

CENTRAL FLORIDA BEHAVIORAL HEALTH NETWORK  
Board of Directors' Meeting Minutes  
April 26, 2019

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Joshua T. Barnett

**Board of Directors' Attorney:** John Bakas

**CFBHN Staff:** Linda McKinnon, President & CEO  
Julie Patel  
Larry Allen  
David Clapp  
Marcia Monroe  
Doris Nardelli  
Laura Gross  
Mary Wynhoff

**CFBHN Guests:** Barbara Daire  
Mary Lynn Ulrey  
Joe Rutherford  
Patricia Simpson  
April May

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- 1. TOPIC: Call to Order/Introductions/Announcements**
- The meeting was called to order at 10:00a.m.
  - Open Minds Article
  - Tampa Bay Times Article
  - IMPOWER Article
  - Board Training – Nathan L. Scott (FL DOH/Sarasota)

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**2. TOPIC: Consent Items (Routine Business/Committee Recommendations)**  
**Discussion & Decisions:** The Board approved:

- The March 29, 2019 Board Meeting Minutes

**3. TOPIC: Action Items (Items Requiring Presentation, Public Comment & Discussion Prior to Action)**  
**Discussion**

## & Decisions:

### Board Education Presentation:

Nathan L. Scott, with the FL Dept. of Health, Sarasota, presented this month's board education on Child Welfare Policy Coordination and gave an overview of his role as the Child Welfare Policy Coordinator. His presentation represented multiple agencies and covered collaborations with private foundations, universities, and state and county governments as well as a number of community initiatives that focus on community oversight, prevention, education, and advocacy. He shared a brief but powerful video titled Children See, Children Do that illustrated children behaviors, both good and bad, with the simple message to always make your influence positive.

By-Laws Update (presented by Governance):

Changes were primarily updating some language and titles throughout the policy. Some of the additional and more specific changes are as follows:

- Section 2 (and Section 9) – Regional Councils may operate as a subcommittee to a larger/community behavioral health system of care committee if applicable.
- Section 3 – Vacancies *that reduce the number of Directors to less than 15* to be filled no later than 120 days after the vacancy occurs. (Prior to change, all vacancies needed to be filled no later than 120 days after vacancy occurs.)
- Section 3 – The schedule of meetings updated to no less than six meetings required per calendar year.
- Section 5 – The Chair shall have signing authority for the Corporation.

The revisions to the by-laws were accepted and approved effective immediately.

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#### 4. TOPIC: Information Items:

##### Discussion

##### & Decisions:

#### CEO Report:

A needs assessment meeting was held on 4/23 with DCF, FMHI, and the ME's. The DCF Secretary wants a uniformed process for the needs assessments that includes an FMHI review of data obtained and funding that flows through the Dept. and he'd also like all the ME's to have a uniform assessment process. Two ME's have already or almost completed their assessments and DCF plans to review those assessments to create a template to be provided to the other ME's. Input from sources such as providers, stakeholders, families, and consumers will be obtained and while the system of care is much larger than those sources alone, focus groups will also be utilized. The focus groups will most likely consist of the Regional Councils, Child Welfare, Acute Care, Sheriff, etc., and those groups will be used, in part, to determine what should be included on surveys created through Survey Monkey. Though challenging, trying to determine the needs of Adults and Children for both SA and MH across all 14 counties in the Suncoast region is the goal. Health Dept. assessments are being obtained and the collective needs assessment information will all be helpful in tying into DCF's LBR's.

Mary Lynn Ulrey requested a meeting in the coming months to discuss more in detail some recent language changes in the Senate as it pertains to funding.

Linda recently with John Newcomer, CEO of South Florida Provider Coalition and Natalie Kelly met with the Deputy Secretary, Patricia Babcock, in Tallahassee. Patricia brought in the department's new Innovation team who's looking closely at IT and finding ways to share data relating to individuals served with CW, Medicaid, and CFBHN. FASAMS was discussed and the many concerns that providers with EHR's will not be ready. One solution that's been in place for months is for the data to go through CFBHN to be converted. New data fields are going in that might preclude this process. ME's are seeking assurance that providers will get paid.

