



Behavioral Health Advisory Committee Meeting

Meeting Minutes
November 2, 2022

Advisory Members Present:

Happy Aldana
Medjine Desgraves
John Sheehan
Michealle Vega-Hernandez
Sharon Price

Advisory Members Absent:

Jeff Leach
Chris Kelly
Rob Hillabrand
Amy Zimmer

Region 6 Staff Present

Patti Jurjevich
Taren Petersen
Curt Vincentini
Crystal Fuller

Recorder:

Bev Jackson

1. Welcome and Roll Call

John Sheehan, filling in for the Chair, called the meeting to order at 9:05AM. Roll call of the members determined that there was not a quorum. It was decided to move to agenda item 4 as there is not a vote required for it.

2. Agenda Item #4 – Directors Report – Patti Jurjevich

Patti asked if any of the member knew of any persons that may be interested in serving on the Behavioral Health Advisory Committee. She asked that they let us know if they do hear of anyone or have any suggestions.

Patti stated that the Legislature is holding hearings on Friday, November 4 on the Interim Studies that are being conducted. There will also be a briefing on Medicaid, a discussion on the three Behavioral Health Clinics in Nebraska and the study of workforce needs and funding streams.

Patti shared that the Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS) budget is now online. The request is for 10.3 million Carry-over Funding for FY24. Of this, 6.1 million is for Program 38 and 4 million to fund 988. Another 52.5 million has also been budgeted but Patti stated that she is not sure what this is for. The extra 15% funding for fiscal year 23 was carryover dollars from FY22. Patti stated that there is a positive funding forecast for the next three years.

Patti then asked for suggestions of restaurants in which to hold the Holliday Luncheon.

Suggestions were, Kona Grill, Johnny's Steakhouse, Cheddars, Charlies on the Lake, and Spezia. Patti stated that Bev will make some calls and get it set up. Patti also reminded everyone that the meeting next month will start one hour later to accommodate this, with the luncheon to follow immediately after.

Patti also stated that Bev will be contacting everyone to verify that the contact information we have on file is current, or if there needs to be any changes or updates.

There were no further questions or comments.

It was decided to return to agenda item 2 as Medjine Desgraves arrived at 9:10 and there is now a quorum.

3. Agenda Item # 2 Approval of the October 5, 2022, Meeting Minutes

Medjine made the motion to approve the October 5, 2022, meeting minutes. Michaelle Vega-Hernandez seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously upon voice vote.

4. Agenda Item #3 Approval of the Agenda

Happy Aldana made a motion to approve the November 2, 2022, agenda. Medjine seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously upon voice vote.

5. State Opioid Response (SOR) - Crystal Fuller

a. Review of Funding and Budget Narrative

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

This is the third year of the SOR Grant. Crystal gave an overview of the year 2 accomplishments

- Recovery Housing: 51 unduplicated individuals served through 90 day program
- Narcan: 1,548 Kits provided to First Responders and Pharmacy Pilot Locations (21 Locations)
- Patient Advocacy Materials Created and Placed
- Medication Lockboxes: 500 disseminated
- Detera Deactivation Packets : 8,514 disseminated

Region 6 Behavioral Healthcare was allocated \$187,922.00. The following items are required for the regions:

- Evidence-Based Programs for School Aged Youth
- Community Presentations on Overdose
- Promotion of Pharmacy Narcan Program and stopodne.com
- Collaboration with Law Enforcement on DEA Takeback Events

Additional items to be included are:

- Medication Lockboxes and Safe Homes Brochures
- Patient Advocacy Campaign Placements
- Stimulant and Opioid Summits

Crystal then presented her budget summary to the committee.

Medjine asked what the process is to get Narcan. Crystal answered that a consumer would go to one of the participating pharmacies and ask for it, no prescription is needed. There is a limit of four doses per day and persons must be over 19. The shelf life of Narcan is three years. Medjine then asked what is the process to receive lockboxes? Crystal answered that you just need to ask her.

There were no further questions or comments.

