



Behavioral Healthcare

Behavioral Health Advisory Committee Meeting

Meeting Minutes

February 1, 2023

Advisory Members Present:

Jeff Leach
Happy Aldana
John Sheehan
Rob Hillabrand
Michealle Vega-Hernandez
Sharon Price
Amy Zimmer

Advisory Members Absent:

Chris Kelly
Medjine Desgraves

Region 6 Staff Present

Patti Jurjevich
Taren Petersen
Miles Glasgow
Curt Vincentini

Recorder:

Bev Jackson

1. Welcome and Roll Call

Jeff Leach called the meeting to order at 9:00AM.
Roll call of the members determined that there was a quorum.

2. Approval of the November 2, 2022, Meeting Minutes

John Sheehan made the motion to approve the December 7, 2022, meeting minutes.
Rob Hillabrand seconded the motion.
The motion passed unanimously upon voice vote.

3. Approval of the Agenda

John made a motion to approve the February 1, 2023 agenda.
Rob seconded the motion.
The motion passed unanimously upon voice vote.

4. Administrator's Report – Patti Jurjevich

Patti updated the committee members on Legislative bills that are coming up for a vote.
Included in the packet was a printout of the Legislative bills for review.

- LB337 will harmonize restrictions of HIPAA. The state of Nebraska has a higher threshold than the HIPAA guidelines. John asked if region providers can share/coordinate information if they can't get a release from the consumer?
Patti replied yes, they may.

- LB433 will require that budget changes occur in a timelier manner. This language will be in the statute and will have more “teeth” to it. DHHS is approve budget changes within 30 days. John asked is it also for shifts between substance use and mental health? Patti replied yes, but it is usually a shift from mental health to mental health.
- LB362 is for the 5% rate increase for Behavioral Health.

There were no further questions or comments.

5. Nurturing Healthy Behaviors – Miles Glasgow

a. Review of Funding and Budget Narrative

Miles gave a PowerPoint presentation and a printout of this was also included in everyone’s packet for review.

Amy Zimmer asked how this differs from having therapists in school and Miles answered that this is a more family centered program. Miles shared the mission and goals along with the work plan. He than stated the funding sources and the budget. Patti added that this program also includes daycare centers. John Sheehan asked what is the age range, and Taren answered that it is more geared to preschoolers. John asked how many do they plan to serve and Miles replied that he will need to get back to them on that number.

b. BHAC Recommendation to the Regional Governing Board

Amy Zimmer made the motion to recommend to the Regional Governing Board and a roll call vote was made. The motion passed unanimously.

6. Update on FY24 Funding – Patti Jurjevich

Patti gave an update on FY24 funding, stating that providers received a 15% rate increase. This will be funded with unspent dollars from the previous year, rather than appropriating new dollars for FY24. The Regions did ask for the rate increase dollars to be appropriated but the Governor did not include this dollar amount in his new budget, so there will be a shortage of \$10 million statewide, with 3.4 million of it in Region 6. The governor stated that there is enough money in the budget for this. John asked what the budget in March look will like? Taren responded that we will go with what we have been allocated. We will plan with the full allocation and also have a “Plan B” built into the budget. Patti stated that we have an obligation to plan on the loss of the 3.4 million.

There were no further questions.

7. Status Reports for Period Ending December 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 December 2022 Contract Service Reports. Drawdown is expected to be at 50%. Mental Health is at 27.71 % and Substance Use is at 34.72%. She then drew everyone’s attention to the additional Contract Drawdown Sheet which gives the information at a quick glance. Taren also stated that the providers are doing a great job of actually pulling down the dollars.

There were no questions or comments.

b. Emergency Service Report - Curt Vincentini

Curt gave an update of the December 2022 Emergency Service Dashboard. EPCs have dropped. Curt then stated that 988 is utilizing the Mobile Crisis Units, adding that law enforcement is who usually activates it. They are looking at ways that they can have

other agencies dispatch it. He also stated that telehealth is being utilized more. Curt shared that the average length of stay at the PES is 24.38 hours, adding that this is phenomenal, as this is the lowest numbers he has seen.

Curt had an additional handout which captures the PES Discharge Destinations, as Patti had asked at the previous meeting if the PES data could have more detail as to where consumers go when discharged. This report will be ongoing and will be tracking discharges and more accurate discharge information.

Curt stated that the current dashboard was created two years ago and that they are looking at updating it and they welcome any feedback. John stated that it is extremely helpful, but he does appreciate when Curt walks them through the data.

There were no further questions or comments.

8. Public Comments

Sharon wanted to share that NDCHH is currently looking for persons with Deaf skills. There are currently 19 counselors in Nebraska with signing skills. There is a printout of eligible counselors available on the NDCHH website.

There were no other public comments.

9. Adjourn

A motion to adjourn was made John and seconded by Amy Zimmer. The motion passed unanimously upon voice vote. The meeting was adjourned at 9:50AM.

Prepared By: Deborah S Jackson Date: 3-1-23
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