A new template created for the Contract Oversight Unit for the ME's desk review is modeled after the Child Welfare contract oversight and will be rolled out to 2 of the ME's. The desk review will be more time consuming, 5 days for the visit, and will be more in depth in monitoring for the providers.

CFBHN has been developing both public and private partnerships relating to affordable housing. Housing projects are currently be developed in Lee and Sarasota counties and CASL and Blue Sky Communities have just been awarded projects from the Housing Finance Corporation to expand to Lakeland in Polk County with 80 new units. There's support from the Mayor of Lakeland to provide service dollars to support the project. The next two counties CFBHN is working on is Collier and Pasco counties. The model being developed is planned to be replicated up and down the coast.

Hillsborough County School Project – working with the 9-person MH team for the School board on their processes for obtaining referrals. They have 7 MH liaisons that work with a number of their schools to coordinate referrals from their assessment and problem solving teams. The selection process for project manager has been narrowed down to second interviews that involve the school board staff. The goal is to pilot our referral and voucher system process with a few cases before the end of the current school year.

Senator Rouson's \$35M ask is being called The Road to Recovery Act which stems from his state tour last year. The \$35M breaks down to: \$9M for Supportive Housing, \$2M Acute Care & detox, \$6M Care Coordination, \$2M for faith based matching grants, \$3M MAT Services, \$7M residential treatment, \$3M Outpatient case management and after care, \$2M Recovery Support, and \$1M prevention for youth and statewide media campaign. He's moving forward with this and has been working with Senator Simpson. Senator Rouson is also on the appropriations committee. He plans to tour the state again this summer to see firsthand some of the services he didn't get to see last year. It's still not known if the full amount has been approved.

Linda is running again to sit on the National Council Board and has a contender from Georgia. Providers and any non-providers with affiliations will be able to vote and all are encouraged to vote. Notifications will be sent out via email by late April.

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## 5. TOPIC: Committee Reports

### Executive Committee:

The changes to the by-laws were approved and presented to the board.

### Governance Committee:

By-laws revisions made, approved and presented to executive.

### Finance Committee:

The February 2019 financials attached for review but have not been presented to the committee yet.

### Quality Improvement Committee:

Linda advised that the board education topic at the August meeting will be about QI.

### IS Strategic Committee:

All efforts are still on FASAMS. All providers are encouraged to make sure their IT staff are attending the All Provider's meetings either in person or via the webinars so important information is not missed. A portal is being developed for providers to do direct data entry which helps in correcting errors and also helps all agencies to enter data. If you need any information, email either Larry Allen at [lallen@cfbhn.org](mailto:lallen@cfbhn.org) or Tom Rose at [trose@cfbhn.org](mailto:trose@cfbhn.org) and they'll be sure to make to add whomever you wish to the email list.

A request was made in the C13 RC meeting to please be sure that the IT network staff specifically are included on meeting invites and emails related to these meetings. Also, a training has been requested regarding FASAMS for non-IT individuals.

It was brought to the CEO's attention recently that CFBHN inadvertently scheduled 3 separate meetings during the same time frame that required some of the same people to attend. This will be discussed internally to avoid this type of scheduling moving forward.

Previously, both the IS Strategic and the All Providers meetings were scheduled on the same day but it was decided to combine the two meetings as much of the information became redundant with FASAMS being the main topic. Until further notice, only the All Providers meeting will be held.

CFBHN staff was asked to put together a training for non-IT staff and that is currently being developed. This would be very helpful to staff like those who input information.

### Legislative Committee:

New infographics are being developed and will be used for the next legislative packets.

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6. **TOPIC: Regional Council Reports**

Circuit 20:

- They had a short meeting and a ROSC presentation from Beth Piecora.
- DLC reported on their plans to take FACT into Collier on July 1<sup>st</sup>.

