MEETING MINUTES
San Miguel Behavioral Health Solutions
June 23, 2022 | 9:00 am – 11:00 am
ZOOM ONLY

Panel Members Present: Pam Stewart-Maddox, Rob Whiting, John Pandolfo, Sharon Grundy, Paul Reich, Andres Alonzo Jacinto

Panel Members Absent: Chuck Porth, Carol Friedrich

Others present: Corinne Cavender; TCHNetwork, Lynn Borup; TCHNetwork, Darcy Johnson; TCHNetwork, Amy Rowan; TCHNetwork, Bethany Maher; TCHNetwork, Linda Boedeker; San Miguel Resource Center, Ruth Andrade; Interpreter

Meeting called to order at 9:04am

1. Welcome
2. Approve May 26, 2022 Meeting Minutes
   a. 1st Paul Reich
   b. 2nd Pam Stewart-Maddox
   c. All in Favor
3. Public Comment
   a. Linda Boedeker, the interim executive director from San Miguel Resource Center (SMRC) presented funding questions to BHS
      • One specifically asked if general operations funding could be applied for
      • Paul Reich noted BHS is not necessarily in the business of supporting general operations. Generally, more comfortable funding a program or position that falls under the funding initiatives as outlined by the ballot measure
      • SMRC was directed to the common application and plans to submit a request for funding
   b. Andres Alonzo Jacinto noted conversations with CAFI regarding the need for alternative programs/activities for the latinx population as a way of suicide prevention
      • There is currently a latinx softball team and that engagement is thought to be a form of suicide prevention
      • BHS agreed that activities like this need to be available all year
      • Lynn Borup gave history and overview of the latinx boards currently meeting
      • Various BHS members mentioned latinx activities and initiatives that have been hosted by various organizations in the community
      • i.e., Latinx ski days
      • John Pandolfo noted that the Telluride School could be used for future latinx activities
      • Paul Reich brought up the FIRC model that is used in Summit County as a program that promotes connection
      • Corinne Cavender to create list of current latinx activities and add to BHS website
      • Also will be used to see what activities are missing or could be
4. **Budget**
   a. BHS agreed that the banner budget items can be deleted as they are no longer being funded
   b. BHS mentioned that it assigned placeholder dollars that have not been spent yet and discussion will need to happen about what to do with those funds
   c. John Pandolfo discussed the budget of the Telluride School’s grant that was recently approved
      • Mentioned the school likely will not be able to hire an intern, also having difficulty getting a school social worker to apply with proper endorsements
      • BHS advised to put possible budget changes in writing to be voted on during a future meeting

5. **Behavioral Health Fund 6-Month Report Presentation (Tri-County Health Network)**
   a. Bethany Maher presented on the report that was submitted to BHS
      • Noted upward trend in those applying and using the fund
      • Most live in Telluride
      • Explained that the biggest success is that TCHNetwork has experience administering other funds so has a pulse on what clients may be in need
      • Biggest difficulty outlined is that clients will be approved for the fund, but because therapists are so busy it is difficult to find a provider with availability
      • BHS discussed the issue that demand to see providers is high, but the supply does not match the demand
      • Paul Reich noted a possible discrepancy in the percentage of Medicaid providers
        • Noted that the County worked with Left Hand Management to encourage providers to accept Medicaid
        • The Center for Mental Health (soon merging with Axis Health) accepts Medicaid
        • Lynn Borup mentioned that as it stands, the Behavioral Health Fund is set up to take Medicaid clients
      • Another major challenge is providers wanting their payments sooner than can be processed
      • Paul Reich mentioned that BHS should consider these difficulties and possibly make small changes in the next year of funding

Break taken at 10:07am
Back at 10:15am

6. **Behavioral Health Care Coordinator (BHCC) Annual Report Presentation (Tri-County Health Network)**
   a. Amy Rowan presented on the report that was submitted to BHS
      • Explained that current BHCC, Emmaline, has been in position for six months
      • 21 clients served so far this year
        • Focusing on social determinants of health
          • Often able to connect clients with other needs like food, appointments, transportation, etc.
      • Biggest success noted is being able to meet clients face to face in person which has been instrumental in breaking the stigma of receiving behavioral health help
      • BHCC has been collaborating with community partners and meeting with counselors group
- BHCC working closely with Telluride Medical Center
  - Taking clients to appointments, reminding clients about their appointments
- BHCC collaborating with providers to help clients remember what their treatment plan is
- BHCC also supporting the NAMI family-to-family support program
- Noted seeing most stigma around substance use services
  - Described some clients know they have substance use issues but will not get help

7. BHS Officer Elections
   a. Chair: John
   b. Vice Chair: Sharon Grundy
   c. **Motion to approve John Pandolfo as BHS Chair and Sharon Grundy as BHS Vice Chair**
      - 1st Paul Reich
      - 2nd Pam Stewart-Maddox
      - All in Favor
   d. Secretary to be voted on at July meeting

8. Review Proposals for Opioid Response Council
   a. John Pandolfo and Paul Reich discussed updates on the Council
   b. Corinne Cavender reviewed possible proposals on behalf of BHS
      - BHS discussed bringing these to the Behavioral Health Collaborative to get feedback
      - Seems as though Council might have moved on from this, Corinne to circle back with Commissioner Cooper to see if proposals are still requested

Meeting adjourned at 11:10am

Panel Members:

Carol Friedrich – San Miguel/Ouray County Social Services Director, Chair
John Pandolfo—Superintendent, Telluride R1 School District, Vice Chair
Sharon Grundy—Telluride Medical Center
Chuck Porth – Chief Executive Officer, Uncompahgre Medical Center
Paul Reich – Community Relations Liaison, Center for Mental Health
Pam Stewart-Maddox – Community Member, Secretary
Rob Whiting – Community Member
Andres Jacinto Alonzo – Community Member

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*3rd Thursday due to Holiday

Attachments:
May 26, 2022 Meeting Minutes
Budget

Behavioral Health Fund 6-Month Report
Behavioral Health Care Coordinator Annual Report