



## Behavioral Health Advisory Committee Meeting

Meeting Minutes

March 2, 2022

### Advisory Members Present:

Jeff Leach  
Happy Aldana  
John Sheehan  
Rob Hillabrand  
Michealle Vega-Hernandez

### Advisory Members Absent:

Michele Missel  
Chris Kelly  
Medjine Desgraves

### Region 6 Staff Present

Patti Jurjevich  
Taren Petersen  
Crystal Fuller  
Curt Vincentini

### Recorder:

Bev Jackson

#### 1. Welcome and Introduction of New Members

Jeff Leach, Chair, called the meeting to order at 9:01AM. Jeff welcomed new members Happy Aldana and Michealle Vega-Hernandez

#### 2. Roll Call

Roll call of the members determined there was a quorum.

#### 3. Approval of Meeting Minutes from February 2, 2022 BHAC Meeting

Rob Hillabrand made a motion to approve the February 2, 2022 meeting minutes. John Sheehan seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously upon voice vote.

#### 4. Approval of Agenda

John made a motion to approve the March 2, 2022 agenda. Rob seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously upon voice vote.

#### 5. Administrator's Report - Patti Jurjevich

Patti Jurjevich wanted to update the members on LB1223. The hearing will be held on 3/3/22. This bill requires DHHS to reimburse counties for lodging certain defendants within the first 30 days. John asked if the request is for dates after the first 30 days, who pays then? Patti replied she is not sure, but that it is not the Regions that will be paying. Patti also stated that there are ongoing conversations in regard to the 2% increase and that there may be a 15% increase in the reimbursement rates. There is a long way to go on this, as it

will need to go through the whole process, but if it is approved, it would be approximately 10.3 million in additional revenue across the 6 regions, in addition to the 2%. Next, Patti wanted to share the status of LB464. This bill would allow greater flexibility in budgeting. A proposal was sent on February 1, 2022, to the DBH by the regions, where they voiced their concerns. The concerns are the struggle of providers, and for the need of, at the very least, least a temporary increase in the reimbursement rates, workforce shortages and the impact of COVID on the providers. There has not been a response yet. Commissioner Borgeson sent a letter to the Governor also, that stated these same concerns. There were no further questions or comments.

#### **6. Request for Letters (RFL) Prevention – Crystal Fuller**

- a. Review of the RFL Process and Funding Recommendation  
A printout of this information was included in everyone's packet for review. Crystal Fuller gave an overview of the priorities, timeline, and the submissions received and reviewed. Based upon the submission discussion, the recommendation is to fund the initial round of the RFL and to re-issue a RFL for the balance. Patti asked if there are other groups out there that could utilize this funding and Crystal replied that yes, there will be further opportunities. Jeff suggested checkpoints at school events would be a great use of funding.
- b. BHAC Recommendation to the Regional Governing Board  
John made a motion to present for approval to the Regional Governing Board. Rob seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously upon voice vote.

#### **7. FY23 Regional Budget Plan – Taren Petersen**

- a. Review of Funding and Budget Narrative  
A copy of the FY23 Budget and Budget Narrative was included in everyone's packets for review. Taren Petersen gave an overview of the FY23 budget, pointing out some items to the members.
  - i. There is no change in State Housing Assistance dollars. These dollars remain at \$1,148,103.
  - ii. There was no change in Mental Health Block Grant funds (\$738,961) or in Substance Abuse Prevention and Treatment Block Grant dollars (\$2,272,737).
  - iii. Federal dollars dedicated to First Episode of Psychosis remain the same at \$165,126.
  - iv. The FY23 budget includes the same amount (\$886,955) of cost model funding as in FY22. These funds are to cover rate increases for certain services within the system.
  - v. For the second year, funds (\$669,679) were set aside for a 2% increase for rate-based services.
  - vi. An amount of \$73,734 is earmarked for Secure Residential service expansion and is restricted for this service level.
  - vii. Funds (\$66,778) are again set aside in FY23 for Short-Term Residential expansion and restricted to this service level.
  - viii. There is no change in dedicated funding in Housing for Women with children. These dollars remain at \$24,000 and are restricted for this level of care.
  - ix. The FY23 allocation does not reflect any additional reduction for Medicaid Expansion.

- x. The total FY23 revenue reflected in the Regional Budget Plan is \$30,980,010. In addition to this revenue, Region 6 anticipates \$1,000,000 for involuntary care and \$339,633 for voluntary care in state general funds for a separate contract with Lasting Hope Recovery Center.

Taren then gave a summary of the FY22 key initiatives, and followed this up with an explanation of the budget preparation process. Next, Taren moved to the spreadsheet, explaining the different columns, services and proposed funding. Taren thanked Patti Jurjevich and Diane Lamb for their help and contributions on the budget.

- b. BHAC Recommendation to the Regional Governing Board  
John made a motion to present for approval to the Regional Governing Board. Rob seconded the motion. Voting was done via roll call vote, with Michaelle Vega-Hernandez abstaining because of a possible conflict of interest. The motion passed unanimously.

## **8. Update on Request for Interest (RFI) for Outpatient and Medication Management Expansion – Taren Petersen**

A printout of this information was included in everyone's packets for review. Taren gave an overview on the statement of need and the purpose of the RFI. There were 3 responses. Region 6 was seeking providers who can physically provide the services in specific zip codes. John asked where these zip codes are and Taren replied that they are North Omaha zip codes. The proposals were reviewed and OneWorld Community Health Center are already able to provide services and bill from their north Omaha locations. CHI-Immanuel was also able to be added without further public bidding since they already provide substance use disorder outpatient services. That technically leaves only one proposal/provider from the RFI to work with. Region 6 is waiting to hear back from the Nebraska Health and Human Services – Division of Behavioral Health to see if we can move forward in working with the remaining provider, the Center for Holistic Development or if a separate RFP will need to be issued. There were no further questions or comments.

## **9. Status Reports for Period Ending January 31, 2022 – Taren Petersen and Curt Vincentini**

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

- a. Taren gave an update of the January 2022 Contract Status Reports, stating that the dollars aren't being drawn down. This is again, largely due to the "big 3", Medicaid Expansion, Covid and workforce shortages. John asked what do the red numbers mean, and Taren replied that it indicates county dollars.
- b. Curt Vincentini gave an update of the January 2022 Emergency Services Dashboard Report. He shared that a new service has been added, it is Hospital Supplemental Support, which provides funding to a hospital to pay for extra support personnel for consumers with complex needs, ensuring patient and staff safety. Curt stated that EPCs are up 7% for the year. Sixty percent of PES patients are being sent home, so there has been great progress. Detox numbers are steady.  
There were no further comments or questions.

## **10. Public Comments**

There were no public comments or questions.

## **11. Adjourn**

A motion to adjourn was made by John and seconded by Rob. The motion passed unanimously upon voice vote. The meeting was adjourned at 10:26AM.

Prepared By: Beverly S Jackson Date: 4-5-22

Approved By: [Signature] Date: 4/6/22