Circuit 13:

- They met this week and the big topic was the low income pool that is a part of Medicaid. If the provider is receiving funding through both the county and the ME for programs not eligible under Medicaid, the county will utilize the dollars to leverage federal dollars for match. The provider cannot physically receive the county dollars; it's like the provider is fronting the costs for services. This is for the services that would not otherwise be reimbursed. A discussion ensued with Joe R. explaining the low income pool further.
- Additional funding received for jail diversion.

Circuit 12:

- Centerstone received a grant award for the next 3 years to work on the conference of treatment court (CTC). CASL provides housing for some of the individuals in CTC as well as other housing providers. CASL sponsored a Bill currently in the House & Senate to help fund the difference of the cost of operating the CTC. Currently, there's a 73% reduction in recidivism.
- CASL working with Blue Sky Communities in developing a number of housing units – 80 in Sarasota, 95 in Lee, 116 in Orlando, and 84 in Lakeland. Over 500 new beds are expected in the next 20 months.
- Collaboration between Coastal and First Step is in the works.
- Opening two new houses in Sarasota for unaccompanied/homeless youth (18-24). A house mentor will check in with the houses on a daily basis.

Circuit 10:

- BNET process changed over resulting in challenges in gaining additional populations.
- FIS group has gotten a lot of referrals in the last 6 months (440).
- Reviewing ways to address adolescent Marchman Acts processing – no services in C10 – transportation services provided to transfer to ACTS but follow up services have been challenging.
- Bennie Allred with Peace River announced his retirement as of 6/30/19.
- Opioid Symposium on 5/23 in Sebring and 5/24 in Lakeland.
- Tri County Human Services is opening a 7-unit townhouse for women & their children on 5/20.
- PCDC is having their annual graduation on 5/9 in Bartow.
- Bob Holmes dedication & tree planting will be held at 10:00am at the Florida Center on 5/17. Board members are invited to attend.
- Thanks was expressed to all who attended the fundraising event for the homeless in Lakeland as part of the Mayor's initiative on homelessness.
- The new One Association will be meeting for strategic planning 5/22 & 5/23.

Circuit 6 Pinellas

- The RC & SOC meetings have been combined for efficiency.
- Zero Suicide – Pinellas Co. has the highest suicide rate of Metropolitan areas in FL and a common safety plan is being adopted. Gail Ryder will present the suicide report from USF on 5/13.
- Empowerment Team is in the 3<sup>rd</sup> year and has been renewed for a couple more years. Social Rehab services have been re-established to provide stable housing which should help to keep individuals out of CSU's, ER, and jail.
- PIC team, a collaboration between PEMHS, Suncoast, & Baycare, MH Units, and Sheriff's deputies has shown success in engaging individuals into treatment and services who would've likely been Baker Acted.
- Assisted Outpatient treatment and MRT's were slow to start but moving forward.
- Sheriff's office looking for common MOU for all police departments & schools relative to school violence to prevent children from falling through the cracks. Pinellas is different in terms of handling the threat assessments in schools by handling it in-house and not utilizing mobile crisis services.
- Opiate Taskforce – there's been a serious outbreak of hepatitis in Pinellas as well as statewide. Also, opioid fatalities have increased since last year due to a different type of fentanyl being used.

- Marchman Program – collaboration between PAR & PEMHS has successfully engaged approximately 40% of persons admitted to all Marchman programs into services.

Circuit 6 Pasco

- There was no meeting in April. The next meeting is 5/23/19.
- Data for the suicide trend analysis project involving USF, Baycare, and five area counties will be ready to present at the RC's and Acute Care meetings starting in May.
- The annual ASAP Conference hosted by BayCare will be held at Saddlebrook Resort on May 14<sup>th</sup>. The keynote speaker is Austin Newbanks, a Columbine survivor.

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7. TOPIC: Open Agenda

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8. TOPIC: Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 11:42a.m.

Recommendation was received to cancel the May meeting.

Motion made and approved to cancel the May meeting.

The next meeting will be June 28, 2019.

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Approval

The minutes of this