

GREATER COLUMBIA BEHAVIORAL HEALTH, LLC. BH-ASO

Executive Committee Meeting – **MINUTES**

SEPTEMBER 3, 2020 – 9:00 A.M.

GCBH OFFICE, 101 N. EDISON – KENNEWICK, WASHINGTON – CHAIRMAN: CHARLES AMEREIN

ATTENDANCE: CHARLES AMEREIN; CHRIS SEUBERT; CICILY ZORNES; CINDY ADAMS; CODY NESBITT; DANA OATIS; DIANE HALO; DIMITA WARREN; JIM BELL; JODI DALY; JOEL CHAVEZ; KAREN RICHARDSON; MIKE BERNEY; BOB JOHNSON; RON ANDERSON; SHON SMALL; SINDI SAUNDERS; STEVE GHIGLIONE; CAROL MOSER; SHEREL WEBB

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1.	Call to Order		Chair Commissioner Charles Amerein called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m.	Charles Amerein	
2.	Introductions		Sherel Webb called roll.	Charles Amerein	
3.	Agenda Changes		None.	Charles Amerein	
4.	Previous Executive Committee Minutes	ACTION	Approve August 6, 2020 Executive Committee Minutes.	Charles Amerein	Mike Berney moved to accept the August 6, 2020 Executive Committee Meeting Minutes as presented; Jodi Daly seconded; motion passed.
5.	Warrants/ Vouchers	ACTION	1. ASO – August 31, 2020 – Warrants and Vouchers: \$1,229,600.58	Charles Amerein	Bob Johnson moved to approve the August 31, 2020 Warrants and Vouchers in the amount of \$1,229,600.58; Mike Berney seconded; motion passed.
6.	ASO Updates		<p>Fiscal & Administrative Updates – Karen Richardson</p> <p>1. IT Update: Karen reported we are now processing through Raintree live, but have not yet rolled it out to providers as there are still a few bugs to be worked out. She also reported the HCA is restarting the data workgroups that were active for the BHO, and hopes it will help to facilitate better communication.</p> <p>2. Financials: August 2020 Balance Sheets (Pending.) Karen explained that she has been working through her assignments for the HCA audit paperwork due this week, so has not had time to address the August Balance Sheets. They will be on the next meeting's agenda and included in the meeting materials.</p> <p>3. CBHE Funds – Communication of July-December 2020 CBHE "6032"</p>		

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			<p style="text-align: center;">State Only Disbursement Requirement</p> <p>This item was to document the required communication notification to providers on these funds. The July through December 2020 funding will be disbursed in September. Formerly called 6032 enhancement funds, they are intended for employee retention and recruitment.</p> <p>4. HCA/MCO/ASO Updates: Karen revisited the CJTA additional funding targeted for therapeutic court expansion or creation discussion from last month. Karen reported that while the HCA understands there are issues for us, they do not want to establish contracts with each one of the counties that want the funds. In discussions with legal council, it was suggested that a single case agreement with the counties would work. These agreements would lift language from the contract including the reporting requirements. Counties requesting funds will need to establish a plan for how they want to spend the funds and agree to follow the guidelines and supply information when needed.</p> <p>Currently the status is Yakima and Benton/Franklin counties are putting something together. Asotin and Columbia county do not want the funds. Whitman County is still considering.</p> <p>Karen will work with Jim to draft the agreement and get it out to interested counties, which will be very helpful.</p> <p>Clinical, QM, Compliance & State Meetings Update – Sindi Saunders</p> <p>5. GCBH COVID-19 Updates: Sindi reported monthly meetings with the providers indicate they are doing well, tailoring their programs to their communities. It is a case-by-case basis with some still doing mostly virtual meetings while others are doing more face-to-face. Comprehensive has been able to open a half-PACT team and a pilot program with 9-1-1 dispatch to try to reduce law enforcement calls in regards to behavioral health. Everyone has been able to meet response times, but on the other hand everyone has been struggling with placement in homes due to non-acceptance during the pandemic.</p> <p>6. Crisis Reports: There were no questions regarding the Crisis Reports included in the meeting materials.</p>		<p>Shon Small moved to disburse the additional CJTA funds according to State only population for those counties who wish to participate; Mike Berney seconded; motion passed.</p>

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			<p>7. State Updates: The ASO has been very busy preparing for the HCA audit coming up in October, including submission of 399 documents that required review and/or revision. The ASO also finished credentialing audits and passed 100%. The next audit due in October, is the Disaster Recovery audit.</p> <p>Sindi noted the State is seeing a huge increase in ITAs and that Single Bed Certs are the highest they have ever been since the inception of the program. Typically there are 800 to 850, but for June and July there were over 1,000 each month. There are not any open beds across the state. The situation is not affecting our region as much, but we have had an increase in no-bed reports.</p> <p>Sindi also reported ASOs across the State are struggling due to a lack of crisis dollars. One ASO decided to use their administrative funds, another had to lay off staff, and another is using their reserves.</p> <p>Both WASAC and the State legislature will be virtual this year. One consequence is that only people who are invited will be able to testify now. Previously the public was able to do so.</p> <p>8. Compliance Issues: Sindi noted no compliance concerns have been identified, but that compliance is monitored on a monthly basis.</p>		
7.	Legal Updates		Nothing at this time.	Jim Bell	
8.	Committee Reports/ Information	ACTION	<p>1. Clinical Crisis Providers Committee (Dimita Warren) August 20, 2020 – Dimita noted that Sindi gave a thorough report and only added her appreciation that Crisis Providers and staff are doing a great job keeping up with everything with limited resources.</p> <p>2. Funding & Fiscal Operations Committee, FFOC- (Steve Ghilglione) August 27, 2020 Steve reported the recent Finance Committee was straightforward, including review of the CJTA funds, the quarterly R&E draft and policy FM831, which is being recommended to the board.</p> <p>3. MIS Committee (Kelly Nortrom) – No August 2020 Meeting</p> <p>4. QMOC Committee (Sindi Saunders) There were a couple of QMOC meetings in August focusing on</p>	Committee Chairs	

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			<p>identifying all the areas in the contract that need monitoring and how to do so, including Eastern State Hospital, the Tribe, grievances and Ombuds.</p> <p>5. BHAB: (Sherel Webb) The Behavioral Health Advisory Board recommended the following policies be approved by the Executive Committee:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • CL353: No Bed Report: New policy. • CA411: Interpreter services- New policy. • QM501: QM plan- New plan • CL310: Children’s Long-term Inpatient Treatment (CLIP) New policy. • CO201: Compliance Plan • AS1000: GCBH Tribal Collaboration Plan • AD108: Customer Service • AS1007: Jail Transitional Services • QR901: Ombuds Service Revised • FM831: Payments from MCOs Revised • AD100: GCBH Document Development 		Shon Small moved to approve the policies as listed as recommended by the Behavioral Health Advisory Board; Jodi Daly seconded; motion passed.
9.	Public Comments		Carol Moser from ACH reported on a presentation at their upcoming September Leadership Council featuring Mary Beth Brown from Washington State Department of Health speaking to Behavioral Health issues emanating from the COVID pandemic.	Charles Amerein	
10.	Other Business		None.	Charles Amerein	
11.	Executive Session		None.		
12.	Adjournment		The meeting was adjourned at 9:37 a.m.	Charles Amerein	