



**Region 6 Behavioral Healthcare**  
**Behavioral Health Advisory Committee Meeting**  
Meeting Minutes  
April 3, 2024

**Advisory Members Present:**

Jeff Leach  
Cameron Soester  
John Brady  
John Sheehan  
Amy Zimmer  
Michealle Vega-Hernandez

**Advisory Members Absent:**

Chris Kelly  
Medjine Desgraves  
Rob Hillabrand

**Region 6 Staff Present**

Taren Petersen  
Jennifer Sanders  
Miles Glasgow

**Recorder:**

Bev Jackson

**1. Welcome**

Jeff Leach welcomed everyone and called the meeting to order at 9:05AM.

**2. Roll Call**

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

**3. Approval of the March 6, 2024, Meeting Minutes**

John Sheehan made the motion to approve the March 6, 2024 meeting minutes.

Amy Zimmer seconded the motion.

The motion passed unanimously upon voice vote.

**4. Approval of the Agenda**

John S. made the motion to approve the April 3, 2024 agenda.

Amy seconded the motion.

The motion passed unanimously upon voice vote.

**5. Presentation of Community Alliance Coordinated Specialty Care – Susan Lensch**

Susan Lensch of Community Alliance introduced herself, shared a handout, and gave an overview of her program. She stated that this Coordinated Specialty Care (CSC) provides 6 critical functions, and the two year outcomes are more promising for those in CSC than those that weren't.

**6. Presentation of Community Alliance Health Transitions – Todd Reckling**

Todd Reckling of Community Alliance introduced himself and also shared a handout highlighting the Healthy Transitions Program. Todd stated that it is funded through a five year grant for Douglas and Sarpy counties. He emphasized that the goal is to not duplicate services that are already available, but to fill in those gaps. He stated that the focus at this point is on care coordination for persons that are transitioning from youth to adult services, and to provide a seamless transition of youth behavioral health services to adult services for a successful transition into adulthood.

**7. Update of 988 – Jennifer Sanders**

Jennifer provided a PowerPoint, a copy of which was included in everyone's packet. Jennifer initially provided a 988 report to the BHAC members at the November 1, 2023 meeting, and there were some questions that she didn't have answers to, but she stated she would get the answers and share the information with the members. One of the requests was to hear the pre-recorded message when a person calls 988, so Jennifer played the message for everyone. She then proceeded to share current data, and comparisons to the FY23 data, answering various questions throughout the sharing of the data.

**8. FY25 Regional Budget Plan – Taren Petersen**

**a. Review of Funding and Budget Narrative**

A copy of the FY25 budget and funding plan was included in everyone's packet for review.

Taren gave an overview of the FY25 Budget, highlighting some areas. She stated that Region 6 was allocated \$25,131,483.00, not including County Match dollars. She also shared that this budget was reduced by \$4,481,578.00. Taren said that we should know by May if the County Match portion will also be reduced. She then highlighted some of the services and whether there were reductions or increases. Taren stated that any future initiatives were removed from the budget, noting that they could be added at a later date if funding becomes available.

Taren reminded everyone that this is a preliminary budget, subject to changes.

**b. BHAC Recommendation to the Regional Governing Board**

John S. made a motion to recommend the FY25 budget to the Regional Governing Board for approval.

Cameron Soester seconded the motion.

The motion passed unanimously upon roll call vote.

**9. Status Reports for Period Ending February 29, 2024**

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

**a. Contract Service Report - Taren Petersen**

Taren gave an update of the February 2024 Contract Service Reports. The drawdown target is expected to be at 66.67%. Mental Health is at 44.88% and Substance Use is at 57.59%.

She then drew everyone's attention to the additional Contract Drawdown Sheet which gives the information at a quick glance.

There were no questions or comments.

**b. Emergency Service Report – Miles Glasgow**

Miles gave everyone an update on the current progress in the emergency systems. A copy of the report was included in everyone's packet for review.

Miles stated that there were 144 Emergency Protective Custody (EPC) in February, adding that this is a typical amount.

He also shared the following data; 77% were discharged from the Psychiatric Emergency Services (PES) in less than 24 hours and Mobil Crisis Response (MCR) saw an increase, for a total of 57 calls in February. Miles pointed out that the Acute Psychiatric Inpatient is based on capacity (staffed beds) not availability and that Social Detox had 129 consumers in February.

The Focus Page this month was on PES. Miles broke the data down further and shared that there were 169 consumers, of which 41 of them were funded by Region 6.

There were no further questions or comments.

**10. Public Comments**

John S. asked Jennifer to check if she could get a breakdown of the number of 988 calls were directed to the VA or LGBT call centers. She stated she will look into getting those numbers. There were no further public comments.

**11. Adjourn**

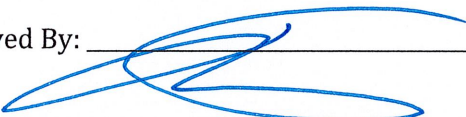
A motion to adjourn was made by John Brady.

Michaelle Vega-Hernandez seconded the motion.

The motion passed unanimously upon voice vote.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:50 AM.

Prepared By: *Severly S. Jackson* Date: 6-5-24

Approved By:  Date: 6/5/24