

# GREATER COLUMBIA BEHAVIORAL HEALTH, LLC. BH-ASO

## Executive Committee Meeting – MINUTES – DRAFT

**JUNE 3, 2021 – 9:00 A.M. – GCBH OFFICE, 101 N. EDISON – KENNEWICK, WASHINGTON**

**ATTENDANCE:** CHARLES AMEREIN; BRAD PECK; BRETT WACHSMITH; CHRIS SUEBERT; CICYLY ZORNES; CINDY ADAMS; CODY NESBITT; DANA OATIS; DIMITA WARREN; JENNIFER DANIEL; JENNIFER MAYBERRY; JIM BELL; JODY DALY; JOEL CHAVEZ; KAREN RICHARDSON; KYLE SULLIVAN; LADON LINDE; MIKE BERNEY; SHON SMALL; SINDI SAUNDERS; QUINN BELL; 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		Sindi noted she would like to add Commissioner Peck's update on an RCW issue.	Charles Amerein	
4.	Previous Executive Committee Minutes	ACTION	Approve May 6, 2021 Executive Committee Minutes May, 2021 EC DRAFT Minutes (for review and ACTION)	Charles Amerein	Shon Small moved to accept the May 6, 2021 Executive Committee Minutes as submitted; Mike Berney seconded; motion passed.
5.	Warrants/ Vouchers	ACTION	ASO – May 31, 2021 – Warrants and Vouchers: \$1,493,953.37 May 31, 2021 Voucher and Warrants	Charles Amerein	LaDon Linde moved to approve the May 31, 2021 warrants and vouchers in the amount of \$1,493,953.37; Chris Suebert seconded; motion passed.
6.	ASO Updates		<p><b>Fiscal &amp; Administrative Updates – Karen Richardson</b></p> <p>1. <b>IT Update:</b> No comments</p> <p>2. <b>Financials:</b> Financials (Balance Sheet, Cumulative Income/Expenditure Worksheet, and Inpatient Pending Liabilities, ITA Court Costs) as of May 31, 2021 Karen explained the documents in some detail noting there were no significant changes. There were no further questions or comments.</p> <p>3. <b>Contract Amendments List effective July 1, 2021</b> Karen explained the Contract Amendment List distributed prior to the meeting, asking for permission from the Committee for Board Chairperson, Commissioner Amerein,</p>		

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			<p>to be able to sign the final documents as they become available. After some discussion, the consensus was to authorize Commissioner Amerein to sign with the provision that the final contracts be provided to all the Executive Committee members for review at least 24 hours in advance of signing.</p> <p><b>3. HCA/MCO/ASO Updates:</b> Karen noted we have received verification we will be getting a 2% increase on our non-Medicaid funding and will be processing that through the system. We will also receive two additional block grants, but are waiting on the amounts and parameters. We've learned the Trump block grant will be roughly \$600,000 for the Mental Health portion with the SUD portion amount still pending. The second pot of funding is the Biden block grant under similar circumstances. We have been talking to providers about how we might be able to broaden our services for the non-Medicaid population. Karen will be reaching out to the MCOs to request a 2% increase in Medicaid funding given to them but intended for the providers. There was considerable discussion.</p> <p><b>Clinical, QM, Compliance &amp; State Meetings Update – Sindi Saunders</b></p> <p><b>4. GCBH COVID-19 Updates:</b> Sindi shared that all the providers are doing fantastic, noting this item can be taken off future agendas.</p> <p><b>5. Crisis Reports:</b> Sindi reviewed the April crisis report highlights. Comprehensive's data will be broken down by counties going forward since they are in more than one county. Sindi announced that a survey will be sent out to the Commissioners today, and asked that Commissioners forward it to any stakeholders such as first responders, law enforcement, etc. The results will be compiled for a report to be shared at next month's meeting.</p> <p><b>6. State Updates:</b> Sindi gave a brief update on Bill 988 (State Crisis Line), noting previously only two ASOs were invited to the planning meetings. Now all ASOs in the State have been invited to have a representative, which is greatly appreciated. All the ASOs run their crisis lines a little differently, but most only encompass one or two counties. GCBH is particularly different with nine different, mostly rural counties to cover. Sindi also gave an update on Bill 5476 (Blake Bill) that will provide SUD to all non-Medicaid individuals in the region. This will require an SUD Regional</p>		

