

GREATER COLUMBIA BEHAVIORAL HEALTH, LLC. BH-ASO

Executive Committee Meeting – **MINUTES**

FEBRUARY 4, 2021 – 9:00 A.M.

GCBH OFFICE, 101 N. EDISON – KENNEWICK, WASHINGTON

ATTENDANCE: CHARLES AMEREIN; BRAD PECK; BRETT WACHSMITH; CHRIS SEUBERT; CICILY ZORNES; CINDY ADAMS; CODY NESBITT; DIANE HALO;
CAROL MOSER; DIMITA WARREN; JENNIFER DANIEL; JENNIFER MAYBERRY; JIM BELL; JIM NELSON; JODI DALY; KAREN RICHARDSON; KYLE SULLIVAN;
LADON LINDE; MIKE BERNEY; SHON SMALL; SINDI SAUNDERS; SHEREL WEBB

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1.	Call to Order	Commissioner Amerein called the meeting to order at 9:01 a.m.	Charles Amerein	
2.	Introductions	Sherel Called Roll	Charles Amerein	
3.	Agenda Changes	None.	Charles Amerein	
4.	Previous Executive Committee Minutes	Approve January 7, 2021 Executive Committee Minutes	Charles Amerein	Shon Small moved to accept the January 7, 2021 minutes as submitted; LaDon Linde seconded; Brad Peck abstained; motion passed.
5.	Warrants/ Vouchers	1. ASO – January 31, 2021 – Warrants and Vouchers: \$1,841,916.71 January 31, 2021 Voucher and Warrants	Charles Amerein	Shon Small moved to approve the January 31, 2021 vouchers and warrants in the amount of \$1,841,916.71; Chris Seubert seconded; motion passed.
7.	ASO Updates	<p>Fiscal & Administrative Updates – Karen Richardson</p> <p>1. IT Update:</p> <p>2. Financials: Karen reviewed the financials as of January 31, 2021 that were sent in advance of the meeting. Karen noted we have started to receive inpatient billings, which are reflected in the warrant's slight increase. This will continue until billings are paid up. Outstanding liabilities are still in the process of being confirmed, but are currently at approximately \$3.5 million for 2020 and 2021 to date. Sufficient funds have been withheld to cover that amount.</p> <p>3. HCA/MCO/ASO Updates: HCA is changing the way actuarials are being calculated, providing a rolled-up rate that does not break down as it previously did. This may result in the need for more detail about the true cost of services, which will affect providers by requiring more</p>		

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		<p>assistance with records documenting true costs. This will be discussed at the Funding and Fiscal Operations Committee (FFOC) that is pending in February.</p> <p>Clinical, QM, Compliance & State Meetings Update – Sindi Saunders</p> <p>4. GCBH COVID-19 Updates: Sindi compared 2020 to 2019 crisis system, noting our numbers were very stable throughout the year unlike the rest of the state. Providers did an excellent job reaching out to consumers, tailoring services, and implementing telehealth.</p> <p>5. Crisis Reports: December 2020 Crisis Reports reflected crisis calls were stable throughout the year. Crisis calls actually went down in 2020, while they went up throughout the rest of Washington State. There was no significant increase in ITAs or crisis calls. There were a couple of suicides probably due to COVID. Sindi noted at the beginning of the year the highest rate of crisis calls involved suicide ideation, but switched to anxiety later in the year. Sindi also noted DCRs have done a fantastic job improving response time.</p> <p>6. State Updates: Sindi briefly discussed the progress of legislation that would directly impact us, noting she will send more detailed information:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • There is some optimism that Bill 1297, which would eliminate the B&O tax ASO LLCs are having to pay, will pass. • ASOs have some concerns with Senate Bill 5397 that would significantly impact our providers, particularly those who run E&T's. • House Bill 1187 also known as 988 would build another crisis line on top of our existing system adding another layer. The intent was very positive, but the outcome may not be what proponents actually had in mind. • Bill 2642 also known as the “no wrong door” bill has passed and currently applies only to the Managed Care Organizations (MCOs), but ASOs are being pressured to participate with MCO's citing a need for continuity of care. This bill allows SUD consumers services without prior authorization, which would significantly impact ASO budgets, including our crisis and state only funds. • Sindi reported on a presentation Matt Gower from HCA gave regarding the positive development of Intensive Behavioral Health facilities. There are three planned for Washington State, including one in Spokane. These are voluntary long-term facilities for consumers struggling to get out of state hospitals. Consumers will be primarily Medicaid and perhaps Medicare, but will also involve some ASO state only consumers, so will affect us down the road. <p>7. Compliance Issues: No compliance issues have been identified. Sindi expressed appreciation to the Commissioners for taking the required HCA trainings.</p>		

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8.	Legal Updates	Jim explained the situation requiring re-election of the Chair and Vice Chair and election for the vacant positions of Secretary and Treasurer positions, which was discussed. The slate of officers determined was Charles Amerein as Chair, Chris Seubert as Vice Chair, Shon Small as Treasurer, and LaDon Linde as Secretary.	Jim Bell	Brad Peck moved to elect the proposed slate of officers: Charles Amerein as Chair, Chris Seubert as Vice Chair, Shon Small as Treasurer, and LaDon Linde as Secretary; Mike Berney seconded; motion passed.
9.	Committee Reports/ Information	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Clinical Crisis Providers Committee (Dimita Warren) January 21, 2021 – In addition to Sindi’s comments, Dimita noted the Ombuds changing their name with the term “Advocacy” and the push for it to be State run. The State sees the benefit of being more centralized while the Ombuds feel State run advocacy would detract from a personal approach and aspect. Dimita discussed the implementation of new ITA rights detention including new gun rights. She expressed appreciation to Lourdes for their work on and development of a form other providers can use as a template to customize for their own counties. The State is requiring telehealth training to be completed by the end of June. 2. QMOC Committee (Sindi Saunders) January 25, 2021 Sindi reviewed the purpose of the Quality Management Oversight Committee (QMOC) to monitor all contractual requirements that the HCA implements. She noted everything is going well at this time. 3. Funding & Fiscal Operations Committee, FFOC Karen noted there was no January meeting, but that there will be a meeting in February. She alerted Commissioners that they will receive an email invitation from State auditors to attend the fiscal audit review. 	Committee Chairs	
10.	Public Comments	Diane Halo from Accountable Communities of Health (ACH) described their current campaign to assist with behavioral health issues resulting from COVID that was recently launched. Details of their campaign called Practice the Pause are available on their website: https://gcach.org/practice-the-pause Toolkits for age groups of 5-12, 13-18, and adults can be downloaded. They are taking it to all the schools and hope to work with providers. Sindi commented HCA has mentioned it as a gold standard program that has been well-developed and received.	Charles Amerein	
11.	Other Business	There was some discussion about the ASOs history and reputation, including getting things done with limited budget and significantly low administration costs.	Charles Amerein	
12.	Executive Session	None required.		
13.	Adjournment	The meeting was adjourned at 9:53 a.m.	Charles Amerein	