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June 30, 2026

Health Care Authority (HCA)
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RE: Community Behavioral Health Enhancement Funds (CBHEF)

In an effort to meet the Plan Requirements for Community Behavioral Health Enhancement Funds (CBHEF) formerly known as “6032 Enhancement Funds” and “ECBBH”, Greater Columbia Behavioral Health, LLC BH-ASO (GCBH) reviewed the ASO Requirements for the Health Initiative document on how the State portion of these funds received are to be used to strengthen the behavioral health provider community by assisting in the recruitment and retention of staff.

In 2014 “Congress called out the state-wide behavioral health workforce shortage” according to the United States Department of Health and Human Services, Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration. The low number of individuals continuing their education in BH services and individuals correctly credentialed to provide the appropriate services combined with the lack of funding rate increases, increased Administrative responsibility (e.g data, reporting, etc.), and the integration of Managed Care Organizations to the Behavioral Health system has continued to negatively impact GCBH’s Network Provider BHA’s ability to recruit and retain staff within each of their systems. As a result, the BHAs have been struggling to provide more frequency, varying types and quality of services.

As GCBH is a sub-capitated funding system, the additional funding will be dispersed to the Network Crisis Provider BHA System based upon our current Executive Committee approved budget funding allocation policy. In addition to the limited increase in funding. Upon request, Network Providers will be expected to submit the deliverable reports addressing the area of staff retention and recruitment, which will strive to show an increase in service capacity and sustainability within the Network provider BHA System in the GCBH Regional Service Area.

The GCBH Network Provider BHA's will be notified and upon request, required to submit an agency plan on processes used to implement and/or utilize the additional funding to improve staff retention and recruitment. Each agency plan will include the following:

- *Recruit and hire new behavioral health staff
- *Retention plans for current staff
- *Cultural Changes
- *Tuition reimbursement

GCBH stakeholders agree that GCBH's continued focus on the Improvement of Staff Retention and Recruitment will continue to improve and build a larger and more diverse service system.

Feel free to contact me should you have any further questions or concerns.

Sincerely,

Karen Richardson

Karen Richardson
GCBH, LLC BH-ASO
Co-Director/Finance Director

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RE: Community Behavioral Health Enhancement Funds (CBHEF) – Network Provider Communication Plan

In an effort to meet the Network Provider Communication Plan Requirements for Community Based Behavioral Health Enhancement Funds (CBHEF) formerly known as “6032 Enhancement Funds” and “ECBBH”, Greater Columbia Behavioral Health, LLC BH-ASO (GCBH) the following has occurred.

1. BHAB Meeting – (Date – 06/30/2026)

Attached FY27 Plan and Funding Requirements of State Only CBHEF Funds. FFOC developed Funding Plan and Quarterly Payment Formula for the FY27 timeframes, as the ASO pays out on a Sub-Capitation not a fee-for-service rate basis.

2. Executive Committee – (Date – 07/02/2026)

Notification to Executive Committee Board for the FY27 Fiscal Year (July 2026- June 2027) Funding Release.

3. Disbursement to Network Providers – (Date – 09/15/2026) or as soon as payment is received on a quarterly basis.

Payments with backup documentation will be made to ASO Network Providers on _9/15/2026 or as soon as the HCA payment is received and plan was approved for funds dispersed from HCA to GCBH for the July 2026– June 2027 Fiscal Period on a quarterly basis.

4. Email to Network Providers -

Email to Network Providers will be sent on a quarterly basis with copy of GCBH BH-ASO Funding Template and Funds Distribution Backup Document for Funds Disbursed for July 2026 – June 2027 ASO State Portion of said funds.

Feel free to contact me should you have any further questions or concerns.

Sincerely,

Karen Richardson

Karen Richardson, Co-Director/Finance Director
GCBH, LLC BH-ASO

Greater Columbia Behavioral Health BH-ASO**6032 Enhancement State Allocation % by County/% by Provider****CBHE - Community Behavioral Enhancement Funds (new name July 2020)****221,5680 for July-Dec 2026 - Quarterly Disbursement below****RECEIVING IT MONTHLY \$36,928 - Qtrly July - Sept 2026****3 months - \$110,784.00****County Breakouts**

		110,784.00
Asotin	2.92%	3,235.00
Benton	28.20%	31,241.00
Franklin	13.26%	14,690.00
Columbia County	0.51%	565.00
Garfield County	0.30%	332.00
Kittitas	6.29%	6,968.00
Walla Walla	8.19%	9,073.00
Whitman	6.35%	7,035.00
Yakima County	33.98%	37,645.00
		110,784.00

Providers -	Breakout	Total Payout to Provider
Asotin -		
Quality Behavioral Health	100%	\$ 3,235.00
Benton		
Comprehensive Healthcare	100%	\$ 31,241.00
Franklin -		
Comprehensive Healthcare	100%	\$ 14,690.00
Columbia -		
Comprehensive Healthcare	100%	\$ 565.00
Garfield -		
Quality Behavioral Health	100%	\$ 332.00
Kittitas -		
Comprehensive Healthcare	100%	\$ 6,968.00
Walla Walla -		
Comprehensive Healthcare	100%	\$ 9,073.00
Whitman -		
Palouse River Counseling	100%	\$ 7,035.00
Yakima -		
Comprehensive Healthcare	100%	\$ 37,645.00
Total Provider Breakouts		\$ - \$ 110,784.00