

GREATER COLUMBIA BEHAVIORAL HEALTH, LLC. BH-ASO

Executive Committee Meeting – MINUTES – DRAFT

MAY 6, 2021 – 9:00 A.M. – GCBH OFFICE, 101 N. EDISON – KENNEWICK, WASHINGTON

ATTENDANCE: CHARLES AMEREIN; BRAD PECK; CHUCK WHITMAN; CINDY ADAMS; CODY NESBITT; DIANE HALO; DIMITA WARREN; JENNIFER DANIEL; JENNIFER MAYBERRY; JIM BELL; JIM NELSON; JOEL CHAVEZ; KAREN RICHARDSON; KYLE SULLIVAN; MIKE BERNEY; SINDI SAUNDERS; CAROL MOSER

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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 made.	Charles Amerein	
4.	Previous Executive Committee Minutes	Approve April 1, 2021 Executive Committee Minutes	Charles Amerein	Mike Berney moved to accept the April 1, 2021 minutes as submitted; Jim Nelson seconded; motion passed.
5.	Warrants/ Vouchers	ASO – April 30, 2021 – Warrants and Vouchers: \$2,294,891.61	Charles Amerein	Brad Peck moved to approve the April 30, 2021 warrants and vouchers in the amount of \$2,294,891.61; Jim Nelson seconded; motion passed.
6.	ASO Updates	<p>Fiscal & Administrative Updates – Karen Richardson</p> <p>1. IT Update: Raintree is working well and data is being submitted up to the State. There have been a few minor glitches that are being addressed as they come up.</p> <p>Financials: Karen reviewed the financial reports (Balance Sheet, Cumulative Income/Expenditure Worksheet, and 2020 Inpatient Pending Liabilities, and ITA Court Costs) as of April 30, 2021, which were sent in advance of the meeting. There were no questions or comments.</p> <p>Lighting Estimate Review (NEW): Karen noted our previous lighting contractor retired last year and recommended Sagetree Electric to take his place. Sagetree informed us that there was still money available for</p>		Brad Peck moved to approve the Sagetree Electric's

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		<p>rebates on retrofitting the lighting to LED, which would be very low maintenance and provide consistent lighting throughout the building. Karen reviewed the estimate that was sent in advance of the meeting, noting that the price without the rebate was \$17,330.00; the rebate was estimated at \$7,480.00; leaving a balance of \$9,850.00. There was some discussion, but the consensus was to go forward.</p> <p>2. HCA/MCO/ASO Updates: ASO – QandA matrix – Jul 2021: Karen explained this document was a Q&A between ASO and the HCA, and was informational only.</p> <p>Redline July 1st, HCA Contract Amendment: Karen reviewed the red-line contract noting most of the changes were minor and/or clean-up issues.</p> <p>Karen noted the Counties will be receiving an inquiry from HCA about how they want their additional BJTA Criminal Justice Treatment funding managed. Last year all but one the counties (Walla Walla) chose to direct those funds through the ASO. Karen asks to be notified of any changes in order to adjust accordingly.</p> <p>Karen also addressed Block Grant Funding. She still hasn't received official dollar amounts and requirements from the State, so she will be sending out a plan based on last year's numbers for the time being. This will need to be approved by the BHAB committee.</p> <p>Clinical, QM, Compliance & State Meetings Update – Sindi Saunders</p> <p>3. GCBH COVID-19 Updates: Sindi reported there have been no significant changes to COVID-19 updates, as our providers continue to do a great job.</p> <p>4. Crisis Reports: Sindi reviewed the March 2021 Crisis Reports noting significant increases in numbers such as crisis calls, ITA detentions and investigations. We also monitor no bed reports, which were the highest they have ever been, but 6 of them were from one individual trying to get out of the jail system. It is still a high number for us after accounting for those 6, but the numbers appear to be settling back down to normal for April.</p> <p>5. State Updates: Sindi provided updates on legislation. She reviewed the Blake Bill in detail, noting that the State has decided ASOs will be responsible. It appears to be a significant increase in ASO workload, will</p>		<p>estimate in the amount of \$9,850.00 to retrofit the building's lighting LED throughout; Mike Berney seconded; motion passed.</p>

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		<p>require hiring an SUD Navigator, and perhaps additional staff. Hiring will be especially challenging given the shortage of staff across the State.</p> <p>988 (Statewide Crisis Line) Bill: This passed but isn't signed and official yet. Nevertheless, there has already been a coalition meeting between the DOH, HCA, and University of Washington. ASOs were not invited to participate in this planning meeting, and were not asked for any input despite running the system the last two years. The ASOs wrote a letter to Secretary Shaw asking to be included in these meetings. It is concerning the coalition may be working with misinformation.</p> <p>Access to care across the State: While we don't have any control over access to care, we have heard there is excessive delay for assessments and appointments. In response, we reached out to ask all our providers about delays with their clients. We were able to identify intakes are booked out until 2022, and evals are booked out to April of 2022. Access to care is really struggling, no one is in compliance; and this also applies to jails. This is just FYI for the time being, as there is no action or answer to the problem at this time.</p> <p>Audit Updates: We have started our onsite audit visits this week, kicking off with Lourdes, who did fantastic. HCA has begun the process of auditing GCBH, with the actual review to take place in September.</p> <p>6. Compliance Issues: Sindi noted there have been no Compliance Issues. Suicide in our region was discussed, including interest in breaking down any information to include issues such as opioid overdose, veterans involved, etc. Sindi explained that as a BHO we were notified of any suicides in our region, but as an ASO we are not notified and have no access to that information other than if the suicide were considered a critical incident of a non-Medicaid individual, which is very rare. MCOs will not share any information with us citing HIPPA. We are still researching if there is any easier access to the information. Asotin County Commissioner, Chuck Whitman, publicly thanked Sindi for her recent assistance.</p>		
7.	Legal Updates	Jim had nothing to report from legal.	Jim Bell	
8.	Committee Reports/Info	<p>1. Clinical Crisis Providers Committee (Dimita Warren) April 15, 2021</p> <p>Although a short meeting, discussions included Eastern State Hospital (ESH) and long-term beds; CLIP status, which has been very quiet with the exception of a couple recent inquiries. There was no funding update pending finalization of budgets. It was confirmed that the Ombuds is moving to State control in 2022. Providers discussed an common issue of facilities failing to notify them when a detention has been discharged. Providers need those documents in order to see clients. The possibility of asking MCOs for help in getting that information was discussed.</p>	Various	

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		<p>2. QMOC Committee (Sindi Saunders) April 19, 2021 Sindi was unable to attend, so did not have a report.</p> <p>3. Finance & Fiscal Operations (FFOC) (Mike Berney – no meeting in April) waiting for numbers.</p> <p>4. MIS Committee (Dimita Warren – no meeting in April)</p> <p>5. BHAB Committee (Sherel Webb – no meeting in April. Meeting scheduled for May 25, 2021)</p>		
9.	Public Comments	Carol Moser of ACH shared that they still have resources and materials addressing anxiety and coping, and would be happy to share. She noted schools have been giving positive feedback on the materials.	Charles Amerein	
10.	Other Business	None.	Charles Amerein	
11.	Executive Session	No need.	Charles Amerein	
12.	Adjournment	Adjourned at 9:52 a.m.	Charles Amerein	