

GREATER COLUMBIA BEHAVIORAL HEALTH, LLC. BH-ASO

Executive Committee Meeting – MINUTES

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FEBRUARY 6, 2020 – 9:00 A.M.

GCBH OFFICE, 101 N. EDISON – KENNEWICK, WASHINGTON

CHAIRMAN: SHON SMALL (PH.) **PRESENT:** CHARLES AMEREIN; TODD KIMBALL; DIMITA WARREN; KYLE SULLIVAN; VICKI BAKER; BOB JOHNSON; JOEL CHAVEZ; CINDY ADAMS; JENNIFER DANIEL; SHEREL WEBB; JAMES BELL; PERRY DOZIER; SINDI SAUNDERS; KAREN RICHARDSON; **PHONE:** JODI DALY; MIKE BERNEY

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1.	Call to Order		Charles Amerein called the meeting to order for Shon Small at 9:14 a.m. Shon was unable to attend in person and was delayed in joining the meeting by phone.	Shon Small	
2.	Introductions			Shon Small	
3.	Agenda Changes		Agenda items are out of order in order to facilitate voting. There is no action to be taken under Item #7, Folder #3.	Shon Small	
4.	Previous Executive Committee Minutes (Folder #1)	ACTION	Approve December 5, 2019 Executive Committee Minutes. (January meeting cancelled.)	Shon Small	Todd Kimball moved to approve the December 5, 2019 minutes as written; Dimita Warren seconded; motion passed.
5.	Vote for New Chairman	ACTION	Shon Small had announced previously that he wanted to resign as Chairman as of 2020. Jim Bell explained officer terms, which are for two full years, so existing officers still stand. There will be elections for all offices again in December. Commissioner Amerein will be completing the second year of Commissioner Small's current term as Chair. Commissioner Amerein has been serving as Secretary, which he can continue to do if he is agreeable or it can be filled by another Commissioner. Jim also explained that Commissioner Anderson has become an alternate and as such can still serve as Treasurer if he is agreeable.	Shon Small	Shon Small nominated Charles Amerein as Chairman; Bob Johnson seconded; motion passed. Todd Kimball nominated Greg Tompkins as Secretary; Shon Small seconded; motion passed.
6.	Warrants/Vouchers (Folder #2)	ACTION	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. BHO – December 31, 2019 – Warrants and Vouchers \$9,095,388.20 2. ASO – December 31, 2019 – Warrants and Vouchers \$3,408,432.73 3. ASO – January 31, 2020 – Warrants and Vouchers \$2,030,215.47 	Charles Amerein	Todd Kimball moved to approve the BHO Warrant Review and Approval for the month ending December 31, 2019 as written, the ASO Warrant Review and Approval for the month ending December 31,

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			<p>Note BHO Spend-Down Close-Out Status: Karen verified that she sent two separate checks with explanation letters for (\$5,816, 558 to Medicaid and \$1,905,595 for State Only) to close out the BHO as instructed by the Executive Committee and not in accordance with HCA instructions. There has been no response other than that the checks have been cashed.</p> <p>Karen explained that State audits typically cover a 12-month fiscal period, but she has requested an 18-month audit to capture the final 6 month period in addition to the prior fiscal year. There may be some consternation from the State auditors, but Karen will push for it unless there is a financial consequence. An 18-month audit for the BHO will allow for a full final closure of the BHO.</p> <p>Auditors wanted to combine the BHO and ASO audits, but Karen explained that they are two entirely different, unique businesses, so combing them was out of the question.</p>		2019, and the ASO Warrant Review and Approval for the month ending January 31, 2020; Shon Small seconded; motion passed. Motion carried.
7.	ASO & BHO Updates (Folder #3)	ACTION	<p>Fiscal & Administrative Updates – Karen Richardson</p> <p>1. IT Update: Karen reported that although the implementation of the new Raintree program is behind schedule, significant progress is being made. The expectation is that providers will be signed up and start training on the new program by next week. Data testing from two of our largest providers has been taking place and going very well. The old and new programs will be run in parallel until there is assurance Raintree is operating as needed/expected. The ASO is very comfortable with the new program and excited for it to get underway.</p>	Karen Richardson Sindi Saunders	

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			<p>2. Financials: Karen explained details of the balance sheet provided, including issues such as unemployment costs and the cost of corrections on 800,000 BHO encounters discovered after the ASO started.</p> <p>The ASO audit faces the same basic issue as the BHO audits in that Karen would like to capture the first six months as an ASO in addition to the full fiscal year of 2020 (July 2019 – June 2020), as it would be a cleaner procedure.</p> <p>3. HCA/MCO ASO Updates:</p> <p>Clinical, QM, Compliance & State Meetings Update – Sindi Saunders</p> <p>4. ACH Request to Attend Executive Committee Meetings: Sindi explained that Carol Mosier recently requested having a standing item on the ASO monthly agenda to deliver ACH updates. The question was taken before the providers at the recent Clinical Crisis Providers meeting, and there was some hesitancy and concern. The consensus was to recommend a quarterly update with the information being sent in advance for review since they have a very different perspective and a history of some misinformation.</p> <p>5. State Updates: Sindi reported that as of January 1, 2020, there are no more BHOs and there is now full integration. Some of the new ASOs have had a rocky start with no start-up funds to assist.</p> <p>There has been considerable discussion about how to handle ITA court costs. The current compromise is to set aside a separate account from HCA (of existing not additional funds) to pay for the costs until the money runs out, at</p>		<p>The ACH Request to be on the ASO Executive Committee meeting agendas for updates on a monthly basis was tabled to the March 2020 meeting pending better attendance and discussion.</p>

