



Region 6 Behavioral Healthcare
Behavioral Health Advisory Committee Meeting
Meeting Minutes
January 3, 2025 9:00AM via ZOOM

Advisory Members Present:

Jeff Leach
Chris Kelly
Medjine Desgraves
John Sheehan
Julie Nielsen
Amy Zimmer

Advisory Members Absent:

Cameron Soester
John Brady

Region 6 Staff Present

Patti Jurjevich
Taren Petersen
Jennifer Sanders
Crystal Fuller

Recorder:

Bev Jackson

1. Welcome

The regular monthly BHAC meeting was called to order at 9:04. Jeff Leach, Chair, welcomed everyone.

2. Roll Call

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

3. Approval of the Agenda

Amy Zimmer made the motion to approve the January 3, 2025 agenda.

Julie Nielsen seconded the motion.

The motion passed unanimously upon voice vote.

4. Request for Proposal (RFP) for Emergency Community Support for Emergency Departments – Jennifer Sanders

a. Review of RFP Process and Funding Recommendation

Jennifer shared a printout, with an overview of the RFP and the RFP timeline. Region 6 Behavioral Healthcare issued a Request for Proposal on November 4, 2024. By the close of business on December 5, 2024, Region 6 received five proposals from CenterPointe, Community Alliance, Lutheran Family Services, OMNI Intensive Care, and The Salvation Army. Prior to the review committee meeting, all proposals were reviewed to determine whether they met the

minimum standards for bidding. At this time, it was determined that CenterPointe did not meet the minimum standards and therefore was ineligible for consideration. Region 6 moved forward the remaining applications to the review committee for evaluation.

The review committee recommended that Community Alliance be awarded the contract for Emergency Community Support. Community Alliance will be awarded \$140,375.00 for a partial year in FY25, and \$187,940.00 being awarded for FY26.

John Sheehan asked if every emergency department in every hospital is included in this, Jennifer responded that there are 2 designated emergency departments at this time that will be piloting the project. CHI stepped up with 2 of their locations. The plan is to expand to others in the future.

There were no further questions or comments.

b. BHAC Recommendation to the Regional Governing Board

Julie made a motion to recommend to the Regional Governing Board for approval.

Amy seconded the motion.

The motion passed unanimously upon roll call vote.

5. State Opioid Response (SOR 4-Year 2) - Crystal Fuller

a. Review of Funding and Budget Narrative

Crystal shared a printout that stated that the Nebraska Department of Health and Human Services-Division of Behavioral Health released their funding allocation for the two-year federal grant, State Opioid Response Grant (SOR-4). The priority for this funding is reducing the impact of opioid misuse and opioid overdose through prevention, treatment, and recovery strategies in Cass, Dodge, Douglas, Sarpy and Washington Counties.

She then reviewed the budget and plan with everyone, outlining how the \$187,923.00 will be allocated.

There were no questions or comments.

b. BHAC Recommendation to the Regional Governing Board

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

Julie seconded the motion.

The motion passed unanimously upon roll call vote.

6. Public Comments

There were no public comments.

7. Adjourn

A motion to adjourn was made by Medjine Desgraves.

Julie seconded the motion.

The motion passed unanimously upon voice vote.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:17AM.

Prepared By: Beverly S. Jackson Date: 2-5-25

Approved By: [Signature] Date: 2/5/25