



Region 6 Behavioral Healthcare
Behavioral Health Advisory Committee Meeting
Meeting Minutes
June 5, 2024

Advisory Members Present:

Jeff Leach
Cameron Soester
John Brady
Chris Kelly
John Sheehan
Michealle Vega-Hernandez

Advisory Members Absent:

Medjine Desgraves
Amy Zimmer

Region 6 Staff Present

Patti Jurjevich
Taren Petersen
Crystal Fuller
Diane Lamb
Jennifer Sanders
Miles Glasgow

Recorder:

Bev Jackson

1. Welcome

The regular monthly BHAC meeting was called to order at 9:07. Jeff Leach, Chair, welcomed everyone.

2. Roll Call

Roll call of the members determined that there was not a quorum.

3. Approval of the April 3, 2024, Meeting Minutes

A review of the April 3, 2024 was made, as there wasn't a quorum to vote.

At 9:17 there was a quorum.

John Sheehan made the motion to approve the April 3, 2024 meeting minutes.

Michealle Vega-Hernandez seconded the motion.

The motion passed unanimously upon voice vote.

4. Approval of the Agenda

A review of the June 5, 2024 agenda was made, as there wasn't a quorum to vote.

At 9:17 there was a quorum

John S. made the motion to approve the June 5, 2024 agenda.

Cameron Soester seconded the motion.
The motion passed unanimously upon voice vote.

5. Administrator's Report – Patti Jurjevich

Patti shared that the Department of Justice (DOJ) had concluded their investigation. The scope of their investigation was that persons with a Serious Mental Illness (SMI) haven't been integrated into the community. On May 14, 2024, the DOJ issued a report and held numerous town halls. The focus is on persons in Assisted Living Facilities. Nebraska residents with a SMI want to live and work in their communities. Nebraska is violating title 2 of the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA), and this has been happening for the last 3 years. Next steps will be conversations between the DOJ, the Department of Health and Human Services and the Department of Behavioral Health.

Patti also shared that Rob Hillabrand has resigned from the BHAC.

Patti stated that the next meeting is scheduled for July 3, right before the holiday.

At 9:17AM, John Brady arrived at the meeting.

There is now a quorum.

Taren stated that there will be an upcoming Request for Letters (RFL) that will need to be voted on at the next meeting, but because it is a holiday week, we may not have a quorum to vote.

At 9:19AM, Michealle Vega-Hernandez arrived at the meeting .

At this time, it was decided to return to agenda items 3 and 4 for approval.

After voting was finished, a discussion was held on whether to have a quick ZOOM meeting to hold a vote for an upcoming RFL. The BHAC members agreed that they would participate. A ZOOM invite will be sent to them in the upcoming weeks. The ZOOM meeting will be held at the regular time, 9:00AM on July 3, 2024 for this single agenda item.

6. Partnership for Success (PFS) – Crystal Fuller

a. Review of Funding and Budget Narrative

Crystal shared a PowerPoint, a copy of which was included in everyone's packet.

Crystal gave an overview of the budget and plan for the PFS grant, which is in year 3 of 5. John S. asked how the areas of need were identified. Crystal answered that it was through Public Health Data. She then went on to share the objectives for high risk drinking in young adults, ages 18-24 and for suicide prevention.

The next steps will be as follows:

- Request for Letters of Interest (RFL) for High-Risk Priority
- Develop a job description for a Region 6 Prevention Specialist to implement the Suicide objectives, coordinate partners, and identify programs and practices for selected counties.
- Mandatory Workplan Development Meeting July 17, 2024, in Kearney for all coalitions and funded partners

Crystal shared that the RFL will be on our Region 6 website.

She then shared the proposed funding allocation.

Patti asked what would education look like for this young adult population? Crystal answered that Wellness Recovery Action Plan (WRAP) has been proposed, but that this would be addressed at the Workplan Development meeting.

Michealle shared that SAMHSA is in the process of developing a new program that is less expensive than the WRAP training.

Crystal also wanted to share that Region 6 will be hosting the speaker Ben Cort for a 2-day prevention focused training, and that they are all welcomed to attend.

There were no further questions or comments.

- b. **BHAC Recommendation to the Regional Governing Board**
John S. made a motion to recommend The Partnership for Success budget and plan to the Regional Governing Board for approval.
Michealle seconded the motion
The motion passed unanimously upon roll call vote.

7. Review of 2025 Agency Budget – Diane Lamb

Diane gave an overview of the FY25 budget allocations. A copy of which was included in everyone’s packet for review.

8. Update of the Tornado Disaster Response – Miles Glasgow

Miles shared that there are 2 phases of the Crisis Counseling Program (CCP) grant, the Immediate Services Program (ISP) and the Regular Services Program (RSP). We are currently in the ISP phase.

Four staff members will be hired, working in teams of 2, with Jennifer Sanders as their Supervisor. Miles stated that the ISP part of the grant could last up to 9 months.

Miles also shared the sensory kits and their contents with the committee members. These kits are given to children when the Crisis Counseling Team is called, and children are on the premises.

9. Update of the Opioid Summit – Patti Jurjevich and Jennifer Sanders

Jennifer reported that there were 62 attendees plus some Region 6 staff members.

The first day was presentations on prevention, treatment, recovery and approaches.

Day 2 was the strategic session, facilitated by Crystal Fuller. The attendees narrowed down the categories to focus on. They are as follows:

- Access to housing
- Community connection and support
- Obstacle reduction
- Expanded access to treatment services
- Reducing barriers to mortality reduction
- Court-involved services
- Awareness, education and prevention
- Evidence-based or best practices
- Financial sustainability
- Data collection and accessibility
- Enhanced crisis response

The next steps will be processing the input and grant applications.

10. Status Reports for Period Ending April 30, 2024

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

a. Contract Service Report - Taren Petersen

Taren gave an update of the April 2024 Contract Service Reports. The drawdown target is expected to be at 88.33%. Mental Health is at 54.39% and Substance Use is at 74.06%.

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

Taren also shared that she and her team are in the process of developing a one-sheet flyer of the health of the whole behavioral health system. More to come on this.

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 Emergency Protective Custody (EPC) has been steady.

He also shared the following data; 73% of consumers in Psychiatric Emergency Services (PES) were in less than 24 hours. Miles stated that the Acute Psychiatric Inpatient utilized 81% of its bed capacity.

The Focus Page this month was on Mobil Crisis Response (MCR). Miles broke the data down further and shared that there were 97 MCR calls in April between the 5 counties.

There were no questions or comments.

11. Public Comments

Jeff reminded the members that the meeting next month will be held on July 3 at 9:00AM via ZOOM. There will be 1 item on the agenda.

There were no further public comments.

12. Adjourn

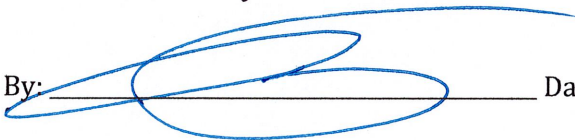
A motion to adjourn was made by Chris Kelly.

John Sheehan seconded the motion.

The motion passed unanimously upon voice vote.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:28 AM.

Prepared By: Beverly S Jackson Date: 9-4-24

Approved By:  Date: 9/4/24