

MEETING MINUTES
San Miguel Behavioral Health Solutions
July 22, 2021 | 9:00 am – 11:00 am
ZOOM ONLY

Panel Members Present: Carol Friedrich, Chuck Porth, Amanda Jones, Sarah Landeryou, Rob Whiting, Karen Winkelmann,

Panel Members Absent: John Pandolfo, Pam Stewart-Maddox

Other Attendees: Corinne Cavender, TCHNetwork; Greg Fischer, TCHNetwork, Paul Reich (Center for Mental Health)

Meeting called to order at 9:06am

- 1. Welcome**
- 2. Approve June 24, 2021 Meeting Minutes**
 - a. Panel voted
 - i. *1st Amanda Jones*
 - ii. *2nd Karen Winkelmann*
 - iii. *All in Favor*
- 3. Budget**
 - a. Solutions Panel reviewed current budget to inform decision making process
- 4. Review Final Version of Sliding Scale Funding**
 - a. Rob Whiting inquired if this model is viable for a larger family in the county, and if it reflects a living wage for these families.
 - i. Greg Fischer explained that he modeled the incremental steps for household sizes following a similar framework as the Medicaid income eligibility table.
 - b. Corinne Cavender reviewed the application for the sliding scale with the Solutions Panel; no changes were suggested.
 - c. The Solutions Panel decided to call the new model the “Behavioral Health Fund”
 - d. **Motion to approve the Final Version of the Sliding Scale Funding as presented in meeting packet**
 - i. *1st Rob Whiting*
 - ii. *2nd Amanda Jones*
 - iii. *All in Favor*
- 5. Review Agency Annual Reports**
 - a. Corinne Cavender highlighted shared areas of concern noted in all agency reports
 - i. Concerns included a lack of housing for residents and a lack of a local SUD treatment facility.
 - ii. Executive summaries to be shared with BOCC
 - b. Corinne Cavender reviewed that three of the four agencies requested and received a no-cost extension for their grant funding. No cost extensions for these agencies given them until December 31st, 2021, to continue funded activities.
 - i. The Solutions Panel also talked about giving agencies an opportunity to fund through the end of the calendar year should funds be exhausted before then.

- c. **Motion to approve an interim funding period for agencies through Dec. 31st 2021**
 - i. *1st Sarah Landeryou*
 - ii. *2nd Amanda Jones*
 - iii. *All in Favor*

6. Review Professional Development Application

- a. Solutions Panel reviewed the application for SUD training for an individual who is not a licensed counselor in the state of Colorado.
- b. Solutions Panel revised the wording of the Professional Development fund parameters to become more inclusive for those who are looking to pursue and obtain credentialing as a mental health counselor.
- c. **Motion to approve updated language for Professional Development Application to include those seeking Colorado credentials**
 - i. *1st Sarah Landeryou*
 - ii. *2nd by Karen Winkelmann*
 - iii. *All in Favor*

7. Suicide Prevention Discussion

- a. Corinne Cavender shared her environmental scan of prevention programs and agencies involved and highlighted on the major gaps that exist. Corinne presented some potential ideas that address the identified gaps in the county.
- b. Corinne Cavender will put out an “all call” to clinicians in the county on the idea of a survivor support group. Corinne will help facilitate the logistical aspects when necessary.
- c. Paul Reich believes additional training is required for behavioral health therapists to engage in suicide prevention.
- d. Corinne Cavender, Carol Friedrich, and Greg Fischer will further discuss and explore the issue of housing in the county since it’s been expressed as a consistent concern through agency grant reports.

8. Updates

- a. Spanish Interpretation RFP was approved via email and the panel approved the email minutes.
- b. **Motion to approve Spanish Interpretation RFP Meeting Minutes**
 - i. *1st Amanda Jones*
 - ii. *2nd Karen Winkelmann*
 - iii. *All in Favor*

9. Advertising Discussion

- a. Sliding Scale
 - i. Previously, the Solutions Panel funded marketing of the Good Neighbor Fund (GNF) funding of behavioral health services. Corinne Cavender suggests promoting the change to the new sliding scale model through local media.
 - ii. Corinne Cavender will also communicate the change to local therapists.
- b. Spanish Interpretation RFP
 - i. The Solutions Panel decided to promote the funding opportunity through outreach and marketing in the local newspaper and the Solutions website. Corinne Cavender will email agencies in other counties about the funding opportunity.

10. Review TCHNetwork Contract

- a. With changes to the Behavioral Health Funds moving from GNF to the Sliding Scale, the scope of work is affected for TCHNetwork due to the more intensive process for receiving, approving, and paying funds through the sliding scale model.

- i. The Solutions Panel asked for TCHNetwork to amend the contract agreement and propose any changes in funding required and present it at the August panel meeting.

11. Other Business

- a. Carol Friedrich shared that she asked Greg Fischer and Corinne Cavender to plan a strategy development session for the Solutions Panel. Carol would also like to evaluate the flow of finances through the county for Behavioral Health services.

Panel Members:

Carol Friedrich – San Miguel/Ouray County Social Services Director, Chair
John Pandolfo—Superintendent, Telluride R1 School District
Karen Winkelmann – Executive Director, Telluride Medical Center, Vice Chair
Chuck Porth – Chief Executive Officer, Uncompahgre Medical Center
Amanda Jones – Chief Clinical Officer, Center for Mental Health
Pam Stewart-Maddox – Community Member, Secretary
Sarah Landeryou – Community Member
Rob Whiting – Community member

2021 Meeting Schedule

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| July 22 | August 26 | September 23 |
| October 28 | November 18* | December 16* |

*3rd Thursday due to Thanksgiving and Christmas holidays

Attachments:

June 24, 2021 Minutes
GNF Alternative Documents
Solution Panel Budget
Professional Development Application
Suicide Prevention Environmental Scan
TCHNetwork MOU