SAN MIGUEL BEHAVIORAL HEALTH SOLUTIONS

2022 BOCC UPDATE

SAN MIGUEL COUNTY COLORADO

TRI-COUNTY HEALTH NETWORK

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VALUES

Vision

WE ENVISION RESILIENT CONNECTED COMMUNITIES IN SAN MIGUEL COUNTY WHOSE RESIDENTS CAN EASILY ACCESS HIGH QUALITY, LOCAL, COMMUNITY-BASED BEHAVIORAL HEALTH SERVICES REGARDLESS OF THEIR ABILITY TO PAY, LANGUAGE SPOKEN OR CULTURAL BACKGROUND.

Mission

FUND COMMUNITY BASED MENTAL HEALTH AND SUBSTANCE USE SERVICES IN SAN MIGUEL COUNTY.

NEW IN 2022

- Bilingual meetings and meeting materials
  - Support from the Colorado Language Cooperative for interpretation and The Word Point for translation
- Funding cycle on calendar year
- Ad-hoc requests on quarterly basis
- Clinical supervision funding research

2022 FUNDING INITATIVES

IN ALIGNMENT WITH THE LONG-TERM PRIORITIES OF THE SOLUTIONS PANEL, THE FOLLOWING WERE RECOMMENDED FUNDING INITIATIVES TO THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

- Behavioral Health Fund (Sliding Scale)
- Behavioral Health Fund Administration RFP
- Behavioral Health Care Coordinator RFP
- Uncompahgre Medical Center
- Tri-County Health Network
- Lone Cone Library
- Telluride School District

BEHAVIORAL HEALTH FUND (SLIDING SCALE)

Based on the Good Neighbor Fund Model, BHS created the Behavioral Health Fund to help those who live or work in the County Fund individual therapy sessions

- *applicant pays copay based on current yearly family income*
- *BH Fund pays Provider remaining cost of session*

To date, the fund:

- *Has helped 144 Individuals*
- *Has paid $232,264.00 to Providers*

BHS recently voted to place restrictions on utilization of funds for 2023.

BEHAVIORAL HEALTH FUND ADMINISTRATION RFP

In 2021, BHS sought out a proposals from agencies and organizations interested in administering the San Miguel Behavioral Health Fund. The work includes:

- *Processing Behavioral Health Fund applications*
- *Determining copayment amount*
- *Communicating sliding fee and provider fee instructions*
- *Ensuring treating therapists are Colorado licensed*
- *Managing and distributing grant funding which includes bimonthly processing of therapists' invoices, applying copayments accurately, and tracking.*

The RFP was awarded to Tri-County Health Network, the only applicant, for $76,324.00/year through 2023

BEHAVIORAL HEALTH CARE COORDINATOR RFP

The Behavioral Health Care Coordinator is responsible for:

- *Linking people in San Miguel County to available behavioral health treatment and mental wellness promotion resources*
- *Advocating on behalf of clients*
- *Helping clients navigate the behavioral health system and resources*
- *Coordinating referrals to ensure a streamlined experience for clients.*
- *Providing cross-agency and systems coordination*
- *Partnering with various behavioral health resources throughout the region*

Tri-County Health Network was awarded $210,000 from 2021-2023 for this position.

UNCOMPAHGRE MEDICAL CENTER

In 2022 UMC was awarded $182,682 to support:

- *Recruitment and Relocation funding for a Provider*
- *Tele behavioral health services*
- *Certified medical Spanish Interpreter who also supports the Coordinated Community Response Team and Latinx community*
- *Behavioral Health Program*
- *Good Neighbor Program*

TRI-COUNTY HEALTH NETWORK STIGMA REDUCTION

BHS Funded Tri-County Health Network for $194.391.04 total from 2022-2024 to support a stigma reduction education campaign

The services include:

- *English and Spanish Mental Health First Aid*
- *Teen Mental Health First Aid safeTALK*
- *Teletherapy treatment for mental health and substance use disorder in English and Spanish*
- *National Alliance on Mental Illness (NAMI) evidence-based Family-to-Family Peer Support Program*
- *Launching a local NAMI chapter*

LONE CONE LIBRARY

BHS funded Lone Cone Library $1,500 for a LGBTQ+ Community Group

- *The intention of this project is to create an educational and supportive opportunity for the LGBTQ+ community, and their allies, of all ages with a primary focus on teens and young adults aged 13-19. This will initially be a one year long program with two sessions per month based in the Lone Cone Library. It will be a collaboration with the Norwood School District and several identifying community members.*

TELLURIDE SCHOOL DISTRICT

Telluride School District received $299,733 for 2022 to be used for:

- *Purposes, curricula, staffing, initiatives, professional development, and community partnership intended to promote K – 12 affiliation behavioral wellness and mental health services, as well as to continue efforts of Social Emotional Learning (SEL) and Positive Behavior Intervention Support (PBIS). With the awarded grant funds, we intend to continue the emerging Behavioral Health department and increase investment in staff to provide more services regarding behavioral wellness and mental health, safeguarding a sustainable future for mental and emotional health.*

LOOKING TO 2023…

- Tri-County Health Network bid on new BHS admin contract
- New parameters to Behavioral Health Fund eligibility based on lessons in 2022
- Funding to:
  - Telluride Mountain School
  - Gather and Grieve (support group by Rae Shaffner)
  - San Miguel County Social Services
  - Telluride School District
  - Telluride Medical Center
  - Uncompahgre Medical Center
    - Total amounts for reach to be presented on consent agenda in future BOCC meeting

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QUESTIONS?

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