

GREATER COLUMBIA BEHAVIORAL HEALTH, LLC. BH-ASO

Executive Committee Meeting – MINUTES

JULY 1, 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; DIMITA WARREN; GORDON CABLE; JENNIFER DANIEL; JENNIFER MAYBERRY; JIM BELL; JIM NELSON; JOEL CHAVEZ;
KAREN RICHARDSON; KYLE SULLIVAN; MIKE BERNEY; SINDI SAUNDERS; QUINN BELL; CAROL MOSER

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1.	Call to Order		Commissioner Amerein called the meeting to order at 9:04	Charles Amerein	
2.	Introductions		Sherel called roll.	Charles Amerein	
3.	Agenda Changes		None	Charles Amerein	
4.	Previous Executive Committee Minutes	ACTION	Approve June 3, 2021 Executive Committee Minutes	Charles Amerein	Mike Berney moved to accept the June 3, 2021 minutes as submitted; Chris Seubert seconded; motion passed.
5.	Warrants/ Vouchers		ASO – June 30, 2021 – Warrants and Vouchers: Karen explained we have to wait until July 15 to close our our fiscal year, so June Warrants and Vouchers and Financials will be presented in August, 2021.	Charles Amerein	
6.	ASO Updates		Fiscal & Administrative Updates – Karen Richardson 1. IT Update: Nothing at this time. 2. Financials as of June 30, 2021: June 30, 2021 is the end of the GCBH Fiscal Year. Due to audit regulations, June Financials cannot be closed out until July 15, 2021. They will be included with the August information. Karen reported a completed audit on outstanding liabilities as of June 23, 2021; and was able to release an additional \$400,000 of State funding to the providers. We have not received the July 1 contract amendments, as they are still incorporating changes from the recent legislative session. When received and processed, those amendments will be passed down to providers. The 2% increase that was supposed to happen for general State funds and Medicaid dollars were supposed to be retro'd back to April. The State will be doing settlement payments		

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			<p>to account for the April – June portion not yet received. For their part, the MCOs plan to negotiate any Medicaid portion only if they are advised to do so by the HCA.</p> <p>The additional COVID funding coming from the Trump and Biden administrations that was going to come all at once has been separated out. The Trump funding is coming first to be used through March of 2023. The Biden funding will follow, starting in 2023 and running through 2025.</p> <p>Karen reviewed her recent meeting with the Department of Commerce and learned the HARP housing subsidy grant has changed significantly. It has expanded from about \$100,000 a year to about \$1.2 million, and they have changed the name to Community Behavioral Health Residential Assistance (CBRA). This will significantly impact ASO's who have been assigned to create and monitor contracts with housing contractors, which will require a new position for the ASO. DOC is allowing 15% for administrative costs per grant funding requirements.</p> <p>Clinical, QM, Compliance & State Meetings Update – Sindi Saunders</p> <p>3. HCA/MCO/ASO Updates:</p> <p>Sindi reviewed the four main legislative priorities for on the ASO's right now:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Addressing ITAs and payments of court costs is a top priority. There are no immediate answers, but some possibilities are being discussed such as ITA funding or a fee schedule. 2. Next priority is workforce, but Sindi noted North Sound recently had a very poor experience asking for help. An informational PowerPoint that was passed on to us by another ASO was included in the packet. 3. The 988 implementation, which has become a long-standing agenda item. She noted that Eastern Washington region nominated the Spokane ASO as our representation. 4. The Blake Bill legislative priorities, including educating law enforcement about ASO's role. <p>Doc 3 – Anonymous Stakeholder Survey Results –</p> <p>Sindi reviewed the survey results, noting 66 responses. She noted that many of the concerns are not isolated to us, but are being experienced throughout the State and the nation. The survey helped to specifically identify what needs to be improved, better ways to communicate, education and</p>		