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			<p>Administrator to be hired as of July 1, 2021, and GCBH has already started that process. The HCA is putting together a plan to be submitted by August 1-2021 and we will have to prepare a response.</p> <p>Sindi also noted that the workforce shortage is a universal concern shared by our region, with consequences such as limited hours reducing services and leading to very long wait times. It is a serious problem with no easy answer, but people are working on it and considering all kinds of incentives and creative solutions.</p> <p><b>4. Compliance Issues:</b> Sindi noted there have still been no compliance issues. GCBH monitors providers via auditing to ensure contract requirements are being met. We recently completed auditing all of our providers with all of them passing 100% and no recommendations.</p>		
7.	<b>Legal Updates</b>		<p>Jim introduced the new partner at his firm, Quinn Bell, who has been becoming familiar with GCBH issues and will be able to cover for Jim when needed.</p> <p>Jim noted there are no other legal issues or problems except that a Personnel Committee will need to meet soon in order to draft a job description for the upcoming SUD position the State is calling a Regional Administrator. The current Personnel Committee is made up of Commissioners Amerein, Small, and Koch. Commissioner Koch has retired, so a volunteer is needed to fill his position. Commissioner Peck volunteered. Jim indicated a Personnel Committee meeting will be organized in the near future.</p>	Jim Bell	
8.	<b>Committee Reports/Info</b>		<p><b>1. Clinical Crisis Providers Committee</b> (Dimita Warren) May 20, 2021 In addition to Sindi's Clinical report, Dimita noted that the providers are in the midst of desk audits for IT, which consists of an audit tool and providing the requested policies and procedures. She also noted providers are starting to see an increase in the need for Mental Health services for youth. She noted there were no critical incident reports.</p> <p><b>2. QMOC Committee</b> (Sindi Saunders) May 17, 2021 Sindi reviewed the issues QMOC monitors, including crisis reports, care coordinations with State hospitals and tribes, authorization time frames, etc. She noted that after an 8 month lull with CLIP, we have had two applications and several inquires.</p> <p><b>3. Finance &amp; Fiscal Operations (FFOC)</b></p>	Various	

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		<b>ACTION</b>	<p>(Mike Berney) May 20, 2021  Mike reported on the FFOC meeting on May 20, 2021 noting a majority of the time spent was talking about the different parts of the Mental Health and SUD Block Grants as well as pending new block grants. The committee was advised of the BHAB committee's recommendation to approve and recommend both the MHBG and SABG for crisis services. The FFOC committee unanimously recommended the Executive Committee approve both plans as well.</p> <p>4. <b>MIS Committee</b> (Dimita Warren – no meeting)  3. <b>BHAB Committee</b>  (Sherel Webb) – May 25, 2021  Sherel reported that the focus of the recent BHAB meeting was approval of the Mental Health Block Grant and the Substance Abuse Block Grant. Both grants were approved by the BHAB Committee and recommended for approval to the Finance Committee (FFOC) and the Executive Committee.  <b>Approve Mental Health Block Grant Plan for July 21 – June 22</b></p> <p><b>Approve Substance Use Block Grant Plan for July 21 – June 22</b> similar to first one SABG Chris moved. Jim nelson seconded.</p>		<p>Mike Berney moved to approve the Mental Health Block Grant Plan for July 2021 to June 2022; LaDon Linde seconded; motion passed.</p> <p>Chris Suebert moved to approve the Substance Use Block Grant Plan for July 2021 to June 2022; Jim Nelson seconded; motion passed.</p>
9.	<b>Public Comments</b>		None.		
10.	<b>Other Business</b>		Commissioner Peck shared some history on RCW 82.14.460 statute –a tenth of a cent sales tax whose revenues would be dedicated solely to chemical dependency and mental health. Benton and Franklin Counties have not enacted this RCW yet, but at a recent bi-County meeting, both Counties sounded willing. They agree to ask Ben Franklin Transit to give voters in their service area an opportunity to roll the transit sales tax from six tenths to five tenths of a cent in order to achieve a no net increase in taxes. The Transit Board may or may not agree, but in any case, there may be enough interest in passing it		

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			regardless of Transit's decision. There was considerable discussion about the issue, including appreciation from the providers and the ASO. Commissioner Peck concluded with his opinion that there is reason to be optimistic.		
1 1.	<b>Executive Session</b>		None needed.		
1 2.	<b>Adjournment</b>		Meeting was adjourned at 10:18 a.m.		