

GREATER COLUMBIA BEHAVIORAL HEALTH, LLC. BH-ASO

Executive Committee Meeting – MINUTES

APRIL 7, 2022 – 9:00 A.M. – GCBH OFFICE, 101 N. EDISON – KENNEWICK, WASHINGTON

ATTENDANCE: CHARLES AMEREIN; BRAD PECK; CAMERON FORDMEIR; CHRIS SEUBERT; CINDY ADAMS; CODY NESBITT; DIMITA WARREN; GORDON CABLE; JENNIFER DANIEL; JENNIFER MAYBERRY; JIM NELSON; JOANIE WHITE-WAGGONER; JOEL CHAVEZ; KAREN RICHARDSON; KYLE SULLIVAN; LADON LINDE; ROCKY MULLEN; MAURICIO GOMEZ; MIKE BERNEY; NELLY NAVARETTE; SHON SMALL; SINDI SAUNDERS; KEITH JOHNSON; DIANE HALO

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1.	Call to Order		Commissioner Amerein called the meeting to order at 9:01 a.m.	Charles Amerein
2.	Introductions		Sherel called roll.	Charles Amerein
3.	Agenda Changes		Commissioner Amerein called for an Executive Session of approximately prior to adjournment.	Charles Amerein
4.	Previous Executive Committee Minutes		Approve March 3, 2022 Executive Committee Minutes	LaDon Linde moved to accept the March 3, 2022 minutes as presented; Shon Small seconded; motion passed.
5.	Warrants/ Vouchers	ACTION	ASO –Warrants and Vouchers: March 2022 Warrants and Vouchers in the amount of \$1,884,694.79	Shon Small moved to approve the March 2022 Warrants and Vouchers in the amount of \$1,884,694.79; Chris Seubert seconded; motion passed.
6.	ASO Updates		<p>Fiscal & Administrative Updates – Karen Richardson</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. IT Update: None. 2. Financials as of March 31, 2022 Karen briefly reviewed the financials noting there was nothing unusual other than the large balance due to the additional funds for new programs. There were no additional comments or questions. <p>FY21 Annual State Fiscal Audit – Financial Statement & Federal Single Audit and FY21 Annual State Accountability Audit: Karen noted all went well with the audit. The only recommendation was to write a policy and procedure to document her payments to providers. There were comments on a job well done.</p>	

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		ACTION	<p>3. <u>Contracts (Network Provider Amendments & New IP Contract) List</u> ASO-Blue Mountain Counseling #21ASOBMC-02 – Amendment: Karen noted this amendment was just to remove crisis services from Blue Mountain Counseling’s contract. ASO-Comprehensive Healthcare #21ASOCOMP-02 – Amendment: Karen noted this amendment was to add the counties of Benton, Franklin, and Columbia to Comprehensive’s contracts. ASO-Lourdes Counseling #22ASOLCCIP-00 – New Inpatient Services Contract: Karen explained this clause of new patient services was included in the contract with Lourdes terminating as of April 10, 2022. This new contract replaces that service as required by State. It was noted that the ASO has nothing to do with any outpatient services with any provider.</p> <p><u>Contract Proposal Reviews for Regional Crisis Line – from potential New Providers: Volunteers of America Western Washington (VOA) and Crisis Line Connections:</u> Karen explained that our current Regional Crisis Line is run by ProtoCall, who have been having issues meeting our contract requirements. In fact, we have been issued Corrective Actions (CAPs) from both CHPW and Molina due to falling short on these requirements. We have been working with ProtoCall, but they are not prepared to meet requirements in the near future, and they are aware we have been seeking alternatives. These are two of the proposed alternatives from Volunteers of America (VOA) and Crisis Connections. Sindi elaborated that VOA is who we recommend going with for several reasons, including they have already been assigned as our 988 provider; their proposal is more in line with what we are wanting/need; and they enjoy an excellent reputation.</p> <p>Clinical, QM, Compliance & State Meetings Update – Sindi Saunders</p> <p>4. HCA/MCO/ASO Updates: Sindi reviewed the ASO priorities now that the legislative session is done; which are 1) developing a policy and fiscal ask regarding the ITA court costs that use money that would otherwise be available to providers/consumers; 2) researching the 988 implementation for a smoother transition and to answer questions; 3) the new AOT (Assisted Outpatient Treatment) requirements, which may be challenging in our area because we have no experience; and 4) exploring network adequacy in more depth, including establishment of Statewide standards of crisis services.</p> <p>5. Crisis Reports: Sindi reviewed the Crisis reports in detail. She noted the significant increase in ITAs has to do with the reporting method. Previously providers have been reporting only ITAs that resulted in detention, but we asked for all ITAs whether they resulted in detention or not, which created the big jump. The numbers will likely stabilize at this level going forward. There were no further questions or discussion.</p> <p>6. State Updates: Other highlights include having recently received the list of documents required for the ASO’s audit by the HCA. Those documents are due in June and the onsite audit will be in September. We are one of three</p>	<p>Shon Small moved to approve contracts #21ASOBMC-02, #21ASOCOMP-02, and #22ASOLCCIP-00; Jennifer Mayberry seconded; motion passed.</p> <p>Shon Small moved to approve the Volunteers of America proposal when finalized; Mike Berney seconded; motion passed.</p>

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			ASOs to pilot the Youth Inpatient Navigator Program. We will be establishing a Recovery Café in Walla Walla with Covid Block Grant funds. 7. Compliance Issues: Sindi noted there have been no compliance issues reported.	
7.	Legal Updates		None.	Quinn Bell
8.	Committee Reports/Info		1. Clinical Crisis Providers Committee Dimita reported on the March 17, 2022 CCP meeting, noting discussion regarding the upcoming provider audits to start in May; the 7% increase in Medicaid and non-Medicaid funds; Block Grant contracts; LRA tracking; and the \$100 million being given directly to providers. 2. QMOC Committee Sindi Saunders reported on the March 21, 2022 QMOC meeting, noting the committee reviews and monitors contract compliance which are at 100%. She noted some forensic changes at Eastern State Hospital having to do with NGRIs (Not Guilty by Reason of Insanity), which the ASOs are now required to monitor and communicate to the MCOs, as well as provide training. 3. Finance & Fiscal Operations (FFOC) Mike Berney reported on the March 24, 2022 FFOC meeting where the need for new computer servers due to end of life and maintenance issues was discussed. Mike noted we do not need as many servers as were necessary as a BHO. Other issues discussed included contract amendments, fiscal audits on track for requirements, the Covid one-time only money and the State Auditor's report. 4. MIS Committee (Dimita Warren) No meeting in March 2022 5. BHAB (Sherel Webb) No meeting in March 2022	Various
9.	Public Comments		None.	Charles Amerein
10.	Other Business		None.	Charles Amerein
11.	Executive Session		Chairman Amerein called for an Executive Session pursuant to RCW #42.30.110 (1) (i) at 9:58 a.m. for approximately 20 minutes to resume at 10:20 a.m. The public meeting briefly reconvened at 10:21 calling for an additional 30 minutes of Executive Session. The public meeting was reconvened at 10:49 a.m. noting no actions or direction were made or taken.	Charles Amerein
12.	Adjournment		The meeting was adjourned at 10:50 a.m.	Charles Amerein