

**MEETING MINUTES**  
**San Miguel Behavioral Health Solutions**  
December 16, 2021, | 9:00 am – 11:00 am  
ZOOM ONLY

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

Panel Members Absent: Pam Stewart-Maddox

Other Attendees: Corinne Cavender; TCHNetwork, Lynn Borup; TCHNetwork, Jennifer Dinsmore; San Miguel County Sheriff's Office

**Meeting called to order at 9:03am**

- 1. Welcome**
- 2. Approve November 18, 2021 Meeting Minutes**
  - a. Edits suggested and entered
  - b. Motion to approve November 18, 2021, meeting minutes with suggested edits
    - i. 1<sup>st</sup> Paul Reich
    - ii. 2<sup>nd</sup> Sarah Landeryou
    - iii. All in Favor
- 3. Public Comment**
  - a. No members of the public present
- 4. Budget**
  - a. BHS Members reviewed budget
- 5. 2022 Application Decisions/Discussion**
  - a. 2022 Funding Applications were administered prior to this meeting to ensure possible funding at the start of the year
  - b. BHS members agreed application decisions would be held off until Strategic Planning meeting to align with the Panel's 2022 priorities
    - i. Sheriff's Office Application
      1. Jennifer Dinsmore presented on the Sheriff's Office funding application for two full time positions and one mobile position
      2. One of the positions is funded through the Office of Behavioral Health
      3. Rob Whiting discussed his concern about peace officer response with the behavioral health clinician
        - a. Jennifer acknowledged that this is not the ideal model, but what is possible due to lack of staffing issues in the County
        - b. Jennifer offered to give guidance to the Sheriff on behalf of BHS that mobile response for mental health calls is best to be done without a peace officer
        - c. Rob discussed that if BHS is to continue funding such a position, that there is a potential need for a peace officer mental health response protocol

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- d. Jennifer mentioned that mobile crisis response does receive critical incident training but understands this does not rise to the level of a mental health professional
    - i. Additional trainings being considered as peace officer is always armed when responding
  - e. Jennifer explained openness to reviewing the Sheriff's Office application to align with the 2022 goals of BHS that will be determined in the Strategic Planning meeting
  - f. Jennifer explained what each response looks like:
    - i. When Robin Slater is working, she responds unarmed because she is not a peace officer
    - ii. When Paula Martinez is working, she responds armed because she is a peace officer
4. BHS Members questioned the implications of not having credentialed clinicians serving as the County's crisis responders
- a. Specifically, does an evidence-based co-responder model require licensed clinicians?
  - b. Jennifer ensured that the goal of the Sheriff's Office is to have a credentialed clinician as the crisis responder
  - c. However, in the meantime, important to have someone who can respond to a mental health crisis and put in touch with a clinician, as opposed to having no crisis response at all
    - i. This model was described as "necessary but not ideal".
  - d. starting to be out of the county which is not ideal.
- ii. UMC Application
- 1. Chuck Porth presented on Uncompahgre Medical Center's funding application
  - 2. Discussed difficulty for providers to be successful living and working in that part of the County
  - 3. Recently lost grant funding for integrated behavioral health visits
  - 4. Without a secure funding base to offer behavioral health services, hard for UMC to predict what it will be able to provide
  - 5. We need funding to keep it a viable program
- iii. TCHNetwork Application:
- 1. Lynn Borup presented on Tri-County Health Network's funding application
  - 2. After listening to other grant applications, Lynn asked BHS if staffing is an allowable ask, as in the grant application it indicates it is not
    - a. If staffing is allowed, requested an extension on grant application
  - 3. Lynn also highlighted that the BHS Behavioral Health Fund will have an impact on the services provided through these grant applications
  - 4. Current application is to service youth 12-19 years old in the County 12-19 through teletherapy program
    - a. Focusing on these ages as they have the ability to seek therapy without consent of a parent

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5. BHS agreed that it must discuss if staffing is an allowable ask in grant funding

**BREAK 10:00am**

**MEETING RESUMED 10:07am**

iv. Telluride School District

1. John Pandolfo presented on Telluride School District's funding application
2. John indicated that the ask is to provide direct services to students, and this looks different for a school as customers are not paying individuals
3. Indicated that to build a strong behavioral health system in the school staffing is necessary
4. Understands the ask is large, so ranked positions based on need
5. Strong belief from the school that all the asks are within reach if funding is available
6. BHS inquired how each position would be managed
  - a. John explained which existing roles would supervise the new ones, should they be funded
- c. BHS agreed to hold off funding decisions until framework is in place at strategic planning meeting

**6. Latinx Membership Applications**

- a. BHS discussed interview process for those who applied
- b. BHS agreed that a subcommittee would interview the applicants and make a recommendation
  - i. Subcommittee will consist of Chuck Porth, Paul Reich, and John Pandolfo
    1. Translation will be coordinated for interviews
    2. To be scheduled before next BHS regular meeting so recommendation can be included in the January meeting agenda

**7. Review Strategic Plan Agenda**

- a. Lynn Borup is facilitating the 2022 Strategic Planning meeting
  - i. Presented and agreed on proposed agenda

**8. Other Business**

**Meeting adjourned at 11:00am**

2021 Meeting Schedule

Strategic Planning December 20

Attachments:

November 18, 2021 Meeting Minutes

Budget

Funding Applications

Strategic Plan Agenda

Sent Separately:

Latinx Application Summary

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