

BEHAVIORAL HEALTH ADVISORY COMMITTEE

MINUTES

October 24, 2007
1645 'N' Street, Suite A
Lincoln, NE

MEMBERS PRESENT: Janet Coleman, Jacob Colling, Wilma Jackson, Cindy Kadavy, Kay Laun, Gail Lorenzen, David Rea, Deb Shoemaker, Patricia Timm, and Joe Wright

MEMBERS ABSENT: Carol Bartling, Halee Foote, Joel Gajardo, Robyn Henderson, Brenda Pfeifly, Jim Ruby, Stacey Werth-Sweeney, and Debra Williams

OTHERS PRESENT: Jon Day, Topher Hansen, Carol Crumpacker, Dean Settle, Phil Tegeler, Jay Conrad, Karen Heusel, Julie Anderson, Peggy Brooks, Mary Hepburn O'Shea, C.J. Johnson, Paul Van De Water, Sandy Morrissey, Kristin Nelson, Renee' Dozier, Ardi Korver, John Turner, Theresa Gomez, Ginny Wright, Pat Kreifels, and Deanna Gregg

The meeting was called to order at 9:07 a.m.

HOUSEKEEPING AND INTRODUCTIONS

Introductions were made.

ADDITIONS / CHANGES TO AGENDA

There were no additions/changes to the agenda.

OPEN MEETING ACT INFORMATION

Rea pointed out that open meeting act information was posted as required by the Open Meeting Act.

PUBLIC COMMENT

There was no public comment.

CONSENT AGENDA

Timm made a motion, seconded by Coleman, to recommend that the Board accept the following consent agenda items: Minutes, August 29, 2007; Compliance Management Report; Capacity Utilization Summary; RGB Report; and FY 07-08 SA/MH First Quarter Wait List Averages. Johnson reported that the number of post-commitment days has gone down. Discussion followed regarding services for the developmentally disabled.

Roll Call: Yes: Coleman, Colling, Jackson, Kadavy, Laun, Lorenzen, Rea, Shoemaker, Timm, Wright

Absent: Bartling, Foote, Gajardo, Henderson, Pfeifly, Ruby, Werth-Sweeney, Williams

Motion carried.

ACTION/PRIORITY ITEMS

Prevention Mini-Grant Recommendations: Coleman made a motion, seconded by Colling, to recommend to the Board that the Region accept the BHAC sub-committee's recommendations as presented. Morrissey reported she asked Colling to join the sub-committee because several youth organizations apply for mini-grant funding; Colling agreed to join.

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Roll Call: Yes: Coleman, Colling, Jackson, Kadavy, Laun, Lorenzen, Rea, Shoemaker, Timm, Wright

Absent: Bartling, Foote, Gajardo, Henderson, Pfeifly, Ruby, Werth-Sweeney, Williams

Motion carried.

Compassion Capital Fund Grant: Johnson explained that Region V wrote and applied for a Capital Compassion Fund Grant and was awarded \$500,000 for three years. Sub-awards will be disbursed annually in the amount of \$225,000 to promote capacity building. The first round will be awarded by March 2008. There are members on the BHAC that may be part of the capacity building team, or are partners, or are sub-awardees. Those members will need to complete a new conflict of interest statement and abstain from voting on motions related to this grant (Timm and Shoemaker will complete statements following this meeting). Coleman made a motion, seconded by Laun, to recommend to the Board that the Region move forward with the Compassion Capital Fund Grant as presented.

Roll Call: Yes: Coleman, Colling, Jackson, Kadavy, Laun, Lorenzen, Rea, Wright

Abstain: Shoemaker, Timm

Absent: Bartling, Foote, Gajardo, Henderson, Pfeifly, Ruby, Werth-Sweeney, Williams

Motion carried.

OTHER UPDATES/INFORMATION

BH Reform/Expanded Services/Oversight Commission: Hansen reported on his attendance at a NABHO meeting in which there was discussion on determination of what sum of money will transfer from the regional centers to community-based services. In addition, there is \$10 million one-time funding that will come into the system in January.

Regarding MRO services (day rehab, community support, psych res rehab, ACT team, etc.), there is a legislative bill that states if the service is otherwise provided by the state, MRO will not apply. This would take a significant amount of funding out of the system.

Behavioral Health Reform Planning: If the \$10 million is made available, Region V would be allotted \$2.4 million (one-time funding), and training issues for providers and consumers will be considered. The RHIO was developed, and this funding may focus on IT-related items (hardware, software, etc.). The proposed plan for investment of funds in Region V is being developed with input from system stakeholders.

LB 40 A: Turner explained that RAP started with \$446,000 to build housing units. CenterPointe is building a ten-plex and is rehabilitating a four-plex. The remaining \$105,000 went to CrownPointe, and with the help of the United States Department of Agriculture, five duplexes (10 units) will be built in Beatrice.

Consumer Family Involvement: G. Wright discussed the Alternatives 2005 conference she attended in St. Louis, Missouri. She also read a poem about being a teen in the system, written by a consumer and speaker at the conference, Leah Harris, MA, CRE, IT. Leah is also the editor of *Capital Connections*.

It was suggested that the behavioral health industry work toward prevention and promoting well-being instead of focusing on crisis management.

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LEVELS OF CARE

Prevention / Regional Prevention Center: The State Epidemiological Workgroup has identified the top five priorities to focus on: 1) underage drinking; 2) binge drinking; 3) drunk driving; 4) marijuana; and 5) methamphetamines. On October 31 these priorities will be presented to Nebraska Partners in Prevention for approval. Funding will be based on communities which address these priorities.

Non-Residential: Turner reported that RAP has received 380 applications and currently has 30 on the waiting list. Following are two web sites which provide additional housing information:

- 1) rentwise.org – resource for training (Nebraska Housing Developers Association)
- 2) housing.ne.gov – landlords can sign up for free

Residential: The Community Mental Health Foundation was approached about building a 12-plex. The Region is looking for transitional housing opportunities for those coming from LRC and who have been in The Heather. Consumers would be able to have their own apartment but will have staff available in some capacity to help prepare them for independent living.

Emergency: Johnson reported there were 27 mental health warrants three years ago, 42 two years ago, and last year there were 105. Rural EPCs have gone down, but Lancaster County has seen a lot more Mental Health Board commitments; however, even with the increase in Mental Health Board commitments, there are 1,000 less bed days in the Crisis Center.

Community Support: Wright reported that a charter has been written for peer-provided services (consumer operated). It includes hospital diversion, respite, vocational education, socialization, homeless services, etc. Settle talked about the Community Health Endowment. CMHC can definitely see the benefits of having peer-provided services.

Children's: Dozier reported there are several initiatives in the works. She will get the PowerPoint notes from Mark DeKraai and distribute to providers and Region V staff.

Dozier also reported that the State has hired a Children's Behavioral Health Administrator.

OTHER BUSINESS

Dozier informed the group that Region V will be having a Safe Haven Halloween Extravaganza on October 31, from 5:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m. There will be candy, prizes, cookie decorating, face painting, etc.

Heusel informed the group that there will be a Red Ribbon Week Skating Party on October 30 at Skate Zone (300 N. 48th Street).

IMPORTANT DATES

- November 5 – RGB Meeting – 10:30 a.m.
- November 19 – Network Providers Meeting – 9:30 a.m.
- January 16 – BHAC Meeting – 9:00 a.m.

ADJOURN

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 10:35 a.m.