



Behavioral Health Advisory Committee Meeting

Meeting Minutes

February 5, 2020

Behavioral Healthcare

Advisory Members Present:

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

Advisory Members Absent:

John Sheehan

Region 6 Staff Present

Patti Jurjevich
Taren Petersen
Crystal Fuller

Recorder:

Bev Juhl

1. Welcome and Roll Call

Dean Loftus, Chair called the meeting to order at 9:00AM

2. Approval of Meeting Minutes from December 4, 2019 BHAC

Michele Missel made a motion to approve
Michael Touzin seconded the motion
The motion passed unanimously upon voice vote

3. Approval of Agenda

Janet McCartney made a motion to approve
Michele seconded the motion
The motion passed unanimously upon voice vote.

4. Administrator's Report – Patti Jurjevich

- a. Patti Jurjevich updated the Committee on LB 897
 - There will be a \$1.2 million reduction in the DHHS budget for Behavioral Health
 - This reduction is reflected in the FY21 budget
 - The FY21 budget will be brought to the Committee at the March 4th, 2020 meeting
- b. Patti notified the Committee that 2 current members, Dean Loftus and Michael Touzin will be leaving the Behavioral Health Advisory Committee, and thanked them for their commitment and for serving on the Committee

5. Request for Letters (RFL) for the Substance Abuse Prevention Block Grant - Crystal Fuller

- a. Review the RFL Process and Funding Recommendation
 - Crystal Fuller brought the board up to date on the status and goals on the Substance Abuse Prevention Block Grant
 - There was a printout of the information in everyone's packet for review
 - Crystal recommended 3 organizations, Coalition Rx, Omaha Collegiate Consortium and Project Extra Mile to receive money from the grant
 - The total of all three budget requests is \$302,353.00, resulting in an under request of \$60,647.00
 - The Review Committee felt that each proposal met RFL expectations and were reasonable fiscal requests, and therefor recommended full financial requests for all three coalitions
 - Crystal stated that one aspect among all proposals was limited evaluation strategies and based on the overall identified gap, the Review Committee proposed to use the unallocated funds for a coordinated evaluation effort for all Block Grant funded activities
 - Nancy Kelley asked if they had anyone in mind for this, and Crystal stated that no, they do not, and that it will have to go up for bid
 - Crystal told the Advisory Committee that she will email them when the bid is publicly posted.
- b. BHAC Recommendation to Regional Governing Board
 - Michele made a motion to approve the recommendation, and Nancy seconded the motion
 - The motion passed unanimously upon voice vote.

6. Spotlight on Services – Senior Manager of Prevention Services – Crystal Fuller

During a question and answer session with Taren Petersen, Crystal presented an overview of Prevention Services, defining what it is, and what services are offered

- Crystal has been with Region 6 for approximately 12 ½ years and of those, 8 ½ have been with Prevention
- Prevention focuses on three areas; usage prevention, mental health and suicide prevention
- Region 6 Prevention Services works closely with the DBH Prevention Department
- Funding is provided only to Coalitions, and there are currently 6 Coalitions in the 5-county region
- Funding sources are Federal Block grant, Discretionary Grant, The Division of Public Health and various Foundations
- Prevention Services has access to a large training basis, and in turn, Crystal provides over 60 Mental Health First Aid trainings each year
- She also provides trainings for Substance Abuse Skills
- Crystal stated that the changes she is seeing is that in years prior, the focus was on underage drinking and tobacco prevention, now the focus is on mental health, meth addiction and prescription medication abuse
- Crystal shared that science has proven that prevention works, and Region 6 has integrated prevention in all areas
- Taren then asked if anyone had any questions, and Nancy asked which coalitions are in all of the counties, Crystal answered

- Three Rivers is in Dodge and Washington
- Sarpy/Cass Health Department is in both Sarpy and Cass counties
- Coalition Rx is in all 5 counties
- Omaha Collegiate Consortium is in all 5 counties
- Project Extra Mile is in Douglas and Sarpy Counties
- Metro Omaha is in Douglas County

7. 2020 Officers – Dean Loftus (Chair)

- a. Report from Nomination Committee
- b. Election of Officers
 - Jeff Leach has agreed to be Vice Chair
 - Janet moved to approve the recommendation, and Michele seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously upon voice vote.
 - Michele Missel has agreed to be Chair
 - Chris Kelly moved to approve the recommendation, and Michael Touzin seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously upon voice vote.
 - At this time, Dean yielded the chair to Michele

8. Network Services Update – Taren Petersen

Updates were included in the packets for everyone's review.

- Taren stated that Region 6 has 34 individuals currently at the Lincoln Regional Center
- The Disaster Recovery Project is still going strong, with 108 encounters in January
- Taren also shared information on upcoming trainings in Ethics in Clinical Supervision and Suicide Safety planning and encouraged the Committee members to attend

9. Status Reports for Period Ending June 2018

Reports were included in the packets for everyone's review.

- a. Contract Status Reports
 - Taren gave an overview of the December, 2019 reports
 - Providers are pulling down their dollars at a faster pace, with Mental Health at 49.16% and Substance Use at 58.07%
 - The Quarter 2 budget shifts are reflected in these reports
- b. Taren gave an update of the Mobile Crisis Response
 - There were 463 calls in the first half of the year
- c. Emergency Protective Custody
 - There were 188 EPC, this is down overall, about 3%, and this is a positive trend
- d. Acute and Subacute Occupancy Rates
 - Douglas County beds are temporally closed, they are making some changes, and then they will re-open

10. Public Comments

Michele commented that the Hope Center in Fremont has closed
There were no further public comments

Dean made a motion to adjourn, Michael seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously upon voice vote

The meeting was adjourned at 9:36AM

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