

MEETING MINUTES
San Miguel Behavioral Health Solutions
June 23, 2022 | 9:00 am – 11:00 am
ZOOM ONLY

Panel Members Present: Pam Stewart-Maddox, Rob Whiting, John Pandolfo, Sharon Grundy, Paul Reich, Andres Alonzo Jacinto

Panel Members Absent: Chuck Porth, Carol Friedrich

Others present: Corinne Cavender; TCHNetwork, Lynn Borup; TCHNetwork, Darcy Johnson; TCHNetwork, Amy Rowan; TCHNetwork, Bethany Maher; TCHNetwork, Linda Boedeker; San Miguel Resource Center, Ruth Andrade; Interpreter

Meeting called to order at 9:04am

1. Welcome

2. Approve May 26, 2022 Meeting Minutes

- a. *1st Paul Reich*
- b. *2nd Pam Stewart-Maddox*
- c. *All in Favor*

3. Public Comment

- a. Linda Boedeker, the interim executive director from San Miguel Resource Center (SMRC) presented funding questions to BHS
 - One specifically asked if general operations funding could be applied for
 - Paul Reich noted BHS is not necessarily in the business of supporting general operations. Generally, more comfortable funding a program or position that falls under the funding initiatives as outlined by the ballot measure
 - SMRC was directed to the common application and plans to submit a request for funding
- b. Andres Alonzo Jacinto noted conversations with CAFI regarding the need for alternative programs/activities for the latinx population as a way of suicide prevention
 - There is currently a latinx softball team and that engagement is thought to be a form of suicide prevention
 - BHS agreed that activities like this need to be available all year
 - Lynn Borup gave history and overview of the latinx boards currently meeting
 - Various BHS members mentioned latinx activities and initiatives that have been hosted by various organizations in the community
 - i.e., Latinx ski days
 - John Pandolfo noted that the Telluride School could be used for future latinx activities
 - Paul Reich brought up the FIRC model that is used in Summit County as a program that promotes connection
 - Corinne Cavender to create list of current latinx activities and add to BHS website
 - Also will be used to see what activities are missing or could be

expanded on

4. Budget

- a. BHS agreed that the banner budget items can be deleted as they are no longer being funded
- b. BHS mentioned that it assigned placeholder dollars that have not been spent yet and discussion will need to happen about what to do with those funds
- c. John Pandolfo discussed the budget of the Telluride School's grant that was recently approved
 - Mentioned the school likely will not be able to hire an intern, also having difficulty getting a school social worker to apply with proper endorsements
 - BHS advised to put possible budget changes in writing to be voted on during a future meeting

5. Behavioral Health Fund 6-Month Report Presentation (Tri-County Health Network)

- a. Bethany Maher presented on the report that was submitted to BHS
 - Noted upward trend in those applying and using the fund
 - Most live in Telluride
 - Explained that the biggest success is that TCHNetwork has experience administering other funds so has a pulse on what clients may be in need
 - Biggest difficulty outlined is that clients will be approved for the fund, but because therapists are so busy it is difficult to find a provider with availability
 - BHS discussed the issue that demand to see providers is high, but the supply does not match the demand
 - Paul Reich noted a possible discrepancy in the percentage of Medicaid providers
 - Noted that the County worked with Left Hand Management to encourage providers to accept Medicaid
 - The Center for Mental Health (soon merging with Axis Health) accepts Medicaid
 - Lynn Borup mentioned that as it stands, the Behavioral Health Fund is set up to take Medicaid clients
 - Another major challenge is providers wanting their payments sooner than can be processed
 - Paul Reich mentioned that BHS should consider these difficulties and possibly make small changes in the next year of funding

Break taken at 10:07am

Back at 10:15am

6. Behavioral Health Care Coordinator (BHCC) Annual Report Presentation (Tri-County Health Network)

- a. Amy Rowan presented on the report that was submitted to BHS
 - Explained that current BHCC, Emmaline, has been in position for six months
 - 21 clients served so far this year
 - Focusing on social determinants of health
 - Often able to connect clients with other needs like food, appointments, transportation, etc.
 - Biggest success noted is being able to meet clients face to face in person which has been instrumental in breaking the stigma of receiving behavioral health help
 - BHCC has been collaborating with community partners and meeting with counselors group

- BHCC working closely with Telluride Medical Center
 - Taking clients to appointments, reminding clients about their appointments
- BHCC collaborating with providers to help clients remember what their treatment plan is
- BHCC also supporting the NAMI family-to-family support program
- Noted seeing most stigma around substance use services
 - Described some clients know they have substance use issues but will not get help

7. BHS Officer Elections

- Chair: John
- Vice Chair: Sharon Grundy
- Motion to approve John Pandolfo as BHS Chair and Sharon Grundy as BHS Vice Chair**
 - *1st Paul Reich*
 - *2nd Pam Stewart-Maddox*
 - *All in Favor*
- Secretary to be voted on at July meeting

8. Review Proposals for Opioid Response Council

- John Pandolfo and Paul Reich discussed updates on the Council
- Corinne Cavender reviewed possible proposals on behalf of BHS
 - BHS discussed bringing these to the Behavioral Health Collaborative to get feedback
 - Seems as though Council might have moved on from this, Corinne to circle back with Commissioner Cooper to see if proposals are still requested

Meeting adjourned at 11:10am

Panel Members:

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

2022 Meeting Schedule

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

**3rd Thursday due to Holiday*

Attachments:

May 26, 2022 Meeting Minutes
 Budget

Behavioral Health Fund 6-Month Report
 Behavioral Health Care Coordinator Annual Report