



Region 6 Behavioral Healthcare
Behavioral Health Advisory Committee Meeting
Meeting Minutes
December 6, 2023

Advisory Members Present:

Jeff Leach
Chris Kelly
John Sheehan
Michealle Vega-Hernandez

Advisory Members Absent:

Medjine Desgraves
Rob Hillabrand
Amy Zimmer

Region 6 Staff Present

Taren Petersen

Recorder:

Bev Jackson

1. Welcome

Jeff Leach welcomed everyone and called the meeting to order at 10:05AM.

2. Roll Call

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

3. Approval of the November 1, 2023, Meeting Minutes

John Sheehan made the motion to approve the November 1, 2023 meeting minutes.

Chris Kelly seconded the motion.

The motion passed unanimously upon voice vote.

4. Approval of the Agenda

John made the motion to approve the December 6, 2023 agenda.

Chris seconded the motion.

The motion passed unanimously upon voice vote.

5. State Opioid Response (SOR) – Taren Petersen

a. Review of Funding and Budget Narrative

Taren presented an overview of the year two budget and workplan, a copy of which was included in everyone's packets.

Taren stated that the funding amount and budget are the same as year one.

Michealle Vega-Hernandez asked if any of this this funding would be used to build more detox centers. Taren replied no, this is different funding and that it is used for treatment

needs such as medication-assisted treatment medications, prevention programs, treatment and recovery programs for opioid use disorder.

The grant period for year two will be from September 30, 2023 to September 29, 2024.

Taren then shared the budget for the grant.

John asked how the lockboxes are distributed. Taren replied they are distributed to law enforcement, schools, fairs, service organizations, community organizations and many other events. She stated that a person just has to ask for one.

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.

Chris seconded the motion.

A roll call vote was done, and the motion passed unanimously.

6. Recovery Support – Housing Request for Proposal (RFP) – Taren Petersen

a. Review of RFP Process and Funding Recommendation

Taren gave an overview of the RFP. There was also a copy in everyone's packets.

Region 6 Behavioral Healthcare issued a Request for Proposal (RFP) to seek a qualified, interested provider to develop and provide Recovery Support, working specifically with the Region 6 Housing Programs.

By close of business on November 17, 2023, Region 6 received one proposal from Heartland Family Service .

Taren then shared the schedule of events and the review committee recommendation.

The Review Committee met on November 27, 2023. It was recommended that Heartland Family Service be awarded the contract for Support for Region 6 Housing Programs. Heartland Family Service will be awarded \$120,406.00 for a partial year in FY24, and \$188,207.00 will be awarded for FY25.

John asked for an estimate on how many persons would be served and Taren replied approximately 150-160 persons.

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.

Chris seconded the motion.

A roll call vote was done, and the motion passed unanimously.

7. Update on FY24 Community Alliance Project for Assistance in Transition from Homelessness (PATH) Contract – Taren Petersen

Taren gave an overview of the PATH contract with Community Alliance . There was also a copy in the members' packets for review.

Taren shared that Region 6 has had this contract with Community Alliance for over 30 years.

This is a Federal grant. The term of the contract is October1, 2023 to September 30, 2024, for the amount of \$200,334.00.

The purpose is to provide services to people with serious mental illness, including those with co-occurring substance use disorders, who are experiencing homelessness or at imminent risk of becoming homeless.

Community Alliance is one of three agencies in Nebraska that provides PATH services, employing 2 full time staff in the PATH program. They also contract with Creighton 4th year psychiatric resident students, for psychiatric services.

Taren stated that in FY23 (10/01/22-9/30/23) Community Alliance served 274 individuals in the PATH program.

There were no questions or comments.

8. FY25 Budget Timeline – Taren Petersen

Taren shared the preliminary timeline for the FY25 Budget with the committee members, a copy of which was included in their packets.
There were no questions or comments.

9. 2024 Officers

a. Report from the Nomination Committee

Michealle stated that she wasn't sure of what their duties were. The volunteers on the committee are Chris Kelly, Michealle Vega-Hernandez and Medjine Desgraves. After a brief discussion it was decided to table the nomination of officers until the January 3, 2024 BHAC meeting.

b. Election of Officers

To be held on January 3, 2024

10. Status Reports for Period Ending October 31, 2023 – Taren Petersen

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

a. Contract Service Report - Taren Petersen

Taren gave an update of the October 2023 Contract Service Reports. The drawdown target is expected to be at 33%. Mental Health is at 22% and Substance Use is at 28%. She then drew everyone's attention to the additional Contract Drawdown Sheet which gives the information at a quick glance.

Taren stated that the TBD items will begin to be drawn down as a lot of those programs are now in progress and will begin to be utilized.

There were no questions or comments.

b. Emergency Service Report – Taren Petersen

Taren gave everyone an update on the current progress in the emergency systems.

The number of EPCs continue to be lower than last year.

The number diverted from EPC is above average.

For the PES Destination at Discharge numbers, Taren would like to see the 44% Acute drop and the 55% Home increase.

There were no questions or comments.

11. Public Comments

There were no public comments.

12. Adjourn

A motion to adjourn was made by Chris.

Michealle seconded the motion.

The motion passed unanimously upon voice vote.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:55 AM.

Prepared By: Beverly A Jackson Date: 3-6-24

Approved By: [Signature] Date: 3/6/24