

BEHAVIORAL HEALTH ADVISORY COMMITTEE

MINUTES

May 28, 2008
1645 'N' Street, Suite A
Lincoln, NE

MEMBERS PRESENT: Jacob Colling, Halee Foote, Robyn Henderson, Cindy Kadavy, Terry Keebler, Gail Lorenzen, David Rea, Jim Ruby, Deb Shoemaker, Patricia Timm, Joe Wright

MEMBERS ABSENT: Janet Coleman, Joel Gajardo, Wilma Jackson, Brenda Pfeifly, Stacey Werth-Sweeney, Debra Williams

OTHERS PRESENT: Laura Vandenberg, Blue Valley Behavioral Health; Dave Miers, Bryan LGH; Topher Hansen, CenterPointe; Carol Crumpacker; Child Guidance Center; Phil Tegeler, Cornhusker Place; Jay Conrad, Houses of Hope; Green, M.H.A; Mary Hepburn O'Shea, O.U.R. Homes; Corrie Kielty-Wesely, St. Monica's; C.J. Johnson, Kim Michael, Paul Van De Water, Renee' Dozier, Linda Wittmuss, Ardi Korver, Theresa Gomez, Malcom Miles, and Marti Rabe, Region V Systems

The meeting was called to order at 9:03 a.m.

HOUSEKEEPING AND INTRODUCTIONS

Introductions were made.

ADDITIONS / CHANGES TO AGENDA

Johnson requested the addition of two items to the agenda: Certificates of Appreciation presentation, following public comment; and draft BHAC Exit Interview Questionnaire (Item H).

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.

APPRECIATION

Johnson presented certificates of appreciation to Foote, Shoemaker, and Timm. Foote was recognized for being one of the youngest persons to ever serve on the BHAC. Shoemaker and Timm were recognized for serving three full terms. Shoemaker and Timm both expressed confidence that behavioral health care was in good hands and noted many positive changes over their tenures.

CONSENT AGENDA

Timm made a motion, seconded by Lorenzen, to recommend that the Board accept the following consent agenda items: Minutes, April 30, 2008; Capacity Utilization Summary; and RGB Report.

Roll Call: Yes: Colling, Foote, Henderson, Kadavy, Lorenzen, Rea, Ruby, Shoemaker, Timm, Wright

Absent: Coleman, Gajardo, Jackson, Keebler, Pfeifly, Werth-Sweeney, Williams

Motion carried.

ACTION/PRIORITY ITEMS

Election of Officers for 08-09: Johnson assumed temporary chairmanship of the BHAC and asked for nominations for Chair.

Nominations for Chair: Ruby made a motion, seconded by Wright, to nominate Rea as Chair for a second term and called for a unanimous ballot. There were no other nominations.

Roll Call: Yes: Colling, Foote, Henderson, Kadavy, Lorenzen, Ruby, Shoemaker, Timm, Wright
Abstain: Rea
Absent: Coleman, Gajardo, Jackson, Keebler, Pfeifly, Werth-Sweeney, Williams

Motion carried.

Nominations for Vice Chair: Ruby made a motion, seconded by Timm, to nominate Pfeifly for vice chair for a second term and for nominations to cease. There were no other nominations.

Roll Call: Yes: Colling, Foote, Henderson, Kadavy, Lorenzen, Rea, Ruby, Shoemaker, Timm, Wright
Absent: Coleman, Gajardo, Jackson, Keebler, Pfeifly, Werth-Sweeney, Williams

Motion carried.

Nominations for Member at Large: Shoemaker made a motion, seconded by Ruby, to nominate Lorenzen for a second term as member at large and for nominations to cease. There were no other nominations.

Roll Call: Yes: Colling, Foote, Henderson, Kadavy, Rea, Ruby, Shoemaker, Timm, Wright
Abstain: Lorenzen
Absent: Coleman, Gajardo, Jackson, Keebler, Pfeifly, Werth-Sweeney, Williams

Motion carried.

