

REGIONAL GOVERNING BOARD

MINUTES

June 11, 2007
1645 'N' Street, Suite A

Lincoln, NE

MEMBERS PRESENT: Larry Zadina, Butler County; Jerry Galusha, Fillmore County; Marvin Yost, Jefferson County; Terry Keebler, Johnson County; Deb Schorr, Lancaster County; Monty Lovelace, Nemaha County; Joy Schroder, Otoe County; Bill Ely, Jr., Richardson County, Janet Henning, Saline County; Doris Karloff, Saunders County; Lawrence Traudt, Thayer County; Eugene Bergen, York County

MEMBERS ABSENT: Alan Grell, Gage County; Kay Laun, Pawnee County; Dennis Hendricks, Polk County; Scott Stuhr, Seward County

OTHERS PRESENT: Jon Day, BVMH; Dean Settle, CMHC; Julie Hippen, Lutheran Family Services; C.J. Johnson, Kim Michael, Paul Van De Water, Amanda Tyerman, Renee' Dozier, Linda Wittmuss, Ardi Korver, Theresa Gomez, Pat Kreifels, and Marti Rabe, Region V Systems

HOUSEKEEPING / ROLL CALL

The meeting was called to order at 10:33 a.m.

Roll Call: Present: Butler County, Fillmore County, Jefferson County, Johnson County, Lancaster County, Nemaha County, Otoe County, Richardson County, Saline County, Saunders County, Thayer County, York County

Absent: Gage County, Pawnee County, Polk County, Seward County

OPEN MEETINGS ACT INFORMATION

Karloff reiterated that *Open Meetings Act* information was posted in the meeting room.

ADDITIONS TO AGENDA

There were no additions to the agenda.

PUBLIC COMMENT

There were no public comments.

ACTION / PRIORITY ITEMS

Minutes – May 14, 2007: Schorr made a motion, seconded by Lovelace, to approve the minutes of May 14, 2007.

Roll Call: Present: Butler County, Johnson County, Lancaster County, Nemaha County Otoe County, Saline County, Saunders County, Thayer County, York County

Abstain: Fillmore County, Jefferson County, Richardson County

Absent: Gage County, Pawnee County, Polk County, Seward County

Compliance Management Report: Johnson presented the Compliance Management Report, noting that providers continue to maintain a high level of compliance. Referring to the *Emergency Coordination Goal Progress Report*, Johnson pointed out that post-commitment days are currently below the baseline,

indicating that the bed allocation system is working well. Bergen made a motion, seconded by Henning, to approve the *Compliance Management Report* as presented.

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Absent: Gage County, Pawnee County, Polk County, Seward County

Motion carried.

Financial Report: Van De Water presented the financial report through ten months of the fiscal year, noting areas where expended dollars were over budget and providing rationale for those overages. Van De Water noted that total administrative expenditures were below 83 percent. Schroder made a motion, seconded by Ely, to approve the *Financial Report* as presented.

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Absent: Gage County, Pawnee County, Polk County, Seward County

Motion carried.

Special Populations Funding – FY 07-08: Tyerman presented the Special Populations award recommendations for FY 07-08, explaining the rationale for allocation choices. Tyerman noted that the subcommittee was looking for a strong connection to behavioral health activities when reviewing the grant applications. Schorr made a motion, seconded by Lovelace, to approve the Special Populations award recommendations as presented.

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Motion carried.

Out of Region Referral Policy and Procedures: Tyerman presented the *Out of Region Referral Policy and Procedures*, noting that the policy reflects Region V's concern that out-of-Region consumers will be served with Region V's limited capacity. A number of consumers have discharged from LRC into the community for various reasons. Coordination of referrals back to home Regions and educating social workers about services available in other Regions will help to facilitate the process for consumers wishing to return to their home area. Needs, driven by these consumers, may indicate the necessity for other Regions to bring up appropriate services. In addition, Regions 1 and 2 may have the discretion to allow funding to follow consumers for services that are not available in those Regions. Henning made a motion, seconded by Yost, to approve the *Out of Region Referral Policy and Procedures*.

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Motion carried.

County Match: Johnson presented information regarding county contributions for behavioral health services, noting that, originally, a three percent increase had been anticipated. Following a veto by the Governor, the rate increase will instead be two percent. Schroder made a motion, seconded by Zadina, to grant approval to the Region to send out letters to counties notifying them of the two percent increase.

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Motion carried.

Approval of FY 07-08 Contracts: Johnson presented information regarding the following contracts: Families Inspiring Families, Mental Health Association of Nebraska, Nebraska Health and Human Services (HHS) Behavioral Health and Network Management, and HHS Rental Assistance Program (RAP). Johnson pointed out that funding for RAP has been increased and will translate into approximately 24 additional vouchers for the coming year. Bergen made a motion, seconded by Keebler, to approve entering into these contracts.

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Motion carried.

