



Behavioral Health Advisory Committee Meeting
Meeting Minutes
March 4, 2020

Advisory Members Present:

Jeff Leach
Christopher Kelly
Nancy Kelley
Robert Hillabrand
John Sheehan
Janet McCartney

Advisory Members Absent:

Michele Missel

Region 6 Staff Present

Patti Jurjevich
Taren Petersen
Jennifer Determan
Lorie Thomas

Recorder:

Bev Juhl

1. Welcome and Roll Call

Jeff Leach, Co-Chair, in Michele Missel's absence, called the meeting to order at 9:01AM. Jeff welcomed new BHAC member, Robert Hillabrand, and invited him to share a little about himself.

- Robert has been with Sarpy County for 18 years, currently a Sergeant
- He is a Mental Health Project Coordinator
- He is also a Certified CIT
- A member of Stepping-Up
- Involved in the Familiar Faces Project

2. Approval of Meeting Minutes from Feb. 5, 2020 BHAC

John Sheehan questioned the Feb. 5, 2020 minutes, asking if agenda item 6, bullet #10, arrow #2, should be changed to: Sarpy/Cass Health Department is in both Sarpy and Cass counties. Christopher Kelly made a motion to approve the change in the Feb. 5, 2020 minutes. Janet McCartney seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously upon voice vote. Nancy Kelley made a motion to approve the Feb. 5, 2020 minutes with the change made. Janet seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously upon voice vote.

3. Approval of Agenda

John made a motion to approve the March 4, 2020 Agenda. Chris seconded the motion.

The motion passed unanimously upon voice vote

4. Administrator's Report – Patti Jurjevich

Patti updated the committee on the status of LB897. There is some hope that the behavioral health system will get back some of the dollars that were cut prematurely because of Medicaid Expansion

Janet stated that she had written a letter of support to the senators, and Patti thanked her and everyone else that had contacted the senators

5. Request for Letters (RFL) for the State Opioid Response (SOR) Grant – Jennifer Determan

a. Review of the RFL Process and Funding Recommendation

- Jennifer brought the board up to date on the status and goals of the SOR Grant
- There was a printout of the information in everyone's packet for review
- There were two organizations that submitted proposed budgets, implementation plans and county cover plans within the deadline
- Based upon the Review Committee's evaluation, Jennifer recommended that the two organizations, Bell House and Heartland Family Service would receive money from the grant
- The total of both budget requests is \$10,239.96
- Region 6 Behavioral Healthcare is planning to re-release a Request for Letters for Recovery Housing, as the project still has \$190,00.00 in funds available, and the goal is to support work in the community for this population
- The re-release of the RFL will enable the current providers to submit needed detail to additional projects they would like to receive funding for and allow other providers another opportunity to submit proposals

b. BHAC Recommendation to Regional Governing Board

- John made a motion to approve the recommendation
- Nancy seconded the motion
- The motion passed unanimously upon voice vote

6. Update of the System of Care (SOC) Revised Budget – Taren Petersen

Taren gave an update on a \$50,000.00 increase in funding

- This increase will be used to pay Memorial Community Hospital & Health System for the hiring of a licensed mental health therapist for 16 hours per week
- The therapist will provide therapy to children and youth with mental health challenges
- The position will end Sept. 30, 2020 when the 4-year grant ends
- The hope is that there will be a no cost extension made available for another year's worth of funding
- In February 2021, applications will be taken for a new SOC grant
- Nancy asked what will happen if we don't receive the leftover funding, and Taren replied that the program will end
- Chris then inquired what the amount would be, Taren stated that it would probably be similar amounts, but she isn't sure

7. Update of the NE Mental Health and Aging Coalition (NeMHAC) – Lorie Thomas

Lorie updated the committee members on the progress that NeMAHC has made

- The coalition began in 2016

- The main purpose is to advocate for improved resources and services for older adults with mental health needs
- They have a new logo and each color is representative of an awareness group
- Region 6 identified services to an older adult population as an area needing focus
- The demographic is changing, the completed suicide rates among Nebraskans ages 50 and older was higher than the rate among younger age groups
- The 2020 Key Initiatives are:
 - Pilot the Older Adult Services Learning Collaborative's Style Assessment Tool
 - Increase community Awareness through branding and media presence
 - Educate community providers through the 4th annual Mental Health and Aging Conference
 - Provide additional training resources for first responders, CNAs and Medication Aides
- The population of older adults in the U.S. is anticipated to nearly double over the next 20 years, with 20 % of the population 65 or older, which means there will be approximately the same percentage of the population 65 and older as 18 and younger

8. FY21 Regional Budget Plan – Taren Petersen

a. Review of Funding and Budget Narrative

- Taren stated that the biggest changes are because of Medicaid Expansion
- It was challenging to make the cuts, and to do it fairly, so, ultimately it was decided to make a 10.89% cut across the board, using a formula, which is described in the budget narrative
- Next, she gave an overview of the revenue and asked if there were any questions, there were none
- Taren then went more in depth and explained cost modeling
 - John asked if PES is one of the services that will stay the same, Taren said that yes, it will, the 10.89% cut was not made as there isn't a history to base the cut on
 - Chris stated that the dollar amounts for Nebraska Medicine is the same as it is for Fremont Methodist, is there flexibility in this? Taren answered that yes, there is, that is when budget shifts occur
 - John asked was there a cut to the Emergency Psychiatric observation, Taren responded that it wasn't a cut, but that the dollars weren't being utilized, so the budget was lowered
 - Patti wanted to point out that PES will only be in operation for 11 months, as it will open in August, so that explains the lower dollar amount
- Taren then gave a quick summary on how Medicaid Expansion has impacted the budget, and that no one is sure how this will play out
- Taren reminded everyone that this is a preliminary budget, and that it may change

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- Chris made a motion to approve the recommendation
- John seconded the motion
- The motion passed unanimously upon voice vote

9. Network Services Update – Taren Petersen

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

- Taren stated that the Nebraska Strong Team has done a great job, and that the program will run through the middle of May, 2020

10. Status Reports for Period Ending January 31, 2020

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

- Contract Status Reports
 - Taren gave an overview of the January, 2020 reports
 - Providers are pulling down their dollars at an even pace, with Mental Health at 55.65%, below the expected 58.33%, but Substance Use is at 62.94% which is above the expected rate of 58.33%
- Mobile Crisis Response
 - Taren gave an update on the January, 2020 report
- Emergency Protective Custody
 - Taren gave an update on the January, 2020 report
 - Chris asked if it would be possible to separate EPC calls according to age, both Taren and Miles responded that yes, that is possible, and it will be separated out in the next month’s report, and in the subsequent reports
- Acute and Subacute Occupancy Rates
 - Douglas County and Lincoln Regional Center beds are temporally closed, they are making some changes, and then they will re-open
 - The number of beds is dropping, as facilities are needing to do some updating to be compliant with new ligature requirements
 - Taren asked if anyone had any questions, and there were none

11. Public Comments

- Taren stated that she appreciated all the help R6 Fiscal Director Susan Wiggins gave in the process of putting together the FY21 budget
- There were no further public comments
- Janet made a motion to adjourn
- Robert Hillabrand seconded the motion
- The motion passed unanimously upon voice vote

The meeting was adjourned at 10:32AM

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