

**MEETING AGENDA**  
**San Miguel Behavioral Health Solutions**  
July 28, 2022 | 9:00 am – 11:00 am  
**ZOOM ONLY**

**Panel Members Present:** John Pandolfo, Carol Friedrich, Chuck Porth, Sharon Grundy, Andres Jacinto, Paul Reich, Rob Whiting

**Panel Members Absent:** Pam Stewart-Maddox

Others present: Corinne Cavender; TCHNetwork; B Torres; Interpreter, Lynn Borup; TCHNetwork, Cris Matoush; Rocky Mountain Health Plans

**Meeting called to order at 9:04am**

- 1. Welcome**
- 2. Approve June 23, 2022 Meeting Minutes**
  - a. *1<sup>st</sup> Carol Friedrich*
  - b. *2<sup>nd</sup> Sharon Grundy*
  - c. *Abstain: Chuck Porth*
  - d. *All in Favor*
- 3. Public Comment**
  - a. No public comment
- 4. Budget**
  - a. No discussion on current budget
- 5. Placeholder Budget Item Discussion**
  - a. BHS discussed the funding it allocated as placeholders for certain line items in the budget for 2022
    - Applications for 2023 funding cycle due October 15<sup>th</sup>
    - BHS discussed the possible need to reallocate funding placed in placeholder line items
      - Carol Friedrich clarified to panel that the County does not require this level of detail, only requests for authority to overspend budget allocation budget
    - Discussed budget items that have been overspent, likely to be overspent, and underspent to understand how much money is left to be spent this year
      - Possibility for entities to underspend their allocated funds
    - Roughly \$175,000 to be spent for 2022
      - Discussed likelihood for BH Fund Sliding Scale line item to double and go over budget. These dollars could help go to that overage
    - BHS noted that the \$175,000 is in addition to the \$300,000 reserve
    - BHS suggested adding an operations subtitle to budget to break out that spending even more
    - Panel members noted variances in the budget are not a bad thing but paint an important picture for the rest of the year
    - John Pandolfo shared with Corinne Cavender school's budget template for comparison
    - Andres Jacinto reminded panel members to consider our entire population when thinking about placeholder line items, not just certain populations

- b. BHS agreed to use placeholder budget items that funds have not been allocated to as focuses for next year's funding where possible

## **6. Behavioral Health Fund Discussion**

### **a. Medicaid**

- BHS discussed covering community members who have Medicaid under the behavioral health fund
- Discussed potential to revisit this idea in 2023
  - Individuals covered by Medicaid maybe not being paid through the Behavioral Health Fund should be referred to a Medicaid provider
  - Possibly letting insurance companies get richer by not accessing their benefits
  - Seeing general increase in therapist fees which also needs to be discussed regarding the fund in general
- Chuck Porth noted likely spike in community members that may lose Medicaid coverage after public health emergency ends
- BHS discussed need to find balance of allowing people to get care by not limiting access to folks and spending money in the most effective way
  - If Medicaid could be covering some clients using the Behavioral Health Fund, funds could be used for more people who need it
- BHS agreed this agenda item needs to be discussed in greater detail at the August meeting after seeing current BH Fund application
  - At the August meeting BHS will review the application and determine whether more questions regarding Medicaid need to be asked

## **7. BHS Officer Election: Secretary**

### **a. Motion to elect Carol Friedrich as the Secretary for the BHS Panel**

- *1<sup>st</sup> Chuck Porth*
- *2<sup>nd</sup> Paul Reich*
- *All in Favor*

## **8. BH County Grant**

- a. Carol Friedrich updated BHS on the grant the County received to hire a bilingual/bicultural behavioral health provider and offer housing
  - The hired clinician will be a county employee and will be credentialed to accept insurance
  - Intent is to have broad client base, not just clients of social services
  - County will likely but in a request to BHS for clinician's unbillable hours
  - A house in Norwood has been purchased for whoever fills this position
  - Contract has also been signed for a one bedroom in Lawson Hill
  - Position is being advertised
  - Idea is BHS will consider covering costs when grant ends

## **9. Other Business**

- a. Rob Whiting posed two questions to the panel as follows:
  - What is our stance on making public positions on issues that relate to worsening mental health outcomes (i.e., housing)?
  - What are our limits to what is considered funding for mental health? (i.e., can we consider funding things that increase housing, for example, that may directly impact one's mental wellbeing)
  - Paul Reich explained that he does not feel BHS is tasked to advocate as per the ballot measure

- Carol Friedrich agreed to talk to Amy Markwell regarding these questions and what BHS's role is in relation to the ballot measure that formed the panel
- b. John Pandolfo gave update on hiring of school social worker in Telluride school

**Meeting adjourned 11:00am**

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, Center for Mental Health  
Pam Stewart-Maddox – Community Member  
Rob Whiting – Community Member  
Andres Jacinto Alonzo – Community Member

2022 Meeting Schedule

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|              | July 28      |
| August 25    | September 22 |
| October 27   | November 17* |
| December 15* |              |

*\*3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday due to Holiday*

Attachments:

June 23, 2022 Meeting Minutes  
Budget