

**MEETING AGENDA**  
**San Miguel Behavioral Health Solutions**  
August 27, 2020 | 9:00 am – 11:00 am  
ZOOM ONLY

**Panel Members Present:** Karen Winkelman, Carol Friedrich, Perri Gipner, Rob Whiting, Pam Stewart-Maddox

**Panel Members Absent:** Amanda Jones, Sarah Landeryou

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

**1. Approve July 23, 2020 Meeting Minutes**

- a. *1st Rob Whiting*
- b. *2nd Pam Stewart-Maddox*
- c. *All in favor*

**2. Updates**

- a. Medicaid Credentialing for Providers
  - i. Panel member Carol Friedrich proposed applying for grant funding to expand the Medicaid provider network in our county based on models done in other parts of the state
  - ii. Panel concluded that applying for such a grant is in line with what the panel wants to accomplish in San Miguel
  - iii. Carol will reach out on the state level to ensure San Miguel County qualifies for such grant funding
- b. Good Neighbor Fund
  - i. To date, the Good Neighbor Fund has funded 19 individuals totaling \$26,840
  - ii. In distributing GNF funds, two scenarios have raised questions:
    - 1. Individuals being referred to apply to GNF behavioral health funds without providing financial information on application
      - a. Panel clarified that these are funds of last resort and applicants must fill out the entire application to be eligible for funding
    - 2. Individuals wanting to change clinicians after they have already received full funding
      - a. Panel concluded that when an individual is funded, his or her first three sessions will be covered up front. Then, if the individual would like to continue seeing the same clinician, the rest of the sessions will be funded to the extent of the grant funding the individual received from GNF
- c. Behavioral Health Pilot Grant Report
  - i. Panel reviewed 6-month and 12-month grant report drafts
    - 1. Panel agreed that the drafts will capture sufficient information from grantees

**3. Review and agree on prioritized Findings from 7.23**

- a. After reviewing the list of prioritized findings from the Environmental Scan, the panel decided to identify the top three priorities that it will focus on in the immediate future. The priorities not in the top three will remain as five-year goals

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- b. TCHNetwork to administer a survey for each panel member to rank his or her top three priorities
- 4. Discuss Community Report & Infographic**
- a. Panel agreed that the Community Report needs to have a clearer title
  - b. Panel agreed that it will disseminate the report virtually by posting it on the SMBHS website and sending directly to stakeholders (BOCC, towns, agencies, public)
    - i. Panel agreed that members can reach out to chairs of organizations to offer a short presentation of what the report means for the community
    - ii. Panel agreed that it could offer a zoom recap of what the report means for any boards/orgs/etc. that would benefit from understanding this document
  - c. Panel agreed on infographic
    - i. TCHNetwork to turn infographic into an ad for the newspaper
- 5. San Miguel Behavioral Health Collaborative/Behavioral Health Unmet Needs Workgroup**
- a. Behavioral Health Navigation Guide
    - i. To develop this resource for community use, investment is required and will be considered by the panel in the future
  - b. Behavioral Health Systems Navigator
    - i. Panel agreed that there are behavioral health resources in San Miguel County, and having a position built to navigate the resources would be beneficial
    - ii. Panel decided that after it agrees on it is top three priorities, it will circle back to this job description to figure out next steps
  - c. Workforce Retention and Training
    - i. Panel noted that when considering stipends for clinical supervision, the dollars should go to the student not directly to the therapist
    - ii. Panel agreed that whatever stipends or scholarships it will consider should align with the priorities
    - iii. Panel decided that non-clinical and clinical professions should be able to apply
    - iv. Examples to consider in the future:
      - 1. Suicide Intervention Training
      - 2. Domestic Violence Training
- 6. Panel Membership**
- a. UMC Vacancy
    - i. Attempts have been made to reach out to new director. Will continue until a response is given
- 7. Other Business**
- a. Panel presentation to BOCC on September 15

Meeting adjourned at 10:40am

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