



Behavioral Healthcare

Behavioral Health Advisory Committee Meeting

Meeting Minutes

October 6, 2021

Advisory Members Present:

Jeff Leach
Chris Kelly
Nancy Kelley
John Sheehan
Rob Hillabrand
George Fisher

Advisory Members Absent:

Michele Missel
Janet McCartney

Region 6 Staff Present

Taren Petersen
Curt Vincentini
Melissa Schaefer
Lorie Thomas
Crystal Fuller
John Murphy
Jennifer Hazuka
Kim Kalina
Jennifer Determan

Recorder:

Bev Jackson

1. Welcome and Roll Call

Jeff Leach, Vice Chair, called the meeting to order at 9:04AM. Roll call of the members determined there was a quorum.

2. Approval of Meeting Minutes from September 1, 2021 BHAC Meeting

John Sheehan made a motion to approve the September 1, 2021 meeting minutes. Chris Kelly seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously upon voice vote.

3. Approval of Agenda

John made a motion to approve the October 6, 2021 Agenda. Chris seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously upon voice vote.

4. Projects for Assistance in Transition from Homelessness (PATH) – Curt Vincentini

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

a. Review of Funding and Budget Narrative

- Term is 10/1/21 to 9/30/22
- Received \$200,334.00
- Region 6 will contract with Community Alliance for the following services:

- Outreach
- Screening and diagnostic treatment
- Habilitation and rehabilitation
- Community mental health
- Substance use disorders treatment
- Case management
- Referrals for primary health care, job training, educational services and housing
- Criteria for qualifying are:
 - Diagnosed with a Serious Mental Illness (SMI)
 - Homeless, or an imminent risk for homelessness

There were no questions or comments.

b. **BHAC Recommendation to Regional Governing Board**

John made a motion to present for approval to the Regional Governing Board. George Fisher seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously upon voice vote.

5. Update on Nebraska Mental Health Aging Coalition (NeMHAC) – Lorie Thomas

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

- The 5th Annual Conference was held via webinar
- Long Term Care (LTC) Modules, which are being developed within the Thinkific Platform, will be rolled out with various LTC providers
- The purpose of the Nebraska Policy Academy is to bring together leaders from different state divisions and agencies within Nebraska and to identify and address challenges and to develop an action plan.
- NeMHAC is gaining attention
 - Presented at the Morning Optimists Club in September 2021
 - Invited to be a part of a panel discussion for the Quarterly National Council on Aging and Mental Health, along with representatives from Illinois, Oklahoma and North Carolina
 - Invited to be a presenter for the ENOA's Bring Care to the Caregiver Event
 - Asked to be a part of the ENOA's Senior Companion Program's Advisory Council

Rob Hillabrand commented that when meeting, and difficult situations and complex cases are discussed, this then gives the opportunity to problem solve for actual cases. There were no further questions or comments.

6. Update on Suicide Prevention Activities – Crystal Fuller and Melissa Schaefer

Crystal and Melissa both gave PowerPoint Presentations, with a printout of the same in the committee member's packets.

- Melissa discussed both the nationwide and statewide rates of suicide, with a decline in the 2019 numbers

John asked what the National rate was, Melissa replied that in 2018 it was 14.2% with the 2019 rate at 13.9%

- Melissa stressed that even though the numbers are declining, there is still a continued need
- Crystal highlighted ongoing Prevention activities
 - CAMS Training
 - Training for Educators
 - MHFA

- In FY21, there were 44 MHFA trainings held, reaching 464 persons
- FY21, Q1, there have already been 14 trainings, reaching 188 which includes School Resource Officers, OPD, OPPD and the Sarpy Douglas Academy Recruit Class
- Crystal then shared that they continue to hand out the following items:
 - Medication lockboxes
 - Handgun lockboxes
 - Trigger locks
 - Detera pouches
- FY22 Community Outreach Events have included
 - The Out of Darkness Community Walk where 84 medication lockboxes, 100 firearm trigger locks and 325 Detera pouches were handed out
 - The Storm Chasers Community Organization of the Night where 36 medication lockboxes, 30 firearm trigger locks and 83 Detera pouches were handed out

Melissa then shared information and updates on the following:

- Partnership with the Kim Foundation
- Metro Area Local Outreach to Suicide Survivors (LOSS) Team
- HOPE Squad
- 988 Hotline, to be effective July 2022

Jeff commented that is now required for Probation to take MHFA in the state of Nebraska. There were no further comments or questions.

7. Update on LB465-Landlord Risk Mitigation - Jennifer Determan

There was a printout of Legislative Bill 465 included in the committee member's packets. This Legislative Bill allows for the housing dollars to be used by the landlords to repair damage caused by tenants. Jennifer asked for comments and input from the committee members.

- The Division would like to set a limit of the dollar amount, flat or percentage?
- Maximum amount that has been suggested per claim was \$3,000.00
- Jeff asked would insurance be used first, with Jennifer answering in the affirmative
- Jeff then asked would R6 have oversight of the deductible, deposit and would there need to be bids on the repairs, should city inspectors be involved?
- John added that this sounds like we could be opening a "Pandora's box" of issues
- There a lot of questions to be asked and guidelines to be set, and Jennifer thanked them all for their input

There were no further comments or questions.

8. Network Services Update - Taren Petersen

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

- The Nebraska Strong Recovery Project will end in December
- Region 6 has a Request for Proposal (RFP) for Recovery Support for the Sarpy County Wellness Court
- There was a Request for Interest (RFI) sent out today for Multisystemic Therapy (MST)
 - If there are 3 or more responses, then Region 6 will issue an RFP

- If there are less than 3, then there will be contract negotiations
- Nancy Kelley asked what the due date is, and Taren replied that it is due on or before October 27th, 2021

There were no further comments or questions.

9. Status Reports for Period Ending August 31, 2021 – Taren Petersen and Curt Vincentini

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

- a. Taren gave an update of the August, 2021 Contract Status Reports, stating that the expected draw down is 16.6% but that the Mental Health drawdown is at 9.9% and Substance Use Disorder is at 8.3%. This is due to Medicaid Expansion.
- b. Curt gave an update of the August, 2021 Emergency Services Dashboard Report
 - EPCs are trending up
 - Mobile Crisis Response is down 11%
 - Acute Occupancy is up 74%
 - The PES average length of stay is decreasing, with it currently at 23 hours

There were no comments or questions.

10. Public Comments

John Sheehan asked about North Point, and if Region 6 was aware of this new facility? Taren responded that yes, we had read and heard about it and that at this time it doesn't receive funding from Region 6 and it is currently not a Medicaid provider, but that this may change in the future.

Crystal asked about the Holiday Luncheon for the BHAC members, Jeff was so glad she brought this up, as he would like to suggest Round the Bend Steakhouse. Taren asked if the members are comfortable dining in a restaurant and they all answered that yes, they are. Other suggestions were Bonefish Grill by George and John suggested Spezia's or Johnny's off of Highway 75. Taren stated that this will be an agenda item at the November meeting, and to bring their ideas to the next meeting.

There were no further comments or questions.

11. Adjourn

A motion to adjourn was made by John and seconded by Chris. The motion passed unanimously upon voice vote. The meeting was adjourned at 10:10AM.

Prepared By: Beverly S. Jackson Date: 11-3-21

Approved By: [Signature] Date: 11/3/21