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			<p>which time payment would revert to the current model of paying out of state funds. The concern is that the West side would receive disproportionate funds from the rest of the State. Sindi noted this is a temporary solution that might actually cause more problems than it fixes, but at least the problem is recognized and an effort is being made.</p> <p>Sindi reported a group of representatives from interested parties such as the counties, ASOs, etc. is being put together to research and reach a consensus of court costs and addressing consistency issues.</p> <p>Sindi described how the Ombuds Bill 2386 was an unexpected and surprising concern. NAMI was a great supporter of the Bill. NAMI has always felt the current system of the Ombuds being contracted by the ASO was a conflict of interest. Additionally, the proposed model is how Ombuds is done in other states. ASOs and Ombuds do not support this new model, but they were not given an opportunity to even comment and only heard of it with very short (a matter of days) notice. The expectation is that it will pass the House and go on to the Senate.</p> <p>Sindi gave an update on the supplemental data issue, noting the MCO's could not reach an agreement and have hired the consultation company XPO to make a more independent decision. Sindi noted they are working with a very short timeframe since supplemental data must be submitted by October 1, 2020.</p> <p>Sindi gave an update on the 70/30 split of state only funds and its current evaluation. Most ASOs are unable to authorize any stabilization time, with GCBH as one of the few who can authorize, and only two days due to a lack of</p>		

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			<p>funding. It is obvious ASOs need more state funds, and the issue will be discussed at the state meeting on February 27, 2020 with HCA.</p> <p>Sindi noted that while ASOs have not considered Beacon an ASO (due to the fact that Anthem owns Beacon and the MCO Amerigroup, which is considered that a conflict of interest), they have decided to join forces with them to assist with struggles with the HCA and MCOs.</p> <p>Sindi was glad to report progress with our local Tribal Nation. She and Sarah Gillard have been working hard to establish a more positive relationship resulting in invitations to attend events and the Tribe seeking our assistance with collaborative projects.</p> <p>Sindi noted the ACH learning collaborative will take place on February 27, 2020 from 1:00 to 4:00 p.m. All of GCBH's providers will be there. Information will be sent out after the meeting and any support would be greatly appreciated.</p> <p>Required annual training on Fraud and Abuse and Compliance will be sent out along with Attestation forms. These do not take long. Please take the training at your earliest convenience and return the completed attestation via email or at the next meeting.</p> <p>6. Compliance Issues: No compliance concerns have been identified.</p>		
8.	Legal Updates		<p>Update on Operating Agreement: Jim noted there are only three counties left to return signature pages; and his understanding is that it has passed in all the counties. Once all signatures are received, Jim will send out a complete set including all the signature pages.</p>	Jim Bell	

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			For the record, Jim noted that Jodi Daly has been named the alternate representative for Kittitas County. The new Yakima Commissioner, Vicki Baker, has been assigned as the primary representative for Yakima county, with Ron Anderson assuming alternate status.		
9.	Committee Reports/ Information (Folder #4)		<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Clinical Crisis Providers Committee (Dimita Warren) Dimita reported issues discussed recently included the ACH's request to be a standing agenda item, the supplemental data issue and the new SERI coming out in April. 2. Funding & Fiscal Operations Committee, FFOC (Steve Ghiglione) No meeting since October 3. MIS Committee (Kelly Nortrom) Although there was no meeting since December 17, 2019; Karen noted that the 6032 Enhancement money has been released. 4. QMOC Committee (Sindi Saunders) Sindi reported meeting monthly now. The main purpose is to review policies and procedures and quality improvement. They have been working on the possibility of finding a new crisis line contractor as the one we currently have is not quite up to standard. Recredentialing of all crisis providers will take place this fall, as will the full audit of the ASO by the HCA. There has also been a review of the CLIP process. 5. Behavioral Health Advisory Board (BHAB): (Sherel Webb) Sherel noted there is little to report from the December 17, 2019 meeting other than discussion about the meeting frequency and consistency, which will be on the next agenda. The February meeting has been rescheduled to March 31, 2020. 6. Saying It Outloud Conference – Info Only While this was information only, Sindi commented that she was very impressed with the one she attended last year. 	Committee Chairs	

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10.	Public Comments			Charles Amerein	
11.	Other Business			Charles Amerein	
12.	Adjournment		The regular meeting was temporarily adjourned for approximately ten minutes at 10:17 a.m. when GCBH legal council, Jim Bell, called for an Executive Session under RCW 42.30.110G. There were no decisions made or actions taken at the Executive Session, which ended at 10:25 a.m. with the regular meeting resuming and immediately adjourning at 10:25 a.m.	Charles Amerein	