

MEETING AGENDA
San Miguel Behavioral Health Solutions
December 17, 2020 | 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

Meeting called to order at 9:09am

- 1. Welcome**
- 2. Approve November 19, 2020 Meeting Minutes**
 - a. 1st Amanda Jones
 - b. 2nd Perri Gipner
 - c. All in Favor
- 3. Updates**
 - a. Medicaid Enrollment Grant
 - i. Carol Friedrich and County are working on outreach to providers to become credentialed Medicaid providers
 1. More providers take Medicaid in the County than was anticipated
 2. Outreach efforts are focused on providers that do not currently take Medicaid
 3. As of the date of the meeting, six providers were interested in learning more
 - ii. The Panel discussed the future of the grant
 1. The grant ends in June 2021 with support from Left Hand Management
 2. Takes three to four months to get a provider credentialed so in order to make sure providers can use Left Hand Management during the entirety of their contract period it behooves providers to start the processes as soon as possible
 3. If providers are not fully credentialed by the end of the grant period, Left Hand Management can, at the bare minimum, start the processes
 4. The Panel could consider contracting with Left Hand Management beyond the grant period should providers need further coaching, training, etc.
 - b. Good Neighbor Fund Current Funding
 - i. \$43,000 distributed to 33 individuals
 - ii. About \$17,000 left in the grant, discussed potential to re-seed as necessary
 - iii. See discussion below regarding funding behavioral health needs for a fuller summary of discussions around the use of the Good Neighbor Fund to provide funding for individuals who need but cannot afford behavioral health services
 - c. School Needs Discussion

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- i. At the last Behavioral Health Collaborative meeting, the group discussed Behavioral Health needs in schools
- ii. The Panel discussed funding solutions to help further support schools
 - 1. The Panel has already granted monies towards school based Mental Health services to benefit students, it considered what it can do for teachers
 - 2. EAP programs through Grand Junction based TRIAD have proven to be a cost-effective means of providing behavioral health supports to organizations
 - a. Paul Reich and Perri Gipner to talk to Norwood Schools Human Resources to research what the program would look like for employees
 - b. Numerous employers, including The Center for Mental Health, use TRIAD to provide behavioral health services
 - c. After, returning to the Panel to discuss the cost

4. Funding Behavioral Health Visits for San Miguel Residents/Workers—discussion

- a. The Panel held a discussion regarding covering Behavioral Health services at various income levels
 - i. Panel members brought up making sure the Panel is not disincentivizing other programs or payer sources in our community
 - ii. The Panel concurred that it must assess unintended consequences like increased rates
 - 1. Providers charging more knowing clients have funds through the Panel to pay for services
 - iii. Leveraging rates that benefit the whole community
 - 1. The Panel values serving most vulnerable populations and because of that, aims to increase Medicaid provider enrollment
 - a. With more Medicaid providers, rates would not increase the way they are with private providers
 - iv. TCHNetwork shared a draft proposal with the panel which would fund 6 or 12 visits to a behavioral health provider regardless of ability to pay
 - 1. TCHNetwork shared the Medicaid reimbursement rates (e.g., \$60 per 45 minute visit/\$75 per 60 minute visit) as a possible starting point for therapist reimbursement under this proposal
 - v. TCHNetwork to poll Panel and other sources to understand the pros and cons of rate setting at Medicaid Rate and will provide an update at January meeting
 - 1. What would the reimbursement rate would be and why?

5. San Miguel Solutions Pilot Fund Grant Reports

- a. Uncompahgre Medical Center
- b. The Center for Mental Health
- c. Tri-County Health Network
- d. Telluride Regional Medical Center-provided separately to the panel
- e. Additional funding discussion
 - i. The Panel reviewed grant reports prior to the meeting and did not have any questions it needed to address
 - ii. TCHNetwork will provide summary data in the future in addition to grant reports for review by the panel

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- f. Grant reapplication
 - i. Panel concurred that if an organization has maxed out the previous grant, they are open to allowing those organizations to reapply for the additional funds remaining from the initial allocation of \$60,000 (i.e., \$24,000)
 - ii. Regarding the Agency Funding for Behavioral Health and funding for Crisis services, there is money still available
 - 1. \$24,000 for the BH Pilot funding to agencies and \$40,400 for the Crisis services grant to law enforcement
 - 2. Carol Friedrich to reach out and let agencies and Sheriff's Office know they are eligible for reapplication
- 6. Priority Funding Initiatives**
- a. Professional Development
 - i. Professional Development application through the Panel starts on January 1st, 2021. Will be posted on the Panel's website
 - b. Behavioral Health System Navigator
 - i. The RFP and Application have been posted on the Panel's website and the San Miguel County website
 - ii. Applications due to ocbh@tchnetwork.org by end of business on January 15, 2021
 - iii. TCHNetwork will create a scoring rubric for use by the Panel to assess the applications and make an award to an agency
- 7. Membership Discussion**
- a. Panel member Rob Whiting planning a sabbatical from September 2021 to September 2022
 - b. The bylaws do not address this situation
 - c. Panel concurred that if a member agrees to remain engaged, participate as an active member, and commit to the group, he or she can remain on the Panel as his or her term allows
 - i. Rob Whiting has agreed to continue to participate on the panel during his sabbatical
- 8. Other Business**
- a. Clinical Supervision
 - i. Aligns with Workforce Development priority
 - 1. Need identified in the community to support masters level internships and students seeking clinical supervision
 - 2. Panel agreed to add this to the February 2021 meeting agenda
 - b. Uncompahgre Medical Center
 - i. Chuck Porth reported melancholy among staff
 - 1. Overall feeling that the community is not properly recognizing the hard work from staff
 - 2. Leading to an increase in frustration and absenteeism
 - 3. Providers being taken for granted by community
 - 4. Amanda Jones discussed the Regional Behavioral Health Collaborative and the discussions occurring there around supporting clinical staff at area providers

Meeting adjourned at 10:55am

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Future Meetings

- a. January 28
- b. February 25
- c. March 25
- d. April 22

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