FY 08-09 Budget Plan-Funding Recommendations: Johnson presented a chronological overview of additional behavioral health allocations during the past year. Additional allocations were used to purchase units for drug court at St. Monica's, as well as additional units of FFS capacity for adult and children's services. FY 08-09 allocations allow for the continuation of this additional capacity. FY 08-09 dollars have been earmarked to promote consumer involvement, increase the rate for intermediate res at Cornhusker Place, create a pilot voucher system to impact wait lists, sustain funding for the Heather, add two transition-age-youth professional partners, pay for units at Child Guidance for parents being served, as well as fund system coordination. The Budget Plan includes \$197,000 in unallocated funds. Consumer input and Phase IV planning documents filed in November will be used to determine the best use of these additional dollars. A four percent rate increase is included in the allocations for behavioral health service rates. Timm made a motion, seconded by Ruby, that the FY 08-09 Budget Plan be moved forward to the Board for approval.

Roll Call: Yes: Colling, Foote, Henderson, Kadavy, Keebler, Lorenzen, Rea, Ruby, Shoemaker, Timm, Wright
Absent: Coleman, Gajardo, Jackson, Pfeifly, Werth-Sweeney, Williams

Motion carried.

FY 08-09 Contracts: Johnson presented a slate of contracts involving the following: State behavioral health allocations, rental assistance, emergency protective custody (EPC), prevention coalitions, building partners, Southeast Nebraska Behavioral Health Information Network (SNBHIN), Community Health Endowment (CHE), National Association of Case Management (NACM), and the Lincoln Lancaster County Health Department. There was discussion regarding the prevention allocation process and questions arose as to whether the process was creating improved outcomes. Wittmuss noted that data is being collected, and a clearer picture will be available in the future. An additional prevention allocation not shown on the document will provide \$1,792 for Cedar Bluffs. Shoemaker made a motion, seconded by Timm, that these contracts be moved forward to the Board for approval.

Roll Call: Yes: Colling, Foote, Henderson, Kadavy, Keebler, Lorenzen, Rea, Ruby, Shoemaker, Timm, Wright

 Absent: Coleman, Gajardo, Jackson, Pfeifly, Werth-Sweeney, Williams

Motion carried.

FY 08-09 Special Populations Funding Recommendations: Miles presented the Special Populations Award Summary noting that this was the first time available funding exceeded requests for funding. Miles noted that an additional grant had been awarded to the Sac and Fox Nation for a substance abuse program for Native Americans. Miles explained that the grant had been postmarked by the deadline but did not arrive at the Region V office until the review committee had met and made their recommendations. The application was reviewed and accepted via email. Ruby made a motion, seconded by Henderson, that these funding recommendations be moved forward to the Board for approval.

Roll Call: Yes: Colling, Foote, Henderson, Kadavy, Keebler, Rea, Ruby, Shoemaker, Timm, Wright

 Abstain: Lorenzen

 Absent: Coleman, Gajardo, Jackson, Pfeifly, Werth-Sweeney, Williams

Motion carried.

Interim Services Policy: Wittmuss explained that this policy arose out of a federal SA block grant audit which revealed that inadequate documentation regarding the provision of interim services was being retained by providers receiving block grant funds. Wittmuss stated that interim services can include outreach, educational materials / brochures, referral for testing for TB or health needs, etc. A subcommittee has been working on creating referral information packets, standardizing language regarding interim services, and ensuring that agencies create methods to document that interim services are being provided. Timm made a motion, seconded by Shoemaker, to move this policy forward to the Board for approval as presented.

Roll Call: Yes: Colling, Foote, Henderson, Kadavy, Keebler, Lorenzen, Rea, Ruby, Shoemaker, Timm, Wright

 Absent: Coleman, Gajardo, Jackson, Pfeifly, Werth-Sweeney, Williams

Motion carried.

Site Visit Report Summary: Wittmuss presented the site visit summary regarding CMHC and MHA pointing out areas needing follow-up and noting that the financial audits are pending for CMHC. Wright

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made a motion, seconded by Shoemaker, to recommend to the Board that the site visit report summary be approved as presented.

Roll Call: Yes: Colling, Foote, Henderson, Kadavy, Keebler, Lorenzen, Rea, Ruby, Shoemaker, Timm, Wright

 Absent: Coleman, Gajardo, Jackson, Pfeifly, Werth-Sweeney, Williams

Motion carried.

