

MEETING MINUTES
San Miguel Behavioral Health Solutions
June 22, 2023 | 8:00 am – 11:00am
San Miguel County BOCC Meeting Room- Telluride

Panel Members Present: John Pandolfo, Andres Jacinto, Carol Friedrich, Sharon Grundy, Rob Whiting, Todd Bittner, Mandy Miller.

Panel Members on Zoom: Paul Reich, Chuck Porth

Panel Members Absent: None

Other attendees: Mary Burt; TCHNetwork, Melanie Montoya Wasserman; TCHNetwork, Antonio Rodriguez; Interpreter, Anna Buis; Interpreter.

Meeting called to order at 8:05am

1. Public Comment

- a. No public present

2. Approval of April and May minutes

- a. April, 1st Carol, 2nd Mandy, all in favor
- b. May, 1st Carol, 2nd Dr. Grundy, all in favor

3. Impact- reviewed the history, funding and how it has shifted over time

- a. Grant fund allocation 2020-2023
 - i. 30% Agency grants
 - ii. 23% Behavioral Health Fund
 - iii. 21% Mental Health Counselors and Programs in Schools
 - iv. 9% Clinical Supervision
 - v. 9% Administration
 - vi. 5% Suicide Prevention
 - vii. 3% Crisis(John reminded that the crisis focus has been on mental health counselors and programs in the schools during and post pandemic)
- b. Behavioral Health Fund
 - i. In 2022, 162 clients attended a total of 2,340 sessions, totaling \$318,797.00, averaging \$126 per session.
 - ii. Through May 2023 166 clients have attended 1,353 sessions, totaling \$170,606.00 averaging \$136 per session.
 - iii. 23 clients in January 2022 increased to 116 clients in January 2023
 - iv. 9 Therapists in January 2022 increased to 40 Therapists in January 2023
- c. 2022 Strategic Plan Outcomes
 - i. Established Common Grant Application
 - ii. Will allow Multiyear funding up to 3 years
 - iii. Sustainability plans must be included applications
 - iv. To align with county fiscal year, annual grant applications will be due in late Fall and arded at the end of the year for the upcoming year

- v. Ad-hoc requests will be considered for funding each quarter

John Pandolfo joined at 8:50am

Rob Whiting joined at 9:00am

- d. Stories of Impact
 - i. Behavioral Health Integration into Primary Care will help hundreds of patients this year.
 - ii. Data collected is used as leverage to get more funding in both schools and primary care settings.
 - iii. The Behavioral Health Fund is a valuable community resource.
 - iv. Students and families benefit from a strong Behavioral Health response.
 - v. Behavioral Health Integration has occurred in schools
 - vi. Increased support for Immigrant Trauma through collaboration with Public Health.

4. Discussed adding an additional board member

- a. Possibly from law enforcement, to the behavioral health collaborative. They acknowledged the impact of the organization and shared stories of success, including receiving a grant for health education programming
- b. Carol suggested having first responders on a panel to address crisis work issues
- c. Paul suggested adding two new members to the group for their distinct voices and larger systems background
- d. Chuck suggests discussing the addition of more people to the mental/behavioral health emergency network.
- e. Sharon suggests that the board should focus on filling the gap in crisis response services
- f. discussed the need for a representative with lived experience in mental health services and first responders, such as law enforcement and EMS, to be included in their board meetings.
- g. Group discussed the importance of addressing transportation issues in crisis work
- h. discussed the importance of hearing from voices that are often not heard, such as those who have been incarcerated or involved in domestic violence situations.

Break taken at 9:55am

Resumed at 10:05am

5. Earmarking 2024 Budget Items

- a. The board discussed the development of the county budget and the need to make sustainable funding decisions for agencies and programs. They considered allocating percentages towards specific programs and implementing an RFP model to address community needs
 - i. Paul suggests Tri-County Health Network continue as an administrative arm for the panel.
 - ii. Carol suggested providing funding for transportation companies in San Miguel
 - iii. Discussed the need to review applications for funding and the importance of having a "boots on the ground" approach to identifying the needs of the community
 - iv. School Based Counselor and Behavioral Health Programming has little funding resources locally and statewide.

- v. Discussed the need to provide healthcare services to those who cannot afford it, including those with private insurance but high deductibles.
 - vi. Discussed the importance of utilizing Medicaid for those who qualify and finding ways to cover as many people as possible who would otherwise go without care.
 - vii. Paul recommended speaking with or inviting to a future meeting, the Larimer County BH Collaborative, who oversees a panel and funding.
- b. July meeting agenda items
- i. 2023 Financial review
 - ii. Behavioral Health Fund usage to date
 - iii. Establish 2024 focus on targeted grants or responsible grants

Todd Bittner left at 10:30am

Meeting adjourned at 10:59am.

Next meeting is July 27, 9-11am, on zoom

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-- CEO, Uncompahgre Medical Center
 Paul Reich-- Community Relations Liaison, Axis Health Systems
 Todd Bittner—Norwood Public Schools
 Rob Whiting-- Community Member
 Andres Jacinto Alonzo-- Community Member
 Mandy Miller- Community Member

2023 Meeting Schedule

February 23 March 23
 April 27 May 25
 June 22-in person July 27
 August 24 September 28
 October 26 November 16*
 December 21*

**3rd Thursday due to holiday*