



Behavioral Healthcare

Behavioral Health Advisory Committee Meeting

Meeting Minutes
September 1, 2021

Advisory Members Present:

Jeff Leach
Michele Missel
John Sheehan
Rob Hillabrand
George Fisher
Janet McCartney

Advisory Members Absent:

Chris Kelly
Nancy Kelley

Region 6 Staff Present

Patti Jurjevich
Taren Petersen
Curt Vincentini
Vicki Maca
Melissa Schaefer
Jennifer Hazuka
Sherry Kaiser (Nebraska Strong)

Recorder:

Bev Jackson

1. Welcome and Roll Call

Michele Missel, Chair, called the meeting to order at 9:00AM. Roll call of the members determined there was a quorum.

2. Approval of Meeting Minutes from August 4, 2021 BHAC Meeting

Rob Hillabrand made a motion to approve the August 4, 2021 meeting minutes. Jeff Leach seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously upon voice vote.

3. Approval of Agenda

John Sheehan made a motion to approve the September 1, 2021 Agenda. Jeff seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously upon voice vote.

4. Crisis Counseling Assistance Training Program (CCP) Update – Curt Vincentini and Sherry Kaiser

Curt and Sherry gave a PowerPoint Presentation, with a printout of the same in the committee member's packets.

- a. CCP has a regular area set up at the Metro Community College
- b. Grant was originally set up for phone calls and referrals, but has since become almost 99% outreach
- c. Supports persons via the following:
 - i. One on one – hotlines and website

- ii. Materials – newsletter, resources, etc.
- iii. Group training
- iv. Group support

There were no questions or comments.

5. Stepping Up Initiative Update – Vicki Maca

Vicki gave an overview of the initiative from a one-page handout, that, along with a PowerPoint of Sarpy County Quarterly data were both included in the BHAC members packets.

- a. This is a data driven initiative on the system level
- b. Sponsored by the National Association of Counties (NACo), the American Psychiatric Association Foundation and the Council of State Governments Justice Center
- c. The initiative was launched in May of 2015
- d. There are four goals:
 - i. Reduce the number of persons with serious mental illness booked into jail
 - ii. Increase connections to treatment for persons with a serious mental illness
 - iii. Reduce the length of time spent in jail for persons with a serious mental illness
 - iv. Reduce the rates of recidivism for persons with serious mental illness in jail
- e. The PowerPoint was a copy of the quarterly report for Sarpy County, and Vicki highlighted some of the data that is collected
- f. This data is used to get persons the services that are available and needed
- g. Rob added that COVID and the transitioning of the new jail director took a toll and slowed the data collections down a bit, but they keep going the best they can

There were no questions or further comments.

6. Network Action Plan for Re-Investment Funds – Taren Petersen

Taren gave a brief highlight of a few projects and activities planned. Handouts were included in the packets for everyone's review.

- a. Review of Plan
 - i. Taren stated that both the BHAC and RGB will be updated on the progress each quarter
 - ii. Taren shared the RFP timeline for the Sarpy County Wellness Court, and asked if anyone wanted to sit on the review committee and Rob volunteered himself
- b. BHAC Recommendation to Regional Governing Board
Rob made a motion to present for approval to the Regional Governing Board. George seconded the motion. Jeff abstained because of a possible conflict of interest. The motion passed unanimously upon voice vote.

There were no questions or comments.

7. Network Services Update – Taren Petersen

Updates for August 2021 were included in the packets for everyone's review, and Taren gave a brief highlight of a few activities.

- a. Region 6 was just notified that they have received a new System of Care Grant with a term of 4 years
 - i. Region 6 will work with the Educational Service Unit #3 (ESU3) to expand and enhance behavioral health services within the rural counties of Cass and Washington,
 - ii. There will be a special focus on school-based mental health services in eight school districts that serve 7,578 children, birth – age 21.

- iii. The proposal features a school-based single point of access for mental health services for children/youth with serve emotional disturbances (SED) and their families
 - b. The CCP grant will receive funding to extend the grant through December 2021
 - i. With this extension, Nebraska Strong Recovery Staff will start to carry their work into the community and be able to meet face to face with individuals
- There were no questions or comments.

8. Status Reports for Period Ending July 31, 2021 - Taren Petersen and Curt Vincentini

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

- a. Taren gave an update of the July, 2021 Contract Status Reports, stating that it is too early (one month into the fiscal year) to spot any trends
- b. Curt gave an update of the July, 2021 Emergency Services Dashboard Report
 - i. EPCs are trending up
 - ii. The PES average length of stay is decreasing

There were no questions or comments.

9. Public Comments

There were no public comments

10. Adjourn

A motion to adjourn was made by Jeff and seconded by John The motion passed unanimously upon voice vote. The meeting was adjourned at 9:55AM.

Prepared By: Beverly S. Jackson Date: 10-6-2021

Approved By: [Signature] Date: 10/6/21