Annual Survey Results: Johnson presented the annual survey results for executive directors, program staff, and BHAC members commenting that provider and BHAC surveys had suggested that improvements could be made in the amount of feedback received. Several BHAC members felt it was their personal responsibility to follow up when feedback is wanted. Johnson pointed out that the Region has been engaged in an attempt to discern an optimal level of information sharing for providers, BHAC, and Board members. In addition, currently all information to be presented to the BHAC and Board is shared with providers first. By openly sharing information among entities, a level of trust has developed that was not present at one time. Regarding the usefulness of the advisory committee, Johnson pointed out that the Region asked for language in LB 1083 to continue the advisory committee structure, feeling that the input from the group is vital. The BHAC consists of a broader range of persons involved than does the Board, and provides a forum for consumer input.

BHAC Exit Interview Questionnaire: Michael presented a draft *Exit Interview Questionnaire*, created by the nominating subcommittee, which will be implemented immediately following a number of suggested changes. The questionnaire will be sent out via Survey Monkey when possible. There was discussion regarding who should have access to the results of the questionnaires and how often, if ever, a report should be provided to the BHAC with aggregate data. It was decided that Johnson and the BHAC executive committee would be provided with the results and can determine how to proceed with any concerns or suggestions. Ruby made a motion, seconded by Lorenzen, to approve the questionnaire with suggested amendments

Roll Call: Yes: Colling, Henderson, Kadavy, Keebler, Lorenzen, Rea, Ruby, Shoemaker, Timm,

 Absent: Coleman, Foote, Gajardo, Jackson, Pfeifly, Werth-Sweeney, Williams, Wright

Motion carried.

OTHER UPDATES/INFORMATION

BH Reform / Expanded Services / Oversight Commission: Hansen expressed grave concerns regarding the termination of the Oversight Commission, which is slated to expire on June 30. Hansen noted that the Oversight Commission has been responsible for using its power of inquiry to ensure that behavioral health reform dollars are allocated as intended by LB 1083. Discrepancies continue between the fiscal department and the Oversight Commission regarding dollar amounts which should flow from the closing of the regional centers. Hansen also noted that critical information is not being provided to the Governor's advisory body in a timely manner. Hansen urged BHAC members to continue to maintain contact with legislators expressing concerns and providing information regarding the need to continue to fund and augment behavioral health services in Nebraska.

Consumer / Family Involvement: Information was distributed regarding two training opportunities: Wellness Recovery Action Plan (WRAP), held in Beatrice May 30 and 31; and a five day training in preparation for the Community Health Endowment Grant (CHE) to hire peer specialists at several Region V agencies, scheduled June 16-20.

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Peer Support Definition: Johnson explained that the peer support definition is being written to allow the program to become Medicaid-eligible, while attempting to avoid the medical model and use consumer friendly language.

FY 08-09 Region V Contract Summary: Johnson commented that the Region is currently managing 68 contracts; Theresa Gomez is responsible for that management process.

Draft FY 2008-2009 Site Visit Schedule: The site visit schedule for the coming fiscal year was distributed for informational purposes.

2008-2009 Schedule of Meetings: The schedule of meetings for the coming fiscal year was attached.

LEVELS OF CARE

Residential: The residential level of care recently sent a letter to Lancaster County General Assistance (GA) pointing out challenges in establishing residency and thereby qualifying for general assistance for the chronically homeless. In response, three representatives from GA have indicated that they will attend the next residential level of care meeting scheduled for June 10 at 2:30. Johnson indicated that the Region has expressed an interested in managing GA in Lancaster County.

Children's: Johnson stated that the children's system is facing two challenges at this time. One concern is determining who is responsible for paying for the treatment of parents of state wards; an additional challenge is that the State is proposing to assume responsibility for purchase of services, which will no longer allow Region V to create efficiencies within that framework, which has been cost effective. Johnson also pointed out that Region V is the only Region in the State that will not have its caseload reduced due to staffing challenges. The Region has been proactive in frontloading staff, recruiting and protection and safety training is ongoing, and the Region is therefore in a position to accept referrals with no delays.

OTHER BUSINESS

- There was no other business.

IMPORTANT DATES

- June 9 – RGB Meeting – 10:30 a.m.
- June 16 – Network Providers Meeting – 9:30 a.m.
- August 27 – BHAC Meeting – 9:00 a.m.

ADJOURN

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 11:35 a.m.