

MEETING MINUTES
San Miguel Behavioral Health Solutions
December 15, 2022 | 9:00 am – 11:00am
ZOOM

Panel Members Present: John Pandolfo, Paul Reich, Andres Jacinto, Chuck Porth, Carol Friedrich, Pam Stewart, Rob Whiting

Panel Members Not in Attendance: Sharon Grundy, Todd Bittner

Other attendees: Mary Burt; TCHNetwork, Lynn Borup; TCHNetwork, Corinne Cavender; TCHNetwork, Gisela Escobedo; Interpreter, Andrea Syko; Interpreter, Hillary Cooper; San Miguel County Commissioner

Meeting called to order at 9:03am

1. Welcome

- a. BHS members agreed that the agenda will be re-arranged to accommodate further Behavioral Health Fund Discussion

2. 2022 Process Discussion

- a. BHS will move this item to a future meeting

3. Regional Opioid Dollars Discussion

- a. Hilary Cooper, San Miguel County Commissioner, presented updates on the Southwest Regional Opioid Council
 - a. Focus areas include prevention, recovery, treatment, harm reduction and criminal justice
 - b. Commissioner Cooper lead discussion on each of these focus areas
 - i. The Council will be hiring a Regional Coordinator for re-settlement funds.
 - ii. One goal is to increase treatment options to retain the workforce. The Regional Coordinator will lead the conversation on treatment options
 - iii. Discussed need for support groups for those in recovery
 - iv. Discussed increasing Narcan and test strips across the region and collecting better data on overdoses
 - v. Discussed services to families with Opioid Misuse Disorder
 - vi. Noted developing a regional strategic plan for community connections with law enforcement to address the pre-trial services
 - vii. Mentioned there are Regional Infrastructure matching funds for Southwest Colorado.
 - viii. Goal with position is to regionalize what already exists, and to see what each County needs
 - ix. Mary Burt encouraged collaboration with the Community Resource Network led by the Quality Health Network

4. Behavioral Health Fund Discussion

- a. Lynn Borup from Tri-County Health Network, holder of the Admin RFP of the Behavioral Health Fund, led discussion on implementation questions
 - i. Concerns surfacing from providers surrounding continuing to be paid at their regular rates until the end of the year

1. Confusion on if BHS will honor the current award letters that have gone out and those enrolled in the fund will continue the 2022 benefit until the renewal date stated on their letter
- ii. TCHNetwork recommends honoring the original letter's anniversary date until December 31, 2023.
- iii. BHS discussed honoring contracts and budget implications
 1. Intent on set provider reimbursement rate is so funding does not run out
 2. Clarified that reimbursement is contingent on sufficient funds
 3. Discussed need for providers to submit reimbursement in a timely manner to ensure funds are available for reimbursement
 4. Agreed that the calendar year funding is important to communicate
 5. Discussed need to listen and work with providers while also paying attention to the rates per session increasing across the County
- iv. TCHNetwork Behavioral Health Team will work with the panel's guidance and come back in January with more questions as needed

Meeting adjourned at 11:10 am

Panel Members:

John Pandolfo—Superintendent, Telluride R1 School District, Chair
Sharon Grundy— Telluride Medical Center, Vice Chair
Carol Friedrich – San Miguel/Ouray County Social Services Director, Secretary
Chuck Porth – Chief Executive Officer, Uncompahgre Medical Center
Paul Reich – Community Relations Liaison, Axis Health System
Pam Stewart – Community Member
Rob Whiting – Community Member
Andres Jacinto Alonzo – Community Member
Todd Bittner—Norwood Public Schools

Attachments:

November 17, 2022 Meeting
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Budget