Closed Session: At 11:02 a.m. Ely made a motion, seconded by Lovelace, to enter into Closed Session to discuss personnel matters. Board members were the only persons to remain in the room, though Johnson was asked to return following discussion.

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Absent: Gage County, Pawnee County, Polk County, Seward County

Motion carried.

At 11:20 a.m. Traudt made a motion, seconded by Lovelace, to return to Open Session.

Roll Call: Present: Butler County, Fillmore County, Jefferson County, Johnson County, Lancaster County, Nemaha County Otoe County, Richardson County, Saline County, Saunders County, Thayer County, York County

Absent: Gage County, Pawnee County, Polk County, Seward County

Motion carried.

No action was taken while in Closed Session.

Schroder made a motion, seconded by Henning, to approve the recommendation of the Board regarding Johnson.

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Absent: Gage County, Pawnee County, Polk County, Seward County

Motion carried.

Johnson asked the Board for a motion stating that, should he deem it necessary, the Region may terminate the contract with HHS regarding the ICCU. Henning made a motion, seconded by Zadina, that the Region be allowed to terminate the contract if deemed necessary.

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Motion carried.

FY 07-08 State Budget Plan: Van De Water presented the State Budget Plan for FY 07-08, noting the budget includes expanded funding for Intensive Care Management (ICM). Van De Water pointed out changes involving shifting of funds within provider agencies. In the event that mental health block grant dollars are reduced, Van De Water explained that the Region anticipates being able to shift dollars internally or access the FYI risk pool in order to avoid reducing provider funding. Henning made a motion, seconded by Schorr, to approve the FY 07-08 State Budget Plan.

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Motion carried.

FY 07-08 Office Budget: Johnson presented the FY 07-08 Office Budget, noting that general fund usage will be higher in the coming year. Johnson explained that he had asked that \$50,000 be included in the budget for information technology such as the data system that Region 2 has developed, though these funds may not be expended in the coming fiscal year. Van De Water commented that the Region anticipates spending more of the reserves for ICCU due to the lower number of families we will be serving. When asked why there was no allocation for family drug court, Johnson explained that family drug court was included with the ICCU as a whole. Schorr made a motion, seconded by Zadina, to approve the FY 07-08 Office Budget as presented.

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Motion carried.

OTHER UPDATES / INFORMATIONAL ITEM

Capacity Utilization Summary: Van De Water presented the Capacity Utilization Summary, noting that this summary reflects contract amendments that have been approved in recent months.

Behavioral Health Reform: Regarding Behavioral Health Reform, Johnson noted the following: the bed allocation is working well; beginning July 1 there may be tobacco settlement funds to support invoices from rural counties for EPCs; and \$4,000,000 may be coming down statewide following the closing of adult beds at the Hastings Regional Center. Johnson noted that approximately 50 consumers remain at Norfolk Regional Center (NRC); a majority of these consumers are from Region 6. Discussions are underway to devise methods of supporting the movement of the consumers out of NRC in the coming year. Johnson explained that failure to discharge these consumers appropriately may provide justification for an additional 23 beds under consideration at LRC. Johnson stated that these beds represent approximately \$3,000,000 that he believes could come into the community for community based services.

Legislation: A number of bills of interest did not make it to the floor in the recent legislative session and will be continued during the next session. The Legislature approved a two percent rate increase for behavioral health services. LB 542, addressing youth-related issues, is now a study bill, and will be focusing on children's services with an emphasis on behavioral health reform for youth services.

Annual Surveys: Johnson presented survey results, noting that Management Team reviewed any concerns that received less than 85 percent satisfaction. Other observations included: Network Providers haven't been as involved in decision making regarding funding as in the past; BHAC members indicated that continuing education would be helpful; and, some Board members felt annual orientation would enable them to be more knowledgeable. Regarding the provider concern, Johnson commented that it is an accurate observation, and efforts will be made to increase provider input. Johnson also noted that he had encouraged the BHAC to ask questions if they felt they needed more information, and also encouraged participation in level of care meetings to increase awareness of providers and services.

Volunteer Registry: There are currently over 800 volunteers on the registry who could be contacted in the event of a disaster. Counties will be receiving letters asking for a contribution of \$1,000 to continue to maintain this contract, which includes not only maintaining the registry, but psych first aid training as well. Counties had originally been told that a contribution of \$2,000 would be needed, but other funding became available through the State to develop a medical reserve core. When asked whether this contract is a duplication of efforts with Four Corners, Gomez noted that Four Corners maintains a database of medical personnel only, and that data filters into the Volunteer Registry.

OTHER BUSINESS

Information regarding the "Rising Hopes & Bright Ideas" conference was distributed. The conference will be held June 30, 2007, at the Unitarian Church in Lincoln.

ADJOURN

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 12:00 p.m.

IMPORTANT DATES

June 18 – Network Providers Meeting – 9:30 a.m.
August 29 – BHAC Meeting – 9:00 a.m.
September 10 – RGB Meeting – 10:30 a.m.