

GREATER COLUMBIA BEHAVIORAL HEALTH, LLC BH-ASO

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Health Care Authority (HCA)
PO Box 45502
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Dear HCA:

The Greater Columbia Behavioral Health, LLC. (GCBH) Behavioral Health Advisory Board (BHAB) has reviewed the Mental Health Block Grant (MHBG) proposal and has collectively agreed to recommend approval of the plan. In the opinion of the BHAB, the plan meets MHBG requirements and supports consumer recovery and resiliency.

We find that the plan will ensure access to these much needed services for non-Medicaid individuals that will enhance their quality of life, reduce hospitalizations and enhance awareness through education.

GCBH has maximized the use of MHBG dollars and has developed a plan that supports the missions of recovery and resiliency in our 9 county region.

Please accept this letter as a collective recommendation for approval of GCBH's MHBG plan as we support GCBH's efforts toward enhancing the lives of individuals with mental health needs who, without this funding, would not have access to these valuable services.

Sincerely,

Fawn Wagner
GCBH – Behavioral Health Advisory Board

cc: Behavioral Health Advisory Board (BHAB)
Karen Richardson, Co-Director/Finance Director
Sindi Saunders, Co-Director/Quality Manager/CCO

BH ASO:	GREATER COLUMBIA BEHAVIORAL HEALTH BH-ASO
Counties:	ASOTIN, BENTON, COLUMBIA, FRANKLIN, GARFIELD, KITTITAS, WALLA WALLA, WHITMAN & YAKIMA
Current Date:	6/4/2024
Total MHBG Allocation:	\$644,948.00
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**Section 1
Proposed Plan Narratives**

Describe what strengths, needs, and gaps were identified through a need's assessment of the geographic area of the region. To the extent available, include age, race/ethnicity, gender, and language barriers.

Begin writing here : GCBH BH-ASO identifies the needs in each of its nine county communities by working with our providers and advocacy groups to build a plan responsive to the each communities needs. The plan is vetted by the GCBH BHAB whose membership is comprised of individuals and/or family members and other stakeholders throughout our nine county regions. As GCBH has decided that the primary needs is for additional Crisis Services Funding.

Needs Assessment

Provide a narrative summarizing how cultural competence overall, is incorporated within proposed projects. Identify what anticipated efforts will be taken to measure progress.

Cultural Competence *

Begin writing here : Crisis Services are provided to all individuals regardless of cultural background. Per contract, GCBH requires all Network Providers to provide services in a culturally competent manner at all times. GCBH Network Providers will maintain clinical record content for services provided using MHBG funding. GCBH will conduct audits per contract requirements for Network Providers. By contract, GCBH Network Providers agree to cooperate with GCBH in the evaluation of the contractor's performance and to make available all information required by any such evaluation process.

Describe how integrated system of care will be provided for children with SED with multiple needs, including: social services, educational services, juvenile services, and substance use disorder services.

Children's Services

Begin writing here : GCBH BH-ASO employs several Children's Mental Health Specialists, who provides technical assistance, consultation and care coordination for children with SED and/or who may have multiple needs. GCBH aslo offers in two of its counties a First Episode Psychosis (FEP) Program, which services Transition Age Youth between the ages of 15-25 experiencing an early onset of psychosis. The focus of these pilot programs is to build capacity for the assessment, case management and treatment of these youth experiencing FEP. GCBH has also developed the Youth Navigator Program in Benton, Franklin, Walla Walla,Whitman, Kittitas, Asotin, Garfield and Columbia Counties and in the process of expanding to Yakima County by January 2025 in our RSA. GCBH has also develop Youth Mobile Teams in Benton, Franklin, Walla Walla/Columbia, Kittitas, Asotin/Garfield, and Yakima Counties.

**Public Comment/Local/ BH
Advisory Board
Involvement**

Describe how integrated system of care will be provided for children with SED with multiple needs, including: social services, educational services, juvenile services, and substance use disorder services.

Begin writing here : GCBH BH-ASO has a Behavioral Helath Advisory Board (BHAB) whose membership is comprised of individuals and/or family members, and stakeholders throughout our nine county region. The BHAB meets quarterly or as needed and is given information regarding the Executive Committee and Sub-Committee Meetings. The BHAB review policies, procedures, and plans (including the MHBG and SABG plans) and makes recommendations to the Executive Committee as needed.

Outreach Services

Provide a description of how outreach services will target individuals who are homeless and how community-based services will be provided to individuals residing in rural areas.

Begin writing here : As GCBH consists of nine rural counties in its regional service area, the Crisis Provider Network meets the contract requirements for distance standards and is able to provide community-based crisis services to individuals residing in these nine county areas. GCBH Network Providers are good about providing outreach services or assisting individuals to work with other agencies in regards to the individuals needs due to the rural environment of our region.

Section 2 Proposed Project Summaries and Expenditures				
Category/Subcategory	Provide a plan of action for each supported activity	Proposed #Children with SED	Proposed #Adults with SMI	Proposed Total Expenditure Amount
Engagement Services – Activities associated with providing evaluations, assessments, and outreach to assist persons diagnosed with SMI or SED, including their families, to engage in mental health services:				\$0.00
Outpatient Services – Outpatient therapy services for persons diagnosed with SMI or SED, including services to help their families to appropriately support them.				\$0.00
Medication Services – Necessary healthcare medications, and related laboratory services, not covered by insurance or Medicaid for persons diagnosed with SMI or SED to increase their ability to remain stable in the community.				\$0.00
Community Support (Rehabilitative) – Community-based programs that enhance independent functioning for persons diagnosed with SMI or SED, including services to assist their families to care for them.				\$0.00
Recovery Support Services – Support services that focus on improving the ability of persons diagnosed with SMI or SED to live a self-directed life, and strive to reach their full potential.				\$0.00
Other Supports (Habilitative) – Unique direct services for persons diagnosed with SMI or SED, including services to assist their families to continue caring for them.				\$0.00
Intensive Support Services – Intensive therapeutic coordinated and structured support services to help stabilize and support persons diagnosed with SMI or SED.				\$0.00
Out of Home Residential Services – Out of home stabilization and/or residential services in a safe and stable environment for persons diagnosed with SMI or SED.				\$0.00
Acute Intensive Services – Acute intensive services requiring immediate intervention for persons diagnosed with SMI or SED.				\$644,948.00
Mobile Crisis	<i>Begin writing here: To provide Crisis Services in the nine county Regional Service Area (RSA) of GCBH BH-ASO for Non-Medicaid Individuals who present to the Mental Health Crisis System. This funding program is critical to continue to help in reducing the number hospitalizations to inpatient facilities.</i>	500	2000	Enter budget allocation for these proposed activities. \$644,948.00
Grand Total				\$644,948.00

ASO PRIMARY MHBG Distributions

July 2024 - June 2025



Crisis Services	%	Total 12 Month Funding - \$644,948	to be split in 6 month breakouts
Asotin-QBHS	2.94%	18,961.00	9,480.50
Benton - Comp	28.18%	181,747.00	90,873.50
Franklin - Comp	13.23%	85,327.00	42,663.50
Columbia-Comp	0.51%	3,289.00	1,644.50
Garfield-QBHS	0.30%	1,935.00	967.50
Kittitas-Comp	6.29%	40,567.00	20,283.50
Walla Walla -Comp	8.20%	52,886.00	26,443.00
Whitman-Palouse River	6.31%	40,696.00	20,348.00
Yakima-County - Comp	34.04%	<u>219,540.00</u>	109,770.00
Sub-Total	100.00%	644,948.00	322,474.00

** Percentages are using RSA OFM as of April 2024