

GREATER COLUMBIA BEHAVIORAL HEALTH, LLC. BH-ASO

Executive Committee Meeting – MINUTES

APRIL 1, 2021 – 9:00 A.M. – GCBH OFFICE, 101 N. EDISON – KENNEWICK, WASHINGTON

ATTENDANCE: CHARLES AMEREIN; BRAD PECK; CHRIS SEUBERT; CICILY ZORNES; CINDY ADAMS; CODY NESBITT; DIMITA WARREN; JENNIFER DANIEL;
JENNIFER MAYBERRY; JIM BELL; JIM NELSON; JODI DALY; JOEL CHAVEZ; KAREN RICHARDSON; LADON LINDE; MIKE BERNEY; SHON SMALL; SINDI SAUNDERS;
DIANE HALO; SHEREL WEBB

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1.	Call to Order	Commissioner 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	Approve March 4, 2021 Executive Committee Minutes	Charles Amerein	LaDon Linde moved to accept the March 4, 2021 minutes as submitted; Shon Small seconded; motion passed.
5.	Warrants/ Vouchers	ASO – March 31, 2021 – Warrants and Vouchers: \$2,096,636.68 There were no questions or concerns.	Charles Amerein	Chris Seubert moved to approve the March 31, 2021 vouchers and warrants in the amount of \$2,096,636.68; Mike Berney seconded; motion passed.
6.	ASO Updates	<p>Fiscal & Administrative Updates – Karen Richardson</p> <p>1. IT Update: There are still some kinks with the Raintree system, but we are receiving and submitting data. We are one of the only ASOs submitting 100% of the supplemental data that is now required.</p> <p>2. Financials: Doc 4 – Financials as of March 31, 2021 – March 30 actual date. (Balance Sheet, Cumulative Income/Expenditure Worksheet, and 2020 Inpatient Pending Liabilities, ITA Court Costs Karen briefly reviewed what was included in the packet, noting we are still waiting to hear back from the HCA about the ongoing budget pending updating the final fiscal budget throughout the State. There were no additional questions or comments.</p> <p>3. Audit Review Doc 5 – Accountability Audit Report Doc 6 – Financial Federal Audit Report</p>		

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		<p>Audit materials were included in the outgoing information for review, and there were no questions or comments.</p> <p>4. HCA/MCO/ASO Updates: None at this time.</p> <p>Clinical, QM, Compliance & State Meetings Update – Sindi Saunders</p> <p>4. GCBH COVID-19 Updates: Sindi reported everything is continuing to go well. No shortage of PPE has been reported. Most providers are doing face-to-face meetings now, but are able to use telehealth when needed. COVID has definitely affected bed availability for our providers, but that is happening throughout the State, not just in our region.</p> <p>5. Crisis Reports: Doc 7 – February 2021 Crisis Reports Sindi reviewed the February crisis reports in detail. The Clinical Task Force has been researching how best to gather complete suicide information in response to Commissioner Mayberry’s comment/concern at March’s meeting, and there was considerable discussion. There was also some discussion about DCR response time, with Sindi noting telehealth is not being counted as it’s a zero number. The time is measured from when an individual is deemed medically cleared or able to be evaluated.</p> <p>5. State Updates: Sindi reported details of Federal stimulus money and other allotments such as the \$4 million going to ASOs for court costs before the 80/20 split with MCOs. She noted the legislation relative to behavioral health is not perfect, but very positive for us. She verified the the 988 legislation for the state crisis line is passing and will be very expensive and challenging. Commissioner Seubert expressed appreciation for our assistance getting an individual who was in jail transferred to a more appropriate hospital setting. He also noted Asotin County is in the process of building a new jail, and asked about any funds that might be available.</p> <p>6. Compliance Issues: None at this time.</p>		
7.	Legal Updates	<p>Jim gave an update on the B&O tax issue, House Bill 1296. It has passed the House and is now in Senate. Meanwhile, North Sound ASO recently received confirmation of an exemption from the B&O tax by the Department of Revenue (DOR). Jim has written to the DOR asking for the same exemption. Any legislation will not matter if the DOR grants our exemption. In light of all this, Jim has advised Karen not to pay the quarterly amount pending this going in to effect. Last year we paid approximately \$300,000, so this will be a significant savings; although it is not likely to be paid back for 2020.</p>	Jim Bell	
8.	Committee Reports/ Information	<p>1. Clinical Crisis Providers Committee (Dimita Warren) March 18, 2021 Dimita reported on the CCP meeting noting there was discussion about the recent Blake decision and how it will affect counties. A basic definition of DCR Response time was discussed and the consensus</p>	Committee Chairs	

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		<p>was response time starts at the time of evaluation after an individual has been deemed medically cleared or able to be evaluated. Sindi gave a brief review of legislative budgets including news about Federal stimulus dollars and noting that both the House and Senate budget are favorable to behavioral health.</p> <p>2. QMOC Committee (Sindi Saunders) March 15, 2021 – Quality oversight Sindi reported on progress the QMOC committee has made in their oversight of various procedures and standards. They are currently focusing on audits (including updating and revising the audit tool) and care coordination with Eastern State Hospital. Sindi also gave an update on the Ombuds bill that is in process.</p>		
9.	Public Comments	None.	Charles Amerein	
10.	Other Business	The possibility and feasibility of a hybrid in-person/Zoom meeting for the next Executive Committee was discussed. If deemed feasible, it will be confirmed with directions both to the facility and to attend via Zoom if the meeting will be hybrid as discussed.	Charles Amerein	
11.	Executive Session	None needed.	Jim Bell	
12.	Adjournment	The meeting was adjourned at 9:42 a.m. As discussed earlier, the next meeting may be a hybrid of in-person and Zoom with more information to follow. It is scheduled for 9:00 a.m. on Thursday, May 6, 2021.	Charles Amerein	