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August 1, 2024

Health Care Authority (HCA)
Division of Behavioral Health and Recovery (DBHR)
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RE: Community Behavioral Health Enhancement Funds (CBHEF) – Network Provider Communication Plan

In an effort to meet the Network Provider Communication Plan Requirements for Community Based Behavioral Health Enhancement Funds (CBHEF) formerly known as “6032 Enhancement Funds” and “ECBBH”, Greater Columbia Behavioral Health, LLC BH-ASO (GCBH) the following has occurred.

1. FFOC Meeting – (Date – 07/18/2024)

Attached FY25 Plan and Funding Requirements of State Only CBHEF Funds. FFOC developed FY25 Plan and One Time Payment Formula for the 6-month timeframes, as the ASO pays out on a Sub-Capitation not a fee-for-service rate basis.

2. Executive Committee – (Date – 08/01/2024)

Notification to Executive Committee Board for the FY25 Fiscal Year (July 2024- June 2025) Funding Release.

3. Disbursement to Network Providers – (Date – 08/12/2024)

Payments with backup documentation was made to ASO Network Providers on 8/12/2024 for funds dispersed from HCA to GCBH for the July – December 2024 Fiscal Period.

4. Email to Network Providers -

Email to Network Providers will be sent on (8/2/2024) with copy of GCBH BH-ASO CBHEF Funds Plan, Reporting Template and Funds Distribution Backup Document for Funds Disbursed for July - December 2024 ASO State Portion of said funds.

Feel free to contact me should you have any further questions or concerns.

Sincerely,

Karen Richardson

Karen Richardson, Co-Director/Finance Director
GCBH, LLC BH-ASO

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In an effort to meet the Plan Requirements for Community Behavioral Health Enhancement Funds (CBHEF) formerly known as “6032 Enhancement Funds” and “ECBBH”, Greater Columbia Behavioral Health, LLC BH-ASO (GCBH) reviewed the ASO Requirements for the Health Initiative document on how the State portion of these funds received are to be used to strengthen the behavioral health provider community by assisting in the recruitment and retention of staff.

In 2014 “Congress called out the state-wide behavioral health workforce shortage” according to the United States Department of Health and Human Services, Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration. The low number of individuals continuing their education in BH services and individuals correctly credentialed to provide the appropriate services combined with the lack of funding rate increases, increased Administrative responsibility (e.g data, reporting, etc.), and the integration of Managed Care Organizations to the Behavioral Health system has continued to negatively impact GCBH’s Network Provider BHA’s ability to recruit and retain staff within each of their systems. As a result, the BHAs have been struggling to provide more frequency, varying types and quality of services.

As GCBH is a sub-capitated funding system, the additional funding will be dispersed to the Network Crisis Provider BHA System based upon our current Executive Committee approved budget funding allocation policy. In addition to the limited increase in funding. Upon request, Network Providers will be expected to submit the deliverable reports addressing the area of staff retention and recruitment, which will strive to show an increase in service capacity and sustainability within the Network provider BHA System in the GCBH Regional Service Area.

The GCBH Network Provider BHA's will be notified and upon request, required to submit an agency plan on processes used to implement and/or utilize the additional funding to improve staff retention and recruitment. Each agency plan will include the following:

- *Recruit and hire new behavioral health staff
- *Retention plans for current staff
- *Cultural Changes
- *Tuition reimbursement

GCBH stakeholders agree that GCBH's continued focus on the Improvement of Staff Retention and Recruitment will continue to improve and build a larger and more diverse service system.

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Greater Columbia Behavioral Health BH-ASO
6032 Enhancement State Allocation % by County/% by Provider
CBHE - Community Behavioral Enhancement Funds (new name July 2020)
226,464 for July- Dec 2024

County Breakouts

		226,464.00
Asotin	2.94%	6,658.00
Benton	28.18%	63,818.00
Franklin	13.23%	29,961.00
Columbia County	0.51%	1,155.00
Garfield County	0.30%	679.00
Kittitas	6.29%	14,245.00
Walla Walla	8.20%	18,570.00
Whitman	6.31%	14,290.00
Yakima County	34.04%	77,088.00
		226,464.00

Providers -			Breakout		Total Payout to Provider
Asotin -					
Quality Behavioral Health	100%	\$	6,658.00	\$	6,658.00
Benton					
Comprehensive Healthcare	100%	\$	63,818.00	\$	63,818.00
Franklin -					
Comprehensive Healthcare	100%	\$	29,961.00	\$	29,961.00
Columbia -					
Comprehensive Healthcare	100%	\$	1,155.00	\$	1,155.00
Garfield -					
Quality Behavioral Health	100%	\$	679.00	\$	679.00
Kittitas -					
Comprehensive Healthcare	100%	\$	14,245.00	\$	14,245.00
Walla Walla -					
Comprehensive Healthcare	100%	\$	18,570.00	\$	18,570.00
Whitman -					
Palouse River Counseling	100%	\$	14,290.00	\$	14,290.00
Yakima -					
Comprehensive Healthcare	100%	\$	77,088.00	\$	77,088.00
Total Provider Breakouts			\$ 226,464.00	\$	226,464.00