

GREATER COLUMBIA BEHAVIORAL HEALTH, LLC. BH-ASO

Executive Committee Meeting – **MINUTES**

JUNE 4, 2020 – 9:00 A.M.

GCBH OFFICE, 101 N. EDISON – KENNEWICK, WASHINGTON

CHAIRMAN: CHARLES AMEREIN

ATTENDANCE: CHARLES AMEREIN; CHRIS SUEBERT; MIKE BERNEY; BOB JOHNSON; BOB KOCH; VICKI BAKER; BRETT WACHSMITH; DIMITA WARREN; JODI DALY; CICILY ZORNES; CODY NESBITT; GLENN LIPPMAN; JENNIFER DANIEL; JIM BELL; JOEL CHAVEZ; KAREN RICHARDSON; SINDI SAUNDERS; STEVE GHIGLIONE; DAVE WILSON; SHEREL WEBB; DIANE HALO; CAROL MOSER

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1.	Call to Order		The meeting was called to order at 9:03 a.m. by Charles Amerein.	Charles Amerein	
2.	Introductions		Sherel called roll.	Charles Amerein	
3.	Agenda Changes		No agenda changes.	Charles Amerein	
4.	Previous Executive Committee Minutes (Folder #1)	ACTION	Approve May 7, 2020 Executive Committee Minutes.	Charles Amerein	Bob Johnson moved to approve the May 7, 2020 minutes as written; Mike Berney seconded; motion passed.
5.	Warrants/ Vouchers (Folder #2)	ACTION	1. ASO – May 31, 2020 – Warrants and Vouchers \$1,621,781.21	Charles Amerein	Chris Seubert moved to approve the May 31, 2020 Warrants and Vouchers in the amount of \$1,621,781.21; Jodi Daly seconded; motion passed.
6.	ASO Updates (Folder #3)	ACTION	<p>Fiscal & Administrative Updates – Karen Richardson</p> <p>1. IT Update: Karen announced that the first true import/export using Raintree went out to the State recently. There were no errors, which was welcomed by the State. Raintree will go live soon, including providers. The old system and Raintree will run parallel for the first few months to ensure the system is working as intended.</p> <p>2. Financials: Karen briefly reviewed the fiscal reports that were sent in advance for review. She noted the Financial Report included was for April, as there was not enough time to prepare May's report prior meeting so early in June. The Balance Sheet includes a cumulative statement through April, as well as the 2019 and 2020 inpatient liability summaries and ITA court costs.</p> <p>3. HCA/MCO/ASO Updates: July 1, 2020 Contract Amendments Karen noted that the contracts (HCA to ASO and ASO to</p>		Bob Koch moved to approve the Chairman's signing of the final copy

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			<p>Network Providers) sent in advance for review were still the red line version, as she has not yet received the final copy from HCA. The final copy is expected on June 5, but the due date to return signed copies is June 18, 2020. Pre-authorization for the Chairman to sign the final copy when received is being requested. Otherwise, a special Executive Committee meeting would be required.</p> <p>B&O Tax Karen explained that as a BHO we were exempt from paying the B&O tax, but that exemption expired as of January 1, 2019 when we became an ASO. An exemption was approved by the legislature, but the Governor vetoed the legislation it was included in. Technically, we are currently liable. The question is will it be just for admin costs or all the money that runs through GCBH, which is roughly \$20 million. If it is for all funds, the resulting B&O tax liability would be nearly \$300,000. This is being researched and different avenues to regain exemption are being explored, but it appears that ultimately it will need to be done via legislation.</p> <p>Clinical, QM, Compliance & State Meetings Update – Sindi Saunders</p> <p>4. GCBH COVID-19 Updates: (See GCBH Region Covid Service Grid) Sindi noted that last month's Clinical Crisis Providers meeting went well. The providers in attendance gave an update on how they are delivering and handling services. The providers all had individual approaches that are working well for them. Sindi also noted that GCBH staff have started to discuss Phase 2 in order to determine what might be required to make staff comfortable returning to the office.</p> <p>5. Crisis Reports The crisis system throughout the State has been varied, but our region is doing very well. The number and urgency of calls have remained basically stable. Call response is within all standards.</p> <p>6. State Updates: The State has continued focus on COVID updates. There has been a lot of discussion about telehealth and using the unique modifiers correctly. The ASO will bring forward a lot of</p>		<p>of the July 1, 2020 Contract Amendments when received; Vicki Baker seconded; motion passed.</p>

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			<p>questions such as if behavioral health will be included in upcoming budget cuts noting that our funding is currently inadequate to do all the extras (outside of contract) the HCA is asking.</p> <p>7. Compliance Issues: No compliance concerns have been identified.</p>		
7.	Legal Updates		<p>MOU and Letter of Support for United: Jim explained that initially the number of MCOs per region was limited, but recently the State announced any MCO can apply to any region with the caveat that no MCO can have more than 40% of an area. United Healthcare, which was initially denied in this area, has now expressed interest in being in our area. Recently United contacted GCBH requesting not only an MOU, but also a letter of support. Jim noted this is a decision that should be considered by the Executive Committee.</p> <p>Glenn provided a summarized history of the situation, noting the HCA was following the Governor's directive to increase accessibility. The logic is that more MCOs would meet anticipated increased demand and make it easier to access services. Adding an additional MCO, however, does not address increased capacity within the providers. Glenn noted that MCOs are required to have an MOU or contract with the region's ASO in order to apply. If the ASO refuses, the MCO is not qualified to apply.</p> <p>There was considerable discussion including three providers and several Executive Committee members who expressed opposition to allowing another MCO in our region. The strong consensus was opposed to giving United an MOU. In fact, Chairman Amerein asked if anyone wanted to speak in support of United and there was no response.</p>	Jim Bell	
8.	Committee Reports/ Information (Folder #4)		<p>1. Clinical Crisis Providers Committee (Dimita Warren) Dimita added re-credentialing requirements to what's already been discussed about last month's Clinical Crisis Providers meeting. There is some concern that credentialing down to the primary source verification may be required. This will be clarified soon. Dimita noted that the expiration of the telehealth waiver was also of concern at the meeting, but has since been reinstated until the Governor declares the COVID crisis is over.</p>	Committee Chairs	

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			<p>2. Funding & Fiscal Operations Committee, FFOC (Steve Ghiglione) Karen discussed most of what was addressed at the FFOC meeting previously. Steve added information about the SAGB funding plans. He noted that Karen sent out information about it and requested it back by June 8 in order to aggregate the information for the next FFOC meeting tentatively scheduled for June 18 or June 25, 2020.</p> <p>3. MIS Committee (Kelly Nortrom) No meeting to report.</p> <p>4. QMOC Committee (Sindi Saunders) Sindi reported on the recent QMOC meeting. Discussion at the meeting included a review of the Ombuds report; anticipation of the significant changes/additions regarding the tribes and ITA; the need for a credentialing committee; and how to improve the CLIP committee.</p> <p>5. Behavioral Health Advisory Board (BHAB): (Sherel Webb) No meeting to report, but a meeting is scheduled for June 30, 2020.</p>		
9.	Public Comments		The ACH is looking forward to being on the July agenda.	Charles Amerein	
10.	Other Business		The July meeting is scheduled for July 2, 2020 and there were no objections.	Charles Amerein	
11.	Executive Session		There was no need for an Executive Session.		
12.	Adjournment		The meeting was adjourned at 9:45 a.m.	Charles Amerein	