



Behavioral Healthcare

Behavioral Health Advisory Committee Meeting

Meeting Minutes

August 5, 2020

Advisory Members Present:

Michele Missel
Christopher Kelly
Janet McCartney
George Fisher
Jeff Leach
Rob Hillabrand

Advisory Members Absent:

Nancy Kelley
John Sheehan
Martha Heydenreich

Region 6 Staff Present

Patti Jurjevich
Taren Petersen

Recorder:

Bev Juhl

1. Welcome and Roll Call

Michele Missel, called the meeting to order at 9:04AM

2. Approval of Meeting Minutes from June 3, 2020 BHAC

Christopher Kelly made a motion to approve the June 3, 2020 minutes
Janet McCartney seconded the motion
The motion passed unanimously upon voice vote

3. Approval of Agenda

Jeff Leach made a motion to approve the August 5, 2020 Agenda
Rob Hillabrand seconded the motion
The motion passed unanimously upon voice vote

4. Administrator's Report - Patti Jurjevich

Patti updated the Committee on the Budget Bill

- a. There were no cuts
- b. There was an increase in the Behavioral Health Medicaid Funding
- c. If Medicaid Expansion doesn't begin on October 1, 2020, as planned, the Regions can get dollars back, as services would be funded by our system rather than Medicaid Expansion
- d. NABHO will be discussing how this will be monitored
- e. The Governor has until August 6, 2020 to veto
- f. Veto overrides are next week
- g. There will be deeper cuts in the upcoming two years to fund Medicaid Expansion

- i. \$5.8 million in FY22
 - ii. \$5.9 million in FY23
- h. Patti then shared a NABHO Interim Studies Report with the Committee members and a copy is in their packets

5. Request for Letters (RFL) Update – Taren Petersen

Taren shared with the Committee members that there were only two responses, and both were submitted to Region 6 after the deadline

- a. Region 6 Behavioral Healthcare staff members met to discuss the available dollars and best ways to spend the dollars by the September 30, 2020 deadline. The following is a list of the alternative activities established by Region 6 staff members:
 - i. \$10,500 for Lutheran Family Service expansion of technology for crisis response
 - 4 iPad Tablets, w/ 2yr of AppleCare with 4 signature pens with data, currently \$1680.00 a piece, \$6720.00 total
 - 2 Lenovo Laptops, \$3600 total
 - 2 Webcams, \$200 total
 - ii. \$15,000 for additional medication lockboxes
 - iii. \$74,340 for Narcan
 - iv. \$100,000 in Deterra Medication Disposal Pouches.
 - Small-\$605 x 15 = \$9,075
 - Medium-\$704 x 65 = \$45,760
 - Large-\$471 x 85 = \$40,035
 - Extra Large-\$501 x 10 = \$5,010
- b. Rob Hillabrand made a motion to approve a recommendation to the Regional Governing Board
Jeff Leach seconded the motion
The motion passed unanimously upon voice vote

6. Update on Current Grants – Taren Petersen

- a. SAMHSA Disaster School-based Grant
 - i. Region 6 was awarded this grant for \$999,627.00 in April 2020
 - ii. The grant period is from 4/30/2020 to 10/29/2021
 - iii. This federal grant provides trauma-informed services to include education, training and counseling for youth, families, teachers, administrators and community members in areas impacted by recent disasters
- b. SAMHSA Emergency Grant (SEG)
 - i. Funding is for a total of \$2 million over a 16-month time span
 - ii. This grant will address mental health and substance use of adults in Nebraska that meet DBH financial eligibility requirements
- c. CCP-COVID-19 Grant
 - i. This grant is to ensure crisis counseling and individual assistance to persons who reside in the Region 6 counties impacted by COVID-19
 - ii. The grant period is from April 1, 2020 to June 29, 2020
 - iii. The grant amount is for \$411,099.68
- d. TTI Grant
 - i. This grant is for the purpose of monitoring Acute bed availability in real time
 - ii. The program is 5 weeks from launch
 - iii. Taren stated that she will add reports on this to her Monthly Network Services Update

7. Update on Friendship Program

Taren shared that Friendship Program is closing its doors on August 13, 2020, this Day Rehab program has been a long-term partner with Region 6

- a. George Fisher asked where these people would be able to go and Taren responded that Region 6 is working with Friendship Program and other providers to ease the transition
- b. Community Alliance is offering Day Rehab
- c. Three agencies are offering community support and consumers will choose where they want to go

8. Update on Psychiatric Emergency System (PES) – Taren Petersen

Taren gave an update, sharing these key items;

- a. Late August to early September is the targeted opening date
- b. Doctors and staff have been hired
- c. There has been a change in that consumers will be admitted through ED first
- d. Taren stated that this is temporary, and will be done only for the first 6 months to a year, to get everything fine tuned
- e. Taren also shared that evidently this is a standard practice in the industry to get it up and running

9. Network Services Update – Taren Petersen

Updates were included in the packets for everyone's review and Taren shared a few highlights

- a. Taren stated that there were no new admissions to the Lincoln Regional Center and that they currently have 27 consumers
- b. She also shared information on the upcoming NeMHAC Conference that will be held via webinar and that over 200 people have responded

10. Status Reports for Period Ending June 30, 2020

Reports were included in the packets for everyone's review

- a. Taren gave an update of the June, 2020 Contract Status Reports
 - i. This year there was \$843,000.00 left on the table, due to COVID-19 and the additional revenue received this spring from the state
- b. Taren gave an update of the June, 2020 Mobile Crisis Response Report
 - i. There were 41 calls in June
 - ii. Year to date, there were 850 calls
- c. Taren gave an update of the June, 2020 Emergency Protective Custody Report
 - i. The numbers were up by 12
 - ii. Overall, there is a decrease in the year to date numbers, with 58 less consumers
- d. Taren gave an update of the June, 2020 Acute and Subacute Occupancy Rates report

11. Public Comments

There were no further public comments

- Jeff Leach made a motion to adjourn
- Chris Kelly seconded the motion
- The motion passed unanimously upon voice vote

The meeting was adjourned at 9:50AM

Prepared By: Sueley S. Fahl Date: 11-4-2020

Approved By: [Signature] Date: 11/4/20