

MEETING MINUTES
San Miguel Behavioral Health Solutions
February 23, 2023 | 9:00 am – 11:00am
ZOOM

Panel Members Present: John Pandolfo, Andres Jacinto, Chuck Porth, Carol Friedrich, Pam Stewart, Rob Whiting, Sharon Grundy.

Panel Members Absent: Todd Bittner, Paul Reich.

Other attendees: Mary Burt; TCHNetwork, Lynn Borup; TCHNetwork, Andrea Syko; Interpreter, Amy Rowan, TCHNetwork, & Alex Aguilera; TCHNetwork,

Meeting called to order at 9:07am

1. Welcome
 - a. Approve January 26, 2023, Meeting Minutes (Pam Stewart motion, Sharon Grundy seconded)
2. No public comment
3. Tri-County Health Network Behavioral Health Care Coordinator (BHCC) Annual Contract Report Presentation
 - a. The San Miguel BHCC served 28 clients in 2022, meeting clients where they are at, day of, face to face, accompany to appointments and help understand treatment plan. Screening for social needs resulted in 118 needs identified.
 - Continue to provide resource lists and connections to social resources in the community. Working with Axis and Montrose Hospital, Providers, San Miguel Resource Center, San Miguel Public Health, TMC in receiving referrals. Integrated Insight provides mobile services in San Miguel County.
 - Omni Salud- helping non-English speakers navigate application process, including EOC, housing, LEAP, and BH fund. Serve, insured, uninsured, Medicaid and Medicare. Regular education sessions are held at the Wilkinson Library, and staff meets one on one.
 - Challenges: connecting clients to in-patient Substance Use treatment, limited options especially if not on Medicaid, West Springs and AXIS do not provide treatment for walk-in youth under 12. Issues include behaviors that are unmanageable in the home, legal issues, and need for long term services.
4. San Miguel Behavioral Health (SMBH) Collaborative meeting update by Alex Aguilera, TCHNetwork's Suicide Prevention Coordinator and SMBH Collaborative meeting facilitator.
 - a. Shared an overview of the Colorado National Collaborative (CNC) framework of six pillars guide to identify any gaps being seen in the 6 County region.
 - John updated on the San Miguel Behavioral Health Fund in 2023.
 - Axis Health offers suicide prevention and de-escalation trainings, they are free.
 - Narcan and other resources available through Public Health and Telluride Medical Center
 - b. Lyndsey Wright will be supervising an LPC in 2023. There remain 17 LPC who need internship hours and supervision.

- c. Issue with calling the 844 crisis number resulted in significant challenges for a community response. Carol would like for TCHNetwork to organize a de-brief with involved parties to clarify navigating the crisis response system.
5. Behavioral Health Fund (BHF) Discussion. The Panel:
 - a. Approved the following list of 'provider types' eligible for reimbursement under the BHF
 - Clinical Social Worker - LCSW, LICSW, LISW
 - Marriage and Family Therapist - LMFT, LCMFT, LIMFT
 - Mental Health Counselor - LMHC, LCMHC, LMHP, LPMHC
 - Professional Counselor - LPC, LCPC
 - b. Approved allowing 'candidates' (LPCC, LMHPC, etc) to receive reimbursement from the Fund if they provide a valid copy of their supervisor's Colorado license and a letter from the supervisor confirming active supervision of the candidate.
 - c. Determined the Fund will not cover non-therapy interventions, therefore the two providers (a Physician/DO and a Psychiatric Nurse Practitioner) will not be approved to provide service under the 2023 scholarship but will be able to continue providing care under 2022 scholarships.
 - d. John will share these updates at the next SMBHC meeting in April.
6. Extension procedures for grant funding to close the loop
 - a. The Panel agreed to adopt using the proposed Grant Amendment Request Form if a grantee wants to carryover funds, use funds for a different purpose, perform budget revisions, or return funds.
 - b. Given this new procedure John asked the group if he needed to step out to discuss the change to the Telluride School District's grant re-allocation of funds. No one found this necessary and discussion ensued clarifying why Vape Detectors were chosen, it is prevention strategy and intended to decrease usage, placing it under the Substance Abuse focus area.
7. Update on the Opioid RFP for the Southwest Colorado Opioid Regional Council (SWCORC) by Carol Friedrich
 - a. SWCORC is still deciding how to deliver the interventions at the local level and implement the 2 year plan in Ouray, San Miguel, Montrose and Delta.
 - b. Montrose County, acting as the fiscal agent, will hire a full time Coordinator for the Opioid Settlement funding,
 - c. They will be releasing an RFP to fulfill elements of different strategies, and hoping different entities will be able to serve this role. No time frame for the RFP.
 - d. The Panel shared that more providers are needed to preform Suboxone Therapy in San Miguel County.
8. 2023 Calendar: The Panel reviewed and approved the use of the 2023 calendar to better track key activities and deliverables due dates. Carol reminded a next year budget review is due to the County in June or July and may require discussion at both the July and August meetings.
 - a. Need to find out when the Board report is due.
 - b. Need to find out when the BOCC will conduct the formal approval of appointments.
 - c. Once identified the final calendar will be submitted for approval

Meeting adjourned at 11:08 am

Next Meeting: March 23, 2023, 9-11am