- b. BHAC Recommendation to the Regional Governing Board
Happy made the motion to recommend to the Regional Governing Board. Michaelle seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously upon voice vote, in favor of recommending to the Regional Governing Board.

6. Partnership for Success Year 5 (PFS) - Crystal Fuller

- a. Review of Funding and Budget Narrative
Crystal gave a PowerPoint presentation and a printout of this was also included in everyone's packets for review.

This is the fifth year the funding opportunity and the Nebraska goals are:

- Prevent the onset and reduce the progression of substance abuse, including binge and underage drinking
- Strengthen capacity and infrastructure at the state and community levels in support of prevention efforts
- Leverage, redirect and realign local funding streams for prevention related to underage drinking, and target the increased marijuana use among this population.

Crystal shared the Coalition Programming and their year 5 funding allocation with everyone.

- Coalition Rx: Too Good for Drugs and Violence Curriculum, targeting youth 9-15. \$126,755.00.
- Omaha Collegiate Consortium: Social Norming Campaign, College Alcohol Profiles, Brief Motivational Intervention Programs, and Recovery Community Development, targeting 18–20-year-olds on college campuses in Douglas and Sarpy Counties. \$114,009.00.
- Project Extra Mile: Targeting retail environments, adult procurement- Alcohol Compliance Checks, High Visibility Enforcements, and Youth Leadership, targeting youth 14-20. \$105,524.00.
- Sarpy Cass Health Department: Communities that Care planning process and coalition development in Cass County: Positive Action and Guiding Good Choices, targeting youth 9-18 . \$84,159.00.
- Three Rivers Health Department: Communities that Care planning process and coalition development in Dodge and Washington Counties: LifeSkills Training, targeting youth 9-18. \$71,219.00

There were no questions or comments.

- b. BHAC Recommendation to the Regional Governing Board
Medjine made the motion to recommend to the Regional Governing Board. Happy seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously upon voice vote, in favor of recommending to the Regional Governing Board.

7. Appointment of Nominating Committee for 2023 BHAC Officers

After a brief discussion, John Sheehan and Medjine Desgraves volunteered to be on the Nominating Committee.

8. Status Reports for Period Ending September 30, 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 September 2022 Contract Service Reports. Drawdown is expected to be at 25%. Mental Health is at 15.79% and Substance Use is at 20.16%. She then drew everyone’s attention to the additional Contract Drawdown Sheet which gives the information at a quick glance.

Medjine asked if the lower drawdown is because of Medicaid expansion and Taren replied yes, it is.

There were no further questions or comments.

b. Emergency Service Report - Curt Vincentini

Curt gave an update of the September 2022 Emergency Service Dashboard. EPCs are up 5% from this time last year, but there has been little change from the Mobil Crisis Response. The average length of stay at the PES is down. Curt stated that he sees no significant trends, either good or bad. He also gave an update on 988. There was a recent incident when a person called 988 and LFS sent a Mobil Crisis Response team and Law Enforcement. The person had outstanding warrants and so they were subsequently arrested. This is not the ideal situation, as you don’t want persons afraid to call for help if they fear they would be arrested. This topic has been discussed on a national level, and there is work being done to make sure that this doesn’t happen. John Murphy asked if there would be the possibility that an undocumented person could then be apprehended? Curt replied that he is unsure, but they are working to lessen the need for Law Enforcement. John then asked if there is a 988 committee, with Curt replying that yes there are actually quite a few committees. John asked if Curt could check in regard to the undocumented immigrants and Curt stated that he would follow up on that. Sharon shared that on a national level, 988 will be capable, in the next year, of allowing deaf and ASL persons to call 988 through a video phone. There were no further comments or questions.

9. Public Comments


There were no public comments.

10. Adjourn

John reminded everyone that the next meeting will be at 10:00, to be followed by the Holiday Luncheon. A motion to adjourn was made Michaelle and seconded by Medjine. The motion passed unanimously upon voice vote. The meeting was adjourned at 9:53AM.

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