



Behavioral Healthcare

Behavioral Health Advisory Committee Meeting

Meeting Minutes

March 1, 2023

Advisory Members Present:

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

Advisory Members Absent:

None

Region 6 Staff Present

Patti Jurjevich
Taren Petersen
Miles Glasgow

Recorder:

Bev Jackson

1. Welcome and Roll Call

Jeff Leach welcomed everyone and called the meeting to order at 9:05AM.
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 February 1, 2023, meeting minutes.
Happy Aldana seconded the motion.
The motion passed unanimously upon voice vote.

3. Approval of the Agenda

John made a motion to approve the March 1, 2023 agenda.
Medjine Desgraves seconded the motion.
The motion passed unanimously upon voice vote.

4. Administrator's Report – Patti Jurjevich

Patti updated the committee members on a couple of Legislative bills.

- LB337, which will harmonize restrictions of HIPAA has come out of committee.
- LB433 will require that budget changes occur in a timelier manner. Patti testified on this bill and is following up with the committee members.

Patti also stated that the Governor's FY24 budget did not include the additional 10 million dollars (statewide) that was in the FY23 budget for rate increases. This will mean a 3.4 million decrease in the Region 6 budget.

Chris Kelly asked what services will be reduced to meet this decrease. Patti stated that Taren will be sharing that in her budget report, but there will be consequences for the loss of revenue. There were no further questions or comments.

5. FY24 Regional Budget Plan – Taren Petersen

a. Review of Funding and Budget Narrative

Taren gave a review of the funding and budget plan for FY24. There was a copy of the Budget Narrative and Budget in everyone's packets for their review.

Region 6 Behavioral Healthcare (Region 6) received notice from the Nebraska Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS) – Division of Behavioral Health (DBH) of the preliminary FY24 allocation of \$29,113,061 (Revised) in federal and state funds. This reflects a decrease of \$3,415,607 from the final allocation amount in FY23. Note: In the fall of FY23, Region 6 received a total state allocation of \$32,528,668. The increase that was received in the fall of FY23 included \$3,415,607 to support a rate increase. The decrease reflected in the revised allocation for FY24, includes the removal of the 15% rate increase dollars that were provided in FY23. The state allocation does not include county funds, but does reflect the following:

- There is no change in State Housing Assistance dollars. These dollars remain at \$1,148,103.
- There was no change in Mental Health Block Grant funds (\$738,961) or in Substance Abuse Prevention and Treatment Block Grant dollars (\$2,272,737).
- Federal dollars dedicated to First Episode of Psychosis remain the same at \$165,126.
- For the second year, funds (\$705,852) are set aside for a 2% increase for rate-based services.
- An amount of \$73,734 is earmarked for Secure Residential service expansion and is restricted for this service level.
- Funds (\$66,778) are again set aside in FY24 for Short-Term Residential expansion and restricted to this service level.
- There is no change in dedicated funding in Housing for Women with Children. These dollars remain at \$24,000 and are restricted for this level of care.

Chair Jeff Leach had to leave the meeting at 9:30. Vice Chair Rob Hillabrand then took over as Chair.

In recapping the FY24 revenue, Region 6 is allocated \$29,613,061 from the state and federal funds, \$1,907,944 in county matching funds. The total FY24 revenue reflected in the Regional Budget Plan is \$31,521,005. In addition to the above revenue, we anticipate \$1,000,000 for involuntary care and \$339,633 for voluntary care in state general funds for a separate contract with Lasting Hope Recovery Center.

Taren then proceeded to give an overview of the key initiatives from 2023.

Taren proceeded to explain the budget preparation process, reminding everyone that this is preliminary. The BHAC will vote to move it forward to the Regional Governing Board, for their approval.

Taren next moved on to the spreadsheet and allocation of dollars, pointing out the various areas that she felt needed to be highlighted.

There were no further questions.

b. BHAC Recommendation to the Regional Governing Board

John made the motion to recommend the FY24 Region 6 Budget to the Regional Governing Board.

Amy Zimmer seconded the motion.

The motion passed unanimously upon voice vote.

6. Status Reports for Period Ending January 31, 2023 – Taren Petersen and Miles Glasgow
Reports were included in the packets for everyone’s review.

a. Contract Service Report - Taren Petersen

Taren gave an update of the January 2023 Contract Service Reports. Drawdown is expected to be at 58.33%. Mental Health is at 32.07% and Substance Use is at 42%, which is a bit closer to the expected drawdown.

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

There were no questions or comments.

b. Emergency Service Report – Miles Glasgow

Miles wanted to give everyone in update on the current progress in the emergency systems.

- 988 calls - there seems to be hesitation of folks to have Crisis Response Teams (CRT) come to their home but they are seeing an increase in telehealth usage.
- Douglas County Sheriff Department is looking to increase the use of CRTs.
- Fremont has a Co-responder position that is open, but they are planning on filling the position soon.
- Curt Vincentini and Jen Hazuka have been working with HFS and LFS to add non-law enforcement peer support for CRTs.
- Miles introduced Arrow Caryl. Arrow will be working with the Sarpy-Cass BOMH. He will be overseeing the inpatient and outpatient transitions.
- Sarpy County Triage. This is upcoming, and Region 6 is still in the process of carving out what this service will offer. More information on this to be coming soon.

There were no questions or comments.

7. Public Comments

There were no public comments.

8. Adjourn

A motion to adjourn was made by John.

Medjine seconded the motion.

The motion passed unanimously upon voice vote.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:10AM.

Prepared By: Beverly S. Jackson Date: 4-5-23

Approved By: [Signature] Date: 4/5/23