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			<p>change. Sindi has already reached out to agencies in the counties and encountered very positive feedback and willingness to have conversations and make changes. Sindi will coordinate meetings between the agencies and commissioners to discuss.</p> <p>Doc 4 – HB1310 & Liability Related to Non-Criminal Calls PowerPoint Sindi included the PowerPoint handed out at Washington Association of Sheriff and Police Chiefs regarding HB1310 for your information. There was considerable discussion of details..</p> <p>Doc 5 – HCA Response to BH Workforce Shortages This PowerPoint was produced by Theresa Claycamp of HCA and included for your information.</p> <p>4. Crisis Reports: Doc 6 – May 2021 Crisis Reports Sindi reviewed highlights from the crisis reports such as there were 3457 calls this month, which was 40 less than last month, but interestingly 600 less than last year at this time. Other areas discussed were voluntary commitments, ITA investigations, and no bed reports.</p> <p>5. State Updates:</p> <p>6. Compliance Issues:</p>		
7.	Legal Updates	ACTION	<p>Jim reviewed the results of the Personnel Committee meeting on June 17, 2021. They met to discuss creating two new positions at GCBH: a SUD Program Specialist, which is required at the State level; and a part-time FYSPRT Coordinator. The positions were unanimously approved and recommended to the Executive Committee. Work on the specifics and a job description are in process and will be advertised and put on our website to advertise to broaden the search, as we want to get them up and running as soon as possible.</p> <p>We recently received a call from our insurance carrier regarding the RCW requirement to have an agent appointed to receive claims. In the past that agent was former employee, Julie LaPierre, which had not been updated. Upon discussion, the Personnel Committee created Resolution 21-03 to appoint the position of Finance Director rather than naming a specific</p>	Jim Bell	<p>Mike Berney moved to approve the creation of two new positions of SUD Program Specialist and part-time FYSPRT Coordinator as recommended by the Personnel Committee; Jennifer Mayberry seconded; motion passed.</p> <p>Jim Nelson moved to accept Resolution 21-03 appointing the position of Fiscal Director as an agent to receive insurance claims; Chris</p>

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			<p>person for receipt of claims. The Personnel Committee recommends and requests the Executive Committee's approval. Commissioner Peck noted the need to authorize the Chairman to sign the resolution on behalf of the Executive Committee.</p> <p>Jim noted that in light of the COVID restrictions being lifted, we anticipate returning to in-person meetings in August. The State mandates that those who have not been fully vaccinated are still required to wear a mask at this time.</p> <p>Jim also announced that he was recently appointed as the next District Court Judge in Benton County, which means he will no longer be able to serve as legal council to GCBH. Quinn Bell will take over for Jim on behalf of Jim's firm, Bell, Brown and Rio. The current PSA is with the firm, and they will have to change their name in the future. That and other details of that nature will be addressed when appropriate.</p> <p>Jim noted it has been an honor, a privilege, and a pleasure to serve GCBH the past 12 years. Commissioner Amerein thanked Jim for his service.</p>		<p>Seubert seconded; motion passed. Brad Peck moved to grant authorization for the Chair to sign Resolution 21-03 on behalf of the Executive Committee; Mike Berney seconded: motion passed.</p>
8.	Committee Reports/Info		<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Clinical Crisis Providers Committee (Dimita Warren) June 17, 2021 – Dimita noted the bulk of discussion at the recent CPP meeting was 1310 with feedback from everyone about its effect in their area. Other topics included the 988 crisis line, the 2% increase in funding, and the new requirement of having a Certified Peer Counselor on staff and how that would affect the agencies. 2. QMOC Committee (Sindi Saunders) June 28, 2021 Sindi reported all the metrics across ASO including timeframes, NOABD letters and all other requirements were reviewed at the June meeting. All are being fully met at 100%. 3. Finance & Fiscal Operations (FFOC) (Mike Berney) No meeting. 4. MIS Committee (Dimita Warren) June 15, 2021 Dimita noted the last time MIS met was December of 2020, but there have been no significant changes to discuss. The 	Various	

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			<p>new SERI coding instruction manual was called to the committee's attention, but there are no drastic changes there. Typically, we would expect an update in about three months. The committee was informed that the HCA is doing a Data Quality process audit for 2020. The reason for the requirement to report investigation and detentions within 24 hours is because it has to do with concealed weapons permit. With the State opening up, the Telehealth modifier that was implemented as a result of COVID will be used only for phone call services going forward with the State opening up. Dimita noted that while there have been some minor issues, the Raintree the data system is generally working fine.</p>		
9.	Public Comments		<p>Diane Halo from Accountable Communities of Health reported on their Behavioral Health internship and the contribution that is making to the workforce.</p>		
10.	Other Business		<p>None.</p>		
11.	Executive Session		<p>None necessary.</p>		
12.	Adjournment		<p>Adjourned at 10:12 a.m.</p>		