



Behavioral Health Advisory Committee Meeting

Meeting Minutes

October 5, 2022

Advisory Members Present:

Jeff Leach

John Sheehan

Rob Hillabrand

Amy Zimmer

Michealle Vega-Hernandez

Advisory Members Absent:

Happy Aldana

Chris Kelly

Medjine Desgraves

Sharon Price

Region 6 Staff Present

Patti Jurjevich

Taren Petersen

Curt Vincentini

Dolores Bangert

Recorder:

Bev Jackson

1. Welcome and Roll Call

Jeff Leach, Chair, called the meeting to order at 9:08AM.

Roll call of the members determined that there was not a quorum. It was decided to move to agenda item 6 as there is not a vote on it.

2. Agenda Item #6 - Summary of the Disaster Response School-Based Grant – Dolores Bangert

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

Amy Zimmer arrived at 9:10. There is now a quorum.

Dolores shared highlights which included:

- a. 98.8% of families and students had a positive perception of their care
- b. Collaborative spirit between schools and providers
- c. Engagement of law enforcement to better understand and support individuals with mental health challenges
- d. Early intervention with younger students focusing on wellness through mindful activities
- e. Eighteen new schools implemented SCIP services
- f. Forty-one (41) individuals became instructors for Youth Mental Health First Aid. Three hundred and twenty-four (324) school personnel and professionals attended this training.

John asked if the demographics are for the 199 students served and Dolores replied yes, they are.

Dolores stated that the grant was originally to last for a year and a half, but Region 6 received a No-Cost Carryover for an additional year.

Counselors at the schools are better able to reach the students, as the students do not need to go to the counselors, the counselors come to them. This is the biggest factor as to why this program was so successful.

There were no further questions or comments.

It was decided to return to agenda item 2 as there is now a quorum.

3. Agenda Item # 2 Approval of the September 7, 2022, Meeting Minutes

John Sheehan made the motion to approve the September 7th, 2022, meeting minutes. Amy Zimmer seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously upon voice vote.

4. Agenda Item #3 Approval of the Agenda

John made a motion to approve the October 5, 2022, agenda. Michealle Vega-Hernandez seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously upon voice vote.

5. Agenda Item #4 In-School Based Outpatient Therapy and Therapeutic Consultation Request for Proposal (RFP) - Taren Peterson

a. Review of the RFP Process and Funding Recommendation

Taren shared that Region 6 Behavioral Healthcare issued a Request for Proposal (RFP) to seek a qualified, interested provider to develop outpatient therapy and therapeutic consultation services for youth at the Alpha School. There was a printout that was included in everyone's packets.

John asked what is the Alpha School? Taren answered it is a K through twelve alternative school. John was curious as to how many students attended. Patti answered that there are 60 to 65 on average that attend. These students are from Iowa and Nebraska, but the funding from Region 6 would only service Nebraska students. John then asked how much is the full year budget? Taren answered that it is \$120,265.85.

There were no further questions or comments.

b. BHAC Recommendation to the Regional Governing Board

John made the motion that the Region 6 BHAC recommend that the Regional Governing Board award \$120,266 to KVC for outpatient services, therapeutic consultation, and related start-up expenses for services at Alpha School. Michealle seconded the motion. A roll call vote was then made, with all voting in favor of recommending to the Regional Governing Board.

6. Agenda Item # 5 Projects for Assistance in Transition from Homelessness (PATH) – Curt Vincentini

a. Review of Funding and Budget Narrative

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

The term of the PATH Grant will be from October 1st, 2022 to September 30th, 2023, for the amount of \$200,334.00. This is a SAMHSA (Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services) administered grant authorized by the Steward B. McKinney Homeless Assistance Amendments Act of 1990. The services that PATH supports are as follows: screening and diagnostic treatment, habilitation and rehabilitation, community mental health, substance use disorder treatment, case management and referrals for primary health care, job training, educational services, and housing. In

order to qualify for PATH, individuals must be diagnosed with a serious mental illness (SMI) and be homeless or an imminent risk for homelessness.

There were no further questions or comments.

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

John made the motion to recommend to the Regional Governing Board. Amy seconded the motion. A roll call vote was then made, with all voting in favor of recommending to the Regional Governing Board.

7. Review of Opioid Settlement Funds – Patti Jurjevich

Patti gave a brief overview of the Opioid Settlement Funds. There was a printout that was included in everyone's packets. The distribution of the funds are broken down into three areas, state, regional and local. As required by the Opioid Prevention and Treatment Act, 85% is allocated to the Regions and to the State. This 85% is divided up with 50% going to each the region and the state. The balance of 15% of Nebraska's Opioid Recovery Fund is distributed to cities and counties in Nebraska, with the option to reallocate their direct share of this 15% as they see fit.

Patti stated that the state is still working on a needs assessment and priorities. She noted the state will not control the regional bucket. These dollars will be used at the discretion of the regions and the regions are free to chart their own course. Settlement payment terms range from 5 years to 18 years. Patti also noted that distribution of these dollars is based upon population, with overly broad recommended usage. In Region 6, five counties have elected to take their dollars. Washington County would like to have Region 6 redistribute their dollars. Bellevue, Fremont, La Vista, Omaha, and Papillion are the cities in Region 6 that will receive settlement dollars. John asked if there will there be a committee. Patti stated that this has not been decided yet, as this is all so new. Michaelle asked what the criteria is, is it opioid use only or any co-occurring. It is to support persons in recovery from OUD and any co-occurring SUD/mental health conditions.

There were no further questions or comments.

8. Status Reports for Period Ending August 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 August 2022 Contract Service Reports. Drawdown is expected to be at 16.67%. Mental Health is at 10.25% and Substance Use is at 13%. Taren notated that these dollar amounts do reflect the higher rates but not the extra 15% that providers will be receiving. Amy asked why Immanuel has not drawn down their dollars. Taren responded that there are several reasons why, it could be the billing cycle, or they just have not utilized them yet. Michaelle asked why the utilization of dollars is so low, and the year is almost over. Taren clarified that the fiscal year begins July 1st, not January 1st, so we have just recently begun the new fiscal year for 2023.

She then drew everyone's attention to the additional Contract Drawdown Sheet which gives the information at a quick glance.

There were no further questions or comments.

b. **Emergency Service Report - Curt Vincentini**

Curt gave an update of the August 2022 Emergency Service Dashboard. Mobile Crisis Response (MCR) is implementing a Peer Response Unit. They are looking at ways to not involve law enforcement, if possible, because law enforcement is not always needed. The PES is at 65% capacity. This is a bit misleading, as it is a percent of all of the beds, not just of the available beds. There is no notable change in Detox. Amy

asked if there is a benchmark for the length of time in a PES and Curt replied yes, under 24 hours.

There were no further comments or questions.

9. Public Comments

Jeff assigned homework to all the other committee members to do research and have some ideas where they would like the holiday luncheon held. John then had a suggestion to hold it at The Mio, which is at the old Lo Sole Mio location, so that could be a possibility. The discussion will be picked up again at the November meeting.

There were no further comments or questions.

10. Adjourn

A motion to adjourn was made by John and seconded by Michaelle. The motion passed unanimously upon voice vote. The meeting was adjourned at 10:08AM.

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