

MEETING MINUTES
San Miguel Behavioral Health Solutions
January 28, 2021 | 9:00 am – 11:00 am
ZOOM ONLY

Panel Members Present: Carol Friedrich, Perri Gipner, Amanda Jones, Sarah Landeryou, Rob Whiting, Karen Winkelmann, Chuck Porth, Pam Stewart-Maddox

Other Attendees: Paul Reich, TCHNetwork; Corinne Cavender, TCHNetwork; Greg Fischer; TCHNetwork
Lynn Borup; TCHNetwork

Meeting called to order at 9:03am

- 1. Welcome**
- 2. Approve December 17, 2020 Meeting Minutes**
 - a. *1st Rob Whiting*
 - b. *2nd Amanda Jones*
 - c. *All in Favor*
- 3. Behavioral Health Systems Navigator RFA**
 - a. Review of Tri-County Health Network Application
 - b. Lynn Borup, Executive Director, in attendance
 - c. Decision on award (Vote required)
 - i. Tri-County Health Network was the only entity to submit an application for the BHSN
 - ii. Lynn Borup discussed TCHNetwork's established care coordination services
 1. Lynn further explained TCHNetwork's access to resources outside of San Miguel County, should residents need it
 2. Though TCHNetwork serves more counties than San Miguel, it has systems in place to track and ensure BHSN works with SMC residents
 - iii. Based on TCHNetwork's application, the Panel recognized the exponential growth TCHNetwork has shown in offering behavioral health services
 - d. MOTION to approve TCHNetwork's Behavioral Health Systems Navigator Application**
 - i. *1st Perri Gipner*
 - ii. *2nd Karen Winkelmann*
 - iii. *All in Favor*
- 4. Updates**
 - a. Good Neighbor Fund Current Funding
 - i. \$45,965 allocated through the Good Neighbor Fund Behavioral Health Funding
 - b. Professional Development Grants
 - i. Grants Made
 1. The Panel awarded Lauren Oliver (San Miguel Sheriff's Office Crisis Responder) \$1,520 to fund classes to become a Certified Addiction Counselor/Certified Addictions Tech
 - ii. Advertising for Professional Development program
 1. Panel agreed that paid print advertising is not necessary

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2. Panel further discussed continued communication with community members about the opportunity
 - c. School Needs Discussion Update
 - i. Paul Reich in contact with TRIAD to establish Norwood Schools EAP program
 - d. Housing Authority Letter
 - i. The Panel discussed the need to consider housing if it intends to hire a Bilingual Behavioral Health Clinician
 1. The Panel concurred that the short terms solution will be to ask community leaders to use word of mouth to find housing
 2. The Panel further discussed the need for a systematic long-term housing solution
 3. The Panel reviewed a draft housing letter to be sent to the local governments and housing authorities to begin working on a long-term housing solution
 - ii. **MOTION to approve Housing Authority Letter to be sent on behalf of the Panel**
 - iii. *1st Rob Whiting*
 - iv. *2nd Amanda Jones*
 - v. *All in Favor*
- 5. Financial Report for Mental Health Services Fund**
- a. Ramona Rommel from the County provided financial information for Panel to review regarding spending to date
 - i. With collaboration from County, the Panel agreed to give best efforts to align funding on a calendar year
 - ii. The Panel agreed that it is best to ensure the group is actively funding initiatives and not letting potential funding accrue
- 6. Funding Behavioral Health Visits for San Miguel Residents/Workers—continued discussion**
- a. The Panel discussed in its December meeting the work it is doing with Behavioral Health dollars in the Good Neighbor Fund
 - i. Panel further discussed the GNF application process and if it is a barrier to behavioral health care
 - ii. The Panel agreed that it wants to fund all persons seeking behavioral health services, regardless of income, aligning with the Panel’s goal of eliminating barriers to care
 - b. The Panel concurred that it will not limit the number of individual counseling sessions
 - c. The Panel concurred that it will work with the Behavioral Health Systems Navigator to understand what barriers are still present and how to help community members that need more intensive care
 - d. The Panel discussed Medicaid reimbursement rates and the potential outcomes and consequences on where the rate is set
7. At 10:15am The Panel took a 5 minute break
- 8. San Miguel Solutions Pilot Fund & Crisis Services Additional Funding Requests**
- a. Review of applicants
 - b. Decision on awards (Vote required)
 - i. **MOTION to approve TCHNetwork’s additional funding request of \$15,840**
 1. *1st Sarah Landeryou*
 2. *2nd Perri Gipner*
 3. *All in Favor*

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- ii. **MOTION to approve Uncomphagre Medical Center’s additional funding request of \$5,000**
 - 1. *1st Amanda Jones*
 - 2. *2nd Pam Stewart-Maddox*
 - 3. *All in Favor*
- iii. **MOTION to approve The Center for Mental Health’s additional funding request of \$10,000**
 - 1. *1st Perri Gipner*
 - 2. *2nd Karen Winkelmann*
 - 3. *All in Favor*
 - a. *Abstain: Amanda Jones*
- iv. Sheriff’s office to get a dollar amount of what is needed for the coresponder model in the next year
 - 1. **MOTION to approve the San Miguel County Sheriff’s Office additional funding request of \$40,000 with agreement to see the full year budget**
 - a. *1st Sarah Landeryou*
 - b. *2nd Pam Stewart-Maddox*
 - c. *All in Favor*

9. Spanish Language Needs Update and Discussion

- a. Presentation from Tri-County Health Network on results from Spanish Language Needs focus group
 - i. TCHNetwork to prepare proposals for the Panel to look at funding opportunities at next meeting
- b. Discussed need for a representative from the Latinx community be a member of the Panel

10. Membership Discussion

- a. The Panel agreed upon Latinx representation in the future
- b. The Panel will need to assess School representation with Perri Gipner leaving Norwood Schools next year

11. Other Business

- a. Colorado Youth Mental Health Treatment Act
 - i. Allows families to use dollars to get outpatient and residential or services
 - ii. The Panel hopes for a presentation with further information at a future meeting
- b. The Center for Mental Health launched Substance Use Virtual Treatment

Meeting adjourned at 10:57am

2021 Meeting Schedule

February 25	March 25	April 22
May 27	June 24	July 22
August 26	September 23	October 28
November 18*	December 16*	

*3rd Thursday due to Thanksgiving and Christmas holidays

Attachments:

- 1. December 17, 2020 Minutes
- 2. Behavioral Health Systems Navigator RFP Application, Rubric, RFA

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3. Housing Authority Letter
4. San Miguel Solutions Pilot Fund Additional Funding Requests
5. Spanish Language Needs Summary

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