

GREATER COLUMBIA BEHAVIORAL HEALTH, LLC. BH-ASO

Executive Committee Meeting – MINUTES

NOVEMBER 5, 2020 – 9:00 A.M.

GCBH OFFICE, 101 N. EDISON – KENNEWICK, WASHINGTON

CHAIRMAN: CHARLES AMEREIN

ATTENDANCE: BOB JOHNSON; CHARLES AMEREIN; CINDY ADAMS; CODY NESBITT; DIANE HALO; DIMITA WARREN; GREG TOMPKINS; JENNIFER DANIEL;
JIM BELL; JODY DALY; JOEL CHAVEZ; KAREN RICHARDSON; KYLE SULLIVAN; MIKE BERNEY; BOB KOCH; SINDI SAUNDERS; SHEREL WEBB; CAROL MOSER

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1.	Call to Order		Commissioner Amerein called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m.	Charles Amerein	
2.	Introductions		Sherel called roll.	Charles Amerein	
3.	Agenda Change		None.	Charles Amerein	
4.	Previous Executive Committee Minutes	ACTION	Approve October 1, 2020 Executive Committee Minutes.	Charles Amerein	Mike Berney moved to approve the October 1, 2020 minutes as presented; Bob Johnson seconded; motion passed.
5.	Warrants/ Vouchers	ACTION	1. ASO – October 31, 2020 – Warrants & Vouchers: \$1,523,411.77	Charles Amerein	Bob Koch moved to approve the October 31, 2020 Warrants and Vouchers in the amount of \$1,523,411.77; Bob Johnson seconded; motion passed.
6.	ASO Updates		<p>Fiscal & Administrative Updates – Karen Richardson</p> <p>1. IT Update: Karen reported the IT department has a go live date of November 18, 2020. Kelly will send out notices to providers (probably the week of November 16) and start to set up training.</p> <p>2. Financials: Balance Sheet October 31, 2020 Karen reviewed the October 31, 2020 Balance Sheets and Financials including the ITA court costs. There were no questions or comments.</p> <p>3. CY21 Preliminary Budget for Review – Karen noted this budget uses historical data and is very similar to previous years with the exception of the projected expense of the B&O tax. GCBH will have to use reserves to cover that</p>		

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			<p>expense. She noted the ASOs are still pushing to try to get this fixed, but has asked Jim to investigate the possibility of becoming a nonprofit to avoid this tax on public funds. Jim is researching options.</p> <p>4. HCA/MCO/ASO Updates: Karen reported having just received the red-line version the January contract that was in response to the ASO's questions and comments. She is still in the process of reviewing, but noted one significant change: the HCA is issuing a two-year contract for the first time. She does not plan to draft a budget for 2022 at this time due to possible changes.</p> <p>Clinical, QM, Compliance & State Meetings Update – Sindi Saunders</p> <p>5. GCBH COVID-19 Updates: Sindi reported monthly meetings continue to reflect the providers are doing a really good job of meeting their region's needs. Crisis numbers are stable and our ITAs have leveled out again after a peak. This is in contrast to the rest of the State whose numbers are typically increasing and in some regions skyrocketing. All we can attribute it to is the providers know their regions and are responding with what works for their communities.</p> <p>6. Crisis Reports: The crisis reports reflect the stability of our numbers. Sindi reported that ProtoCall is not meeting metrics again and will need to be issued a CAP (corrective action plan).</p> <p>Sindi reported that we received the audit results from HCA and we received a couple of CAPs, including work on policies and an increase in documentation that providers are meeting documentation requirements. They appear to be focused on these issues.</p> <p>A new, unexpected requirement from HCA is credentialing including hospitals in our region, which will be a lot of extra work. The HCA asked for ASO feedback on what and how credentialing should be done. The ASOs have responded with a request to mirror the MCOs audits to streamline the process. GCBH is already involved in 5 different audits plus several workgroups such as identifying high utilizers and No Bed Reports. Sindi noted a dynamic, effective State</p>		

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			<p>Representative, Lauren Davis, is very invested and passionate about Youth Mobile Crisis. In summary, Sindi noted that more and more of the burden of work is going to the ASOs and therefore trickling down to providers.</p> <p>7. State Updates: Sindi reported the State is going in to legislative sessions. The House of Representatives will be all virtual. The senate will be doing a hybrid of virtual and limited in-person meetings.</p> <p>8. Compliance Issues: No compliance issues to report.</p>		
7.	Legal Updates		Jim reported there are no legal problems and that he is in the process of researching the B&O/nonprofit options.	Jim Bell	
8.	Committee Reports/ Information		<p>1. Clinical Crisis Providers Committee (Dimita Warren) October 15, 2020 Dimita noted Sindi covered the Clinical Crisis Providers meeting well. She commented on the puzzle that the number of crisis calls between 2019 and 2020 have gone down in actual numbers. People are apparently handling the situation well.</p> <p>2. QMOC Committee (Sindi Saunders) October 19, 2020 The QMOC meets monthly to evaluate the overall quality and utilization of the ASO. Current issues include the crisis calls/crisis line that we will get a CAP on; long-term bed diversion; the use of State Only funds for spend-downs that enable consumers to qualify for Medicaid and would save the ASO a significant amount of money; care coordination; Tribal concerns and MCO issues.</p> <p>3. Funding & Fiscal Operations Committee, FFOC, October 22, 2020 Karen reported the preliminary budget that was presented and reviewed, with no questions or concerns raised.</p>	Committee Chairs	
9.	Public Comments		Diane Halo of Greater Columbia Accountability Community Health announced their new Cope, Calm, Care Resiliency campaign, which is free to the public. It is designed to help people build resilience while recovering from trauma and natural disasters. The media campaign will start soon with an initial focus on school systems. Catholic Charities school system will serve as a pilot program. Jodi Daly of Comprehensive is working closely with the ACH to disseminate the information.	Charles Amerein	
10.	Other Business		None.	Charles Amerein	
11.	Executive Session		None needed.		
12.	Adjournment		The meeting was adjourned at 9:37 a.m.	Charles Amerein	

