



Behavioral Health Advisory Committee Meeting

Meeting Minutes

May 4, 2022

Advisory Members Present:

Jeff Leach
Chris Kelly
Medjine Desgraves
John Sheehan
Rob Hillabrand

Advisory Members Absent:

Happy Aldana
Michealle Vega-Hernandez

Region 6 Staff Present

Patti Jurjevich
Taren Petersen
Crystal Fuller
Curt Vincentini

Recorder:

Bev Jackson

1. Welcome and Roll Call

Jeff Leach, Chair, called the meeting to order at 9:03AM. Roll call of the members determined that there was a quorum

2. Approval of Meeting Minutes from April 6, 2022 BHAC Meeting

John Sheehan made a motion to approve the April 6, 2022 meeting minutes. Rob Hillabrand seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously upon voice vote.

3. Approval of Agenda

John made a motion to approve the May 4, 2022 agenda. Rob seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously upon voice vote.

4. Administrator's Report – Patti Jurjevich

Patti Jurjevich wanted to share some Legislative updates, which adjourned on April 20, 2022. LB921 would require DHHS to reimburse counties for lodging certain defendants; to define terms; to provide for enrollment of inmates in the medical assistance program prior to release from incarceration; to change priorities for admission to state hospitals for the mentally ill and require minimum numbers of beds for certain patients at the Lincoln Regional Center; to provide duties for the department; to create the Legislative Mental Health Care Capacity Strategic Planning Committee and provide for its duties and termination; to harmonize provisions; and to repeal the original sections.

Patti also stated that there will be a rate increase of 15%. The appropriation committee incorporated it into the budget. The Governor then vetoed it, coming back with a 5% increase and he was overridden. It is back to 15%, but now, the question is, where will the money

come from? There are a lot of unspent dollars, and 10.3 million of them will be used for this increase, shifting unspent FY22 dollars into The FY23 budget.

Another item Patti wanted to share with the members is that DBH is now required to act upon budget changes within 30 days, and if they don't, then the Regions have automatic approval. Patti shared that in the last 6 months, the Regional Advisors had made several requests and written letters to the DBH on emergency funding for FY22. They did just receive notice that there will be some emergency funding that will be rolled out, but more information will come in regard to this, in the next week or two.

There were no questions.

5. Synar Compliance Checks – Crystal Fuller

a. Review of Funding and Budget Narrative

Crystal gave a PowerPoint presentation and a print out of this was also included in everyone's packets for review. Crystal gave an overview of Synar, explaining that in July 1992, Congress enacted the Alcohol, Drug Abuse, and Mental Health Administration Reorganization Act, which includes the federal Synar Amendment aimed at decreasing youth access to tobacco. This amendment was named for its sponsor, Congressman Mike Synar of Oklahoma. SAMHSA oversees implementation of the Synar Amendment, which requires states to have laws prohibiting the sale and distribution of tobacco products to minors, by conducting annual, unannounced inspections in a way that provides valid probability sample of tobacco sales outlets accessible to minors. John asked if the State Patrol conducts these inspections in Sarpy county, and Crystal answered yes, they do, OPD does Omaha and the State Patrol conducts all of the others. Jeff asked if these inspections could include lottery or pickle tickets and Crystal stated that they don't at this time, as that would be outside the scope of the grant.

There were no further questions or comments.

b. BHAC Recommendation to the Regional Governing Board

John made a motion to recommend to the Regional Governing Board, with a second by Chris Kelly. The motion passed unanimously upon voice vote.

6. Request for Letters of Interest (RFL) Prevention – Crystal Fuller

a. Review of the RFL Process and Funding Recommendation

A printout of the process and recommendation was included in everyone's packet for review. Crystal gave a recap, stating that Region 6 has released a Request for Letters of Interest to contract with prevention coalitions in FY23 to seek qualified, interested coalitions or fiscal agents for coalitions to engage in development and provision of primary prevention services for Community Impact Priorities in Cass, Dodge, Douglas, Sarpy and Washington Counties in Nebraska. Based on Review Committee and BHAC recommendations and approval of the Regional Governing Board, two organizations moved forward with full requests, and the remaining allocation was to be made available through a reissue of the Request for Letters process. The priorities would be to reduce youth marijuana initiation and use in Sarpy county and to reduce youth access to alcohol, including parental access to alcohol, in the counties of Dodge and Washington. The 2 organizations were Coalition Rx and the Sarpy/Cass Health Department. Medjine Desgraves asked for clarification on what is meant by parental access and Crystal replied that it means parents supplying to underage persons.

There were no further questions or comments.

b. BHAC Recommendation to the Regional Governing Board

John made a motion to recommend to the Regional Governing Board, with a second by Rob. The motion passed unanimously upon voice vote.

7. Update on Network Services-Emergency Services – Curt Vincentini

The update was included in the packets for everyone’s review. Curt gave an overview of the different Emergency Programs that Region 6 funds and the services that are available. Also included in everyone’s packet was a Crisis Intervention for Emergency Personnel pocket guide. Curt stated that the response has been great from law enforcement and firemen on receiving these pocket guides. Jeff and Medjine asked if they could get some to hand out and Curt said he would certainly get them some. Medjine then asked about CIT Training and Curt replied that right now, it is for law enforcement, but there will be one this fall for others. Curt stated that he will notify Medjine when it is scheduled. There were no further comments or questions.

8. Status Reports for Period Ending March 31, 2022 – Taren Petersen and Curt Vincentini

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

a. Emergency Services Report – Curt Vincentini

Curt went straight into his update of the March 2022 Emergency Services Dashboard Report. He stated that EPCs are steadily increasing, not horrible, but it is a trend to keep an eye on. Detox is at 0, this is great, but he wants to double check on this. Rob asked if there will be marketing on 988, Curt responded that there will be, but that the feeling was to not roll out the marketing too far in advance, so as to not cause confusion, before the number is live.

b. Contract Service Report – Taren Petersen

Taren gave an update of the March 2022 Contract Status Reports. Taren stated that the expected draw down is 75% but that the Mental Health drawdown is at 47.72% and Substance Use Disorder is at 37.85%. This is again, largely due to multiple reasons, including Medicaid Expansion, COVID and workforce shortages.

There were no further comments or questions.

9. Public Comments

There were no public comments or questions.

10. Adjourn

A motion to adjourn was made by John and seconded by Medjine Desgraves. The motion passed unanimously upon voice vote. The meeting was adjourned at 9:52AM.

Prepared By: Beverly S. Jackson Date: 6-1-22

Approved By: [Signature] Date: 6/1/22