

**MEETING MINUTES**  
**San Miguel Behavioral Health Solutions (BHS)**  
October 28, 2021 | 9:00 am – 11:00 am

**Panel Members Present:** Carol Friedrich, Chuck Porth, Paul Reich, Sarah Landeryou, Rob Whiting, John Pandolfo, Pam Stewart-Maddox

Other Attendees: Corinne Cavender, TCHNetwork; Lynn Borup, TCHNetwork

**Meeting called to order at 9:05am**

- 1. Welcome**
- 2. Approve September 23, 2021 Meeting Minutes**
  - a. 1<sup>st</sup> Paul Reich
  - b. 2<sup>nd</sup> John Pandolfo
  - c. All in Favor
- 3. Public Comment**
  - a. No public comment
- 4. Budget**
  - a. No comments
- 5. Sliding Scale RFP Application Discussion and Approval**
  - a. Tri-County Health Network was the only organization to apply for the Behavioral Health Fund Sliding Scale RFP. The application was attached in the meeting packet
    - i. Lynn Borup gave an overview of the attached application
    - ii. BHS (Behavioral Health Solutions) Panel members discussed attached budget and amount going towards administration
    - iii. BHS questioned the capacity of navigator processing application
      1. BHS clarified that the time in application was not an underestimate
  - b. **Motion to Approve the Tri-County Health Network as the recipient of the Sliding Scale Behavioral Health Fund RFP**
    - i. 1<sup>st</sup> John Pandolfo
    - ii. 2<sup>nd</sup> Sarah Landeryou
    - iii. All in Favor
  - c. **Motion to approve any left-over dollars from the Behavioral Health Good Neighbor Fund being reallocated into the budget for the Sliding Scale Behavioral Health Fund**
    - i. 1<sup>st</sup> Paul Reich
    - ii. 2<sup>nd</sup> Sarah Landeryou
    - iii. All in Favor
- 6. Clinician Supervision Funding Discussion**
  - a. During the last San Miguel Behavioral Health Collaborative meeting, this agenda item was discussed and asked to be brought to BHS
    - i. Clinicians in the County are supervising internships and required supervision hours for masters students in mental health related programs
    - ii. Students need this type of supervision in order to graduate from their programs
    - iii. The Behavioral Health Collaborative proposed helping students pay for their supervision hours to encourage students to practice in San Miguel County
  - b. BHS discussed potential benefits

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- i. Local supervision would likely create more therapists in San Miguel County
  - ii. Students being supervised are providing services in San Miguel County
- c. BHS discussed potential negatives
  - i. Paul Reich mentioned concern about ensuring quality supervision hours
  - ii. John Pandolfo commented on potential need to create requirements for both those supervising and those being supervised
- d. BHS discussed potential to combine this initiative with the Professional Development Stipend initiative and tying in some level of commitment for serving clients in San Miguel County
- e. Chuck Porth mentioned worries about process
  - i. Making sure there is a level playing field for those who want to apply for this measure or others in the future
  - ii. Worried about paying first come first served
- f. Rob Whiting discussed being nervous about lack of clinical oversight
- g. BHS discussed need to work through this idea during the group's December 20 strategic planning meeting
  - i. Making sure programs already funded are successful before funding new ones
- h. Carol Freidrich reminded BHS that in the budget the Panel made for 2022, unexpected funding measures were allocated for
- i. Paul Reich noted that the current Professional Development Stipend program has not had huge uptake so combining these measures might make sense
  - i. Not as big of a lift as creating a new funding initiative
- j. BHS discussed that Axis (merging with the Center for Mental Health) has plans to provide internships in the future
- k. Sarah Landeryou discussed that for this idea to be successful, the money would need to go to the students to pay for their hours, not clinicians
  - i. Also discussed need to research this idea further before funding decisions are made

## **7. Spanish Language Updates and Discussion**

- a. The Spanish Language Interpretation RFP previously released still has no applications
  - i. BHS discussed appropriate next steps to ensure Spanish language behavioral health resources are available in the County
  - ii. Discussed using the County for a language line license for non-English speakers to be able to access therapy
  - iii. BHS members concluded that there is not a solid understanding from the Panel on what the need is
    - 1. Aware that there is a lack of Spanish speaking services, but unaware of the cultural aspects that would affect Spanish speaking community members seeking services
    - 2. BHS wants to prioritize programs that are informed by community members with insight on the matter
    - 3. BHS concluded that decisions regarding funding Spanish language resources will not be made until there is latinx representation on the Panel
- b. Carol Friedrich discussed status of outside grant opportunity social services applied for
  - i. Proposed bilingual/bicultural therapist with housing in the County

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- ii. Carol put together proposed budget and discussed continued financial support for this opportunity from BHS to increase sustainability

#### **8. Corinne Platt Support Group Funding Request**

- a. Corinne Platt, intern under Robin Slater (CORE Responder with Sheriff's Office), submitted a request to BHS to fund support groups she is hosting for teens at the Wilkinson Library in Telluride
- b. Corinne is starting to work for Telluride School two days a week as a part of her intern position, funded at least in part by BHS grant
- c. BHS members discussed potential conflict with funding this since the groups have already started
  - i. Members not sure if they are comfortable with "after the fact" funding due to a lack of level playing field for others in the community to request funding
  - ii. Members agreed that it makes sense to fund Corinne for this type of work, but the process of doing so is not established yet
    - 1. At this point, BHS not set up for one-off opportunities
  - iii. Members also agreed that this is not a financial decision, but a decision based on process
- d. Motion to approve Corinne Platt's Support Group Funding Request
  - i. Motion made, then withdrawn
- e. BHS agreed to move decision on Corinne Platt's Support Group Funding Request to December 20<sup>th</sup> strategic planning meeting

#### **9. Other Business**

- a. BHS discussed having representative from Sheriff's Office on Panel
- b. Rob Whiting discussed concerns he previously brought up in BHS meetings on needing more conditions to funding the CORE program
  - i. Importance of making sure the Sheriff's Office program is following fidelity to CORE model
  - ii. Rob concerned about personnel response to crisis calls
    - 1. Thinks it is appropriate to know more about how the Sheriff's Office decides who responds to calls to ensure BHS is not funding an entity that may be sending deputies to respond to mental health calls
    - 2. Wants to know the process of determining who responds to calls
    - 3. Encourages further discussion regarding credentials of both CORE responders
      - a. As of this meeting, lead CORE responder has mental health credentials, second CORE responder does not
  - iii. CORE funding to be discussed at the December 20<sup>th</sup> strategic planning
    - 1. Corinne Cavender to reach out and see if Sherriff's Office representation for this conversation is possible

#### **Meeting adjourned at 10:48 am**

Panel Members:

Carol Friedrich – San Miguel/Ouray County Social Services Director, Chair

John Pandolfo—Superintendent, Telluride R1 School District

Open– Telluride Medical Center

Chuck Porth – Chief Executive Officer, Uncompahgre Medical Center

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Paul Reich – Community Relations Liaison, Center for Mental Health  
Pam Stewart-Maddox – Community Member, Secretary  
Sarah Landeryou – Community Member  
Rob Whiting – Community member

#### 2021 Meeting Schedule

November 18\*

December 16\*

\*3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday due to Thanksgiving and Christmas holidays

#### Attachments:

September 23, 2021 Meeting Minutes

Budget

Sliding Scale RFP Applications

Corinne Platt Support Group Funding Request

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