challenge has been in information sharing.
- Vicki just returned from a Stepping Up conference in Tulsa, and one of the significant take-aways was the positive culture shift they have created.
- Nationally, counties have prioritized the following:
 - a. The urgency of access to services
 - b. Leadership - Sheriff
 - c. Energy and effort with diversion and early intervention
 - d. Commitment to Crisis Intervention Training (CIT)
 - e. Mobile Crisis Response
 - f. Behavioral Health crisis lines
 - g. Familiar Faces Program
- There were numerous questions to Vicki from the committee members and discussions on what she learned and observed, with Vicki stating that the conference was very informative.
- The committee members thanked Vicki for all that she has done in regards to getting the Stepping Up Initiative implemented here.

6. Update on System of Care – Dolores Bangert

- Dolores presented a PowerPoint on System of Care, and included a budget that was in packets for the committee members to review.
- This program is about communities.
- Parent and Children Together (PACT) is a prevention/early intervention program and is available 24/7.
- There is a high level of supervisor and consultant oversight that provides consistency to the families.

- Nancy Kelley asked what the caseload is and Dolores answered that it is on average 8 to 10 families per caseworker.
- Nancy the asked if it is a multi-tier care system and Dolores shared that it is built upon the “Homebuilders” style of care.
- Dolores then shared with the committee the admission criteria for the PACT program.
- Dolores then went on to give an overview of another SOC program, the Youth Peer Support Program.
- This program promotes recovery through mutuality.
- There were numerous questions for Dolores from the committee members on these programs and they thanked her for sharing the information.

7. Appointment of Nominating Committee for 2020 Officers – Patti Jurjevich

- Patti asked the committee members if anyone would be interested in being on the nominating committee for the 2020 officers.
- Michael Touzin, Dean Loftus and Michele Missel volunteered to be on the committee.
- The election of officers will be held at the February 5, 2020 BHAC meeting.

8. FY21 Budget Timeline – Taren Petersen

- Taren shared with the committee members the timeline for the FY21 budget.
- Taren stated that the budget is not prepared in isolation.
- A printed copy of the timeline and of the budgeting process was included in e everyone’s packets for review.
- The Preliminary Regional Budget Plan is due to the division on or before April1, 2020.

9. Network Services Update - Taren Petersen

- Taren gave a monthly update on Network Services and stated that the Lincoln Regional Center waitlist is at 38, and that 6 of those are from BOMH.
- Nebraska Strong has been very active in a great number of activities.
- Reports were included in the packets for everyone’s review.

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

- Taren gave a brief overview of each report.
- The Mental Health draw down is higher than targeted, but not alarming.
- The Substance Use draw down is at a brisk pace and a little bit concerning. This will continue to be watched closely.
- Reports were included in the packets for everyone’s review.

11. Public Comments

- There were no further comments
- The next meeting will be held on February 5, 2020.

12. Adjourn

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

The meeting was adjourned at 11:24am

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Approved By: *[Signature]* Date: *2/5/2020*