

**MEETING MINUTES**  
**San Miguel Behavioral Health Solutions**  
November 17, 2022 | 9:00 am – 11:00am  
ZOOM ONLY

**Panel Members Present:** John Pandolfo, Paul Reich, Todd Bittner, Andres Jacinto, Chuck Porth

Panel Members Not in Attendance: Carol Friedrich, Sharon Grundy, Pam Stewart, Rob Whiting

Other attendees: Mary Burt; TCHNetwork, Lynn Borup; TCHNetwork, Corinne Cavender; TCHNetwork, Gisela Escobedo; Interpreter, Andrea Syko; Interpreter

**Meeting called to order at 9:09am**

- 1. Welcome**
- 2. Approve October 27, 2022 and November 2, 2022 Meeting Minutes**
  - a. 1<sup>st</sup> Paul Reich
  - b. 2<sup>nd</sup> Todd Bittner
  - c. All in Favor

*\*Indicating all present at meeting which was a quorum*
- 3. Public Comment**
  - a. No members of the public present
- 4. Budget**
  - a. BHS Members reviewed an updated presentation of 2022 actuals, expected encumbrances, and 2023 allocations
  - b. Chuck Porth brought a conversation regarding unspent funds and the need for BHS members to understand the process
    - Rolling over to next grant year vs. returning to BHS
- 5. San Miguel Behavioral Health Fund (BH Fund)**
  - a. Lynn Borup and Mary Burt from Tri-County Health Network presented up to date metrics on the utilization of the Behavioral Health Fund
    - 144 unique clients
    - \$232,264 total billed
    - \$135.00 billed per session on average
    - 12 sessions per individual on average
    - 20% increase in average cost per session since fund start date
    - 19% of clients have a co-pay, the rest qualify for free sessions
  - b. Borup and Burt presented research on other funding mechanisms for individual therapy throughout the state
    - Compared Crested Butte State of Mind, Olivia's Fund (Vail), iMatter, and the San Miguel Behavioral Health Fund
  - c. Combining 2022 utilization data and research on other programs, TCHNetwork suggested a few different scenarios to BHS
  - d. BHS members used suggested scenarios to drive further conversation
    - Members discussed income guidelines, if there is a necessity, and if insurance should be a factor while applying
    - Members discussed if Medicaid applicants should qualify or if they should be required to see Medicaid credentialed providers
      - Same discussion ensued for private insurance and if applicants

should be required to use their insurance benefits before qualifying for the BH Fund

- Members discussed need for session limitations
  - Members discussed setting a provider reimbursement rate due to some providers charging large sums for a one-hour session, and this practice being consistent across other funding models
- e. **Motion to amend the Behavioral Health Fund to allow for six free initial sessions per applicant regardless of income with an option for up to six more sessions to be charged on a sliding scale copay model (Sliding fee scale starts at FPL 260% and less \$10 copay, and FPL 400% under to 261% \$25 copay) for those who live or work in San Miguel County, regardless of immigration status, and setting a provider reimbursement rate at \$110 per one hour session**
- *1<sup>st</sup> Paul Reich*
  - *2<sup>nd</sup> Chuck Porth*
  - *All in Favor*

**Meeting adjourned at 11:08am**

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 – Community Member  
Rob Whiting – Community Member  
Andres Jacinto Alonzo – Community Member  
Todd Bittner—Norwood Public Schools

2022 Meeting Schedule

December 15\*

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

Attachments:

September 22, 2022 Minutes

Budget

Applicant Proposal Summary

Funding Applications