

GREATER COLUMBIA BEHAVIORAL HEALTH, LLC. BH-ASO

Executive Committee Meeting – **MINUTES**

AUGUST 6, 2020 – 9:00 A.M.

GCBH OFFICE, 101 N. EDISON – KENNEWICK, WASHINGTON

CHAIRMAN: CHARLES AMEREIN

ATTENDANCE: CHARLES AMEREIN; CHRIS SEUBERT; CICILY ZORNES; CINDY ADAMS; CODY NESBITT; DIANE HALO; DIMITA WARREN; JENNNIFER DANIEL; JIM BELL; JODI DALY; JOEL CHAVEZ; KAREN RICHARDSON; KYLE SULLIVAN; MIKE BERNEY; BOB JOHNSON; BOB KOCH; RON ANDERSON; SHON SMALL; SINDI SAUNDERS; STEVE GHIGLIONE; SHEREL WEBB; CAROL MOSER

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1.	Call to Order		Charles Amerein called the meeting to order at 9:01 a.m.	Charles Amerein	
2.	Introductions		Sherel called roll.	Charles Amerein	
3.	Agenda Changes		None.	Charles Amerein	
4.	Previous Executive Committee Minutes	ACTION	Approve July 2, 2020 Executive Committee Minutes. Carol Moser asked that her name be added under Item #10 "Other Business" with regard to her participation in the ACH presentation at July's meeting.	Charles Amerein	Bob Johnson moved to approve the July 2, 2020 Executive Committee Minutes as amended; Mike Berney seconded; motion passed.
5.	Warrants/Vouchers	ACTION	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. ASO – June 30, 2020 – Warrants and Vouchers, \$1,849,877.86 2. ASO – July 31, 2020 – Warrants and Vouchers, \$798,394.15 	Charles Amerein	Ron Anderson moved to approve both the June 30, 2020 warrants and vouchers in the amount of \$1,849,877.86 and the July 31, 2020 warrants and vouchers in the amount of \$798,394.15; Jodi Daly seconded; motion passed.
6.	ASO Updates		<p>Fiscal & Administrative Updates – Karen Richardson</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. IT Update: There were a few fixes necessary to the Raintree system after a trial of going live, which are in the process of being addressed. The goal is to go live by the end of the month. The old system is still up and running, so there are no gaps in data that has been received at the ASO from the Network Providers. 2. Financials: Karen reviewed the June 2020 and July 2020 Balance Sheets included in the packet. There were no questions, but Karen is always available if any 		

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			<p>occur. Karen reviewed the 2019 and 2020 potential fiscal liability for inpatient and E&T facilities also included in the packet, noting the COVID situation has had a significant impact on the ASO's ability to collect and verify the ASO's outstanding liabilities in timely manner.</p> <p>3. HCA/MCO/ASO Updates: Karen explained the CJTA Funding information included in the packet. This additional legislative appointed funding is for SUD only and is tied to the creation or expansion of therapeutic courts within each county and/or city(ies) in each county. As an ASO, GCBH has received CJTA Funding that tied to direct services to SUD Individuals through our Contracted Network Providers. GCBH is not tied to counties/cities in regards to therapeutic courts, yet HCA wants the ASOs to handle the additional funds. In fact, the HCA has requested a Strategic Plan for these additional funds by August 15, 2020. Administering these dollars may be very simple for the ASOs that have only one or two counties, but with 8 counties and cities within each county to consider (Walla Walla opted to receive the funds directly) it is a significant administrative task. Karen is asking for the Executive Committee advice and direction.</p> <p>There were a lot of questions and considerable discussion regarding detail. Ultimately, the consensus was for the members of the Executive Committee to take the issue back to their County Board of Commissioners to explain the money is not for direct services as the existing funds was used for and ask how they want to handle the money.</p> <p>Kyle Sullivan requested a breakdown of the existing CJTA allocated service dollars and new CJTA allocation be included in order to have a complete conversation with the Board of Commissioners. Karen will put that information, including all the fact sheets she has, together and email it to the Executive Committee members. Meanwhile, she will put the money received from HCA into a reserve fund until a decision is made and will submit a narrative to them</p>		

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			<p>explaining she has reached out to all of the counties for their direction with these additional dollars.</p> <p>Clinical, QM, Compliance & State Meetings Update – Sindi Saunders</p> <p>4. GCBH COVID-19 Updates: Sindi noted keeping in touch with all the crisis providers and they are doing well. Crisis calls, ITA hospital stays and court costs are all increasing across the state. There are statewide issues of DCRs burning out due to overload and unfamiliar work, and we have experienced some fluctuations locally.</p> <p>Sindi reported working with the MCOs in a task force that intends to identify high utilizers in order to get those consumers help from the MCOs in a more efficient manner. Work on identifying critical incidents and what that definition should be going forward is also being done with the MCOs. Another workgroup just started is is a behavioral health recovery system transformation with the goal of assessing and improving the crisis system.</p> <p>The major HCA audit where they will be looking at everything we have been doing since becoming an ASO is scheduled for October 6, 2020 in order to determine if we're sustainable. The list of documents for advance review is due September 3, 2020. Preparation has involved revision and creation of several policies and a lot of time and effort.</p> <p>We passed the MCOs re-credentialing audit with no identified issues. Since we have been unable to audit due to COVID issues, the agencies have done a self-assessment, which has worked out well.</p> <p>Sindi reported there have been no additional MCOs added to our region. The only regions who did get additional MCOs were Beacon regions, including North Central, Pierce and Southwest.</p> <p>There was one critical incident reported by one of our agencies. Sindi noted it was reported appropriately.</p>		
7.	Legal Updates		Jim Bell reported there are no issues at this time.	Jim Bell	

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8.	Committee Reports/ Information		<p>1. Clinical Crisis Providers Committee (Dimita Warren) Dimita reported on this committee's meeting in July. In addition to Sindi's report, Dimita noted that the HCA recently announced they will no longer accept the old bed report. She also noted the MCO's are willing to take a look at the Crisis Logs to consider making changes. Providers are hoping to not have to do this duplicative task in the future.</p> <p>2. Funding & Fiscal Operations Committee, FFOC No Meeting in July</p> <p>3. MIS Committee (Kelly Nortrom) No report.</p> <p>4. QMOC Committee (Sindi Saunders) Sindi noted the QMOC committee been meeting monthly to review various issues including contract requirements, care coordination, how we can serve our priority populations, audit tools and self-assessment tools. Sindi noted we have had a difficult time engaging with the tribe and HCA is worried about their high number of COVID cases and ways we can help. They are putting together a disaster planning meeting and have asked us to help in any way we can.</p>	Committee Chairs	
9.	Public Comments		<p>Carol Moser commented that the ACH has been able to establish a relationship with the Tribe, giving them \$150,000 for Internet development. She noted ACH is in direct contact with the tribe's new Public Health Officer.</p> <p>Carol announced that the ACH was asked by the HCA to participate in mask distribution program and they have an abundance of masks available upon request.</p>	Charles Amerein	
10.	Other Business		None.	Charles Amerein	
11.	Executive Session		None.		
12.	Adjournment		The meeting was adjourned at 9:59 a.m.	Charles Amerein	