



## Behavioral Health Advisory Committee Meeting

Meeting Minutes  
November 3, 2021

### Advisory Members Present:

Jeff Leach  
Chris Kelly  
John Sheehan  
Rob Hillabrand  
Janet McCartney  
George Fisher

### Advisory Members Absent:

Michele Missel  
Nancy Kelly

### Region 6 Staff Present

Taren Petersen  
Melissa Schaefer  
John Murphy  
Dolores Bangert  
Miles Glasgow  
Dominique Saldana

### Recorder:

Bev Jackson

#### 1. Welcome and Roll Call

Jeff Leach, Vice 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 October 6, 2021 BHAC Meeting

John Sheehan made a motion to approve the October 6, 2021 meeting minutes. Rob Hillabrand seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously upon voice vote.

#### 3. Approval of Agenda

John Sheehan made a motion to approve the November 3, 2021 Agenda. Rob Hillabrand seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously upon voice vote.

#### 4. Annual Site Visit Summary – John Murphy

John summarized the results of the Annual Site Visit Summary, and a copy was in everyone's packets for review. FY21 proved challenging, but the providers and John were able to coordinate and complete site visits. There are 4 areas that Region 6 audits.

- Services Purchased Verification
  - Unit
  - Expense
- Program Fidelity
  - This is done every 3 years

- Substance Abuse Prevention Treatment Block Grant Review
  - This is done every 3 years
- Prevention Coalition Reviews

In summary, providers are very strong and consistent, and the responses were 100% positive. Rob Hillbrand asked what are the corrective actions and John answered that the infraction is documented, with appropriate corrections to be completed. There were no further questions.

#### 5. **Update on System of Care II (SOC) Grant – Melissa Schaefer and Dominique Saldana**

Melissa and Dominique gave a PowerPoint presentation with a copy of the same in everyone's packets for review. The first SOC grant ended September 30, 2021. This is a new SOC grant, with a different focus and with an end date of August 30, 2025. The focus will be on Cass and Washington counties and the implementation of school-based mental health services. There are 7 grant partners, and they are as follows:

- Educational Service Unit # 3
- University of Nebraska at Lincoln, Public Policy Center
- Lead Family Coordinator
- Project Harmony
- En Route, LLC
- Institute for Innovation and Implementation
- Marketing/Outreach

The goals and activities are:

- Early identification and intervention
- Improve access and awareness
- Increase capacity
- Promote and sustain parent/youth engagement

ESU #3 plans on sustaining this after the grant ends. John Sheehan asked, based upon screening, with the given estimate that there will be 450 youth needing services, will these youths be treated in the schools, and Melissa answered yes, they will. John then wondered if there is the capacity to care for this many, and Melissa answered that they will be working with Monroe Meyer via ESU#3. They will begin serving students, aged birth through 2, in December 2021. There were no more questions.

#### 6. **SAMHSA School Based Grant – Dolores Bangert**

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

##### a. Review of Funding and Budget Narrative

The Disaster Response School-Based Program is funded through a grant from the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA) to provide mental and substance use disorder treatment, crisis counseling, and other related supports to children in school-based settings impacted by the severe flooding in 2019. The collaborative partners are:

- Region 4 Behavioral Health System
- Region 3 Behavioral Health Services
- Lincoln Medical Education Partnerships (LMEP) School Community Intervention and Prevention (SCIP) Programs
- Project Harmony
- University of Nebraska – Lincoln Public Policy Center

All school-age youth are eligible if they live in the identified counties where the 2019 flooding occurred. The impact of COVID-19 has been added as a secondary condition. Region 6 has received a one year, no cost extension. Dolores gave an overview of the budget and Jeff Leach

asked what are the fringe benefits that are listed in the budget and Dolores answered that this would be for her vacation, sick time, pension etc. There were no further questions.

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

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

**7. Update on Request for Interest (RFI) for Multisystemic Therapy (MST) – Taren Petersen**

Taren gave an overview and update with a copy of the same included in everyone's packets. She shared the need for MST, which is usually paid for by various systems/methods (i.e., Probation vouchers, through Child and Family Services, Medicaid, some third-party insurance, private pay, etc.). However, there are a few youths who are not in the systems mentioned or who do not have any of these payment opportunities. These youth have been determined to need MST through a behavioral health assessment, but their families are unable to afford the cost of the therapy. Often these youth end up forgoing the treatment due to their inability to pay for the service. Region 6 has identified this gap in our public behavioral health system and would like to add MST as a funded service to youth whose families meet the Region's eligibility criteria and who have no other payer source. She then shared the purpose of the RFI, timeline and recommendations. There were no further questions.

**8. Recovery Support for the Sarpy County Wellness Court Request for Proposal (RFP) – Taren Petersen**

A printout of this information was included in everyone's packets for review.

a. **Review of RFP Process and Funding Recommendation**

Taren gave a review of the RFP and its process, sharing the schedule of events, proposal submissions, the Review Committee and their recommendations. There were no questions.

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

John Sheehan made the motion to present for approval to the Regional Governing Board. Janet McCartney seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously upon a roll call vote, with Jeff Leach abstaining.

**9. Appointment of Nominating Committee for 2022 Officers**

Janet McCartney and John Sheehan volunteered to be on the 2022 BHAC Officers Nominating Committee. They will report back with results at the December 1, 2021 BHAC meeting.

**10. Holiday Luncheon Discussion**

There was a short discussion on preferences for the December 1, 2021 BHAC Holiday Luncheon location. It was decided by the members for it to be held at Round the Bend Steakhouse in Ashland. Details on the time will be emailed to the members.

**11. Update on Network Services – Taren Petersen**

Updates for October 2021 were included in the packets for everyone's review, and Taren gave a brief highlight of a few activities. Taren also shared that this report now includes data from the School Based Grant. There were no questions.

**12. Status Reports for Period Ending September 30, 2021 – Taren Petersen and Miles Glasgow**

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

- a. Taren gave an update of the September, 2021 Contract Status Reports, stating that the expected draw down is 25% but that the Mental Health drawdown is at 15.76% and Substance Use Disorder is at 13.16%. This is again due to Medicaid Expansion.
- b. Miles gave an update of the September, 2021 Emergency Services Dashboard Report He stated that EPCs are trending up, but not at the same pace as 4 years ago, this has been a bit of a correction in the data. He also shared the news that CHI has started a transfer center which will be open from 7am to 7pm, 7 days a week. They will review all of the referrals.

There were no comments or questions.

**13. Public Comments**

There were no public comments or questions.

**14. Adjourn**

A motion to adjourn was made by John Sheehan and seconded by Chris Kelly. The motion passed unanimously upon voice vote. The meeting was adjourned at 9:56AM.

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