



Behavioral Health Advisory Committee Meeting

Meeting Minutes
September 7, 2022

Behavioral Healthcare

Advisory Members Present:

Jeff Leach
Chris Kelly
Medjine Desgraves
John Sheehan
Rob Hillabrand
Amy Zimmer
Michealle Vega-Hernandez
Sharon Price

Advisory Members Absent:

Happy Aldana

Region 6 Staff Present

Patti Jurjevich
Taren Petersen
Dominique Saldana
Melissa Schaefer
Jen Hazuka
Curt Vincentini

Recorder:

Bev Jackson

1. Welcome and Introductions

Jeff Leach, Chair, called the meeting to order at 9:02AM.

- a. Jeff welcomed new member Sharon Price.
- b. Jeff the stated the committee's appreciation of Chris Kelly for agreeing to serve a second term on the Behavioral Health Advisory Committee (BHAC).

2. Roll Call

Roll call of the members determined that there was a quorum.

3. Approval of Meeting Minutes from June 1, 2022, BHAC Meeting

John Sheehan made a motion to approve the June 1, 2022, meeting minutes. Amy Zimmer seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously upon voice vote.

4. Approval of Agenda

John made a motion to approve the September 7, 2022, agenda. Chris Kelly seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously upon voice vote.

5. Administrator's Report – Patti Jurjevich

- Patti Jurjevich wanted to share some Legislative updates, of which there will be interim hearings held on November 4, 2022.

LR 409 is an interim study to examine the drug testing protocol in the Division of Children and Family Services of the Department of Health and Human Services for families involved in the child welfare system.

LR 366 is for an interim study to survey and examine at least three of the current certified community behavioral health clinics established through the federal Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration's demonstration program in order to provide additional information on the impact of the implementation of such clinics on the current mental health and substance use treatment system in Nebraska.

LR 397 is for an interim study on the implementation and impact of eliminating felony disenfranchisement in Nebraska.

Patti stated that she will following these resolutions to see if the regions can contribute. She will bring more information to the upcoming BHAC meetings.

- Patti also stated that the Department of Justice is investigating DHHS for the lack of integration of behavioral health services in the community. They will be compiling their findings into a report, to be available upon completion of the investigation.
- Patti shared that former BHAC member Michell Missel had passed away last week, and that her obituary was in the paper. Her funeral will be held on Friday, Sept. 9.

There were no questions or comments.

6. System of Care II (SOCII) Grant, Year 2 - Dominique Saldana

a. Review of Funding and Budget Narrative

Dominique gave a PowerPoint presentation and a printout of this was also included in everyone's packets for review.

Dominique shared that this is year two of a four year grant. Region 6 Behavioral Healthcare was awarded the amount of \$997,553 for year 2. This grant focuses on improving access to mental health services for youth (birth -21) experiencing a serious emotional disturbance (SED) in the counties of Cass and Washington, with a focus on implementing school based mental health services into eight school districts. Another component of the grant focuses on developing a parent peer mentoring program to provide peer-to-peer support to families navigating the mental health and educational systems for their children experiencing a SED. This grant also supports training in evidence-based practices and awareness in children's mental health for school personnel, families, and other community stakeholders. The grant partners are as follows:

- Educational Service Unit #3 (ESU #3)
- Lead Family Coordinator
- Project Harmony
- University of Nebraska-Lincoln
- Public Policy Center

At 9:12 AM Medjine Desgraves and Michaelle Vega-Hernandez joined the meeting.

John Sheehan asked is ESU #3 receiving the \$654,512 or are they giving it? Dominique answered, no it is given to them and that these are federal funds. Dominique then shared a video that is on the website, that was produced by the marketing department. After the video Medjine asked if there is training for parent peers, and Dominique answered that yes, there is training, and they do receive a small stipend.

There were no further questions or comments.

b. BHAC recommendation to the Regional Governing Board

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

7. Spotlight on Network Services-Consumer Services - Jen Hazuka

The update was included in the packets for everyone's review. Jen gave an overview of the different Consumer Services that Region 6 offers. Jen stated that the focus of consumer services is to be able to represent the consumer voice. A large part of the job is going out into the community, learning about services and resources, interacting with consumers of behavioral health services, and understanding the needs of our community. Jen spends time networking and making connections, as well as providing educational opportunities for consumers and the people who serve them.

There were no questions or comments.

8. 988 Update - Curt Vincentini and Melissa Schaefer

Melissa handed out some implementation updates from the 988 Nebraska Crisis Center. On July 16th, 2022, the National Suicide Hotline transitioned to a 988 number. This number is capable of voice calls or text. You may also go online to their website and use a chat feature. Boys Town responds to all the calls in Nebraska. Curt added that the Mobile Crisis Response team (MCR) was assumed to be able to play a bigger part. They did not anticipate that adults would turn down this service. Because of this, they will begin working more with Telehealth. The questions that are being asked is how much of a crisis warrants a MCR team? They're looking at maybe more of a warm handoff to a therapist or a peer support therapist. Michealle asked can you text to the 988 number. Melissa stated that yes, you can either voice call or text when you dial 988. Amy Zimmer asked how does the refusal of services occur? There are steps and a sequence that must occur. Medjine then asked where the therapists are from. Curt answered Lutheran Family Services handles Douglas, Dodge and Washington counties and Heartland Family Service has Cass and Sarpy counties. It was also pointed out that at this time 988 doesn't have geo area code capacity but they do have the ability to transfer calls to the area the person is physically located. The consumer would need to state this during the call. Melissa stated that we have posters and wallet cards for anyone to take with them.

There were no further questions or comments.

9. Cass/Sarpy Board of Mental Health (BOMH) Position - Curt Vincentini

Curt shared that there will be a new Board of Mental Health (BOMH) position. This position will be the eyes and ears of the BOMH. They will be finalizing the job posting soon. There will be office space in both Sarpy and Cass counties. Curt stated that he's really excited about this position. At the present time, there are 70 to 90 persons on the board of mental health outpatient list. Michaelle asked if Curt is taking the position and he stated no, he is hiring someone to take this position, but that he will be overseeing it.

There were no further questions or comments.

10. Review of FY 23 Projects and Initiatives - Taren Petersen

There was a handout in everyone's packets for review. Taren gave a brief overview of the current activities and initiatives that are taking place at this point in time. She wanted to point out that if there is a notation labeled Project 38, these are paid using the main contract dollars and are sustainable activities. The other items, ARPA MHBG and Supplemental MHBG are not sustainable. Medjine asked if this was for everybody and Taren answered that there will be some RFPs that will be sent out, but some items, like the translators, will be for all network providers.

There were no further questions or comments.

11. Status Reports for Period Ending July 31, 2022 – Taren Petersen and Curt Vincentini

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

a. Contract Service Report - Taren Petersen

Taren gave an update of the July 2022 Contract Service Reports, noting that they have been revamped. They are much easier to read, and it seems that everybody is really liking them. She stated that it is early in the year, so drawdown should be at 8.33%. Mental Health is at 5% and Substance Use is at 6.95%. She then drew everyone’s attention to the additional Contract Drawdown sheet which gives the information at a quick glance.

b. Emergency Service Report - Curt Vincentini

Curt gave an update of the July 2022 Emergency Service Dashboard. Emergency Protective Custody (EPC) numbers are slightly down, 10% for the year to date. Mobile Crisis Response (MCR) is down, but this is to be expected as emergency departments are still getting back up and running and waiting for beds. There is also still a lack of staff. Amy asked, for consumers that are waiting, what is the average wait time? Curt replied that there is an ebb and flow, and it really varies. Patti asked does that number of persons that are waiting include voluntary and involuntary. Curt replied, yes it does. Amy asked if the decrease of the law enforcement calls is seasonal. No, it is not. They now have therapists that are able to go on the calls and they are then not recorded as law enforcement calls. It was stated that it would be interesting to do a comparison of the number of 988 calls that are placed versus those that are resolved.

There were no further comments or questions.

12. Public Comments

There were no public comments or questions.

13. Adjourn

A motion to adjourn was made by Chris and seconded by John. The motion passed unanimously upon voice vote. The meeting was adjourned at 10:05AM.

Prepared By: Beverly S. Jackson Date: 10-5-22

Approved By: [Signature] Date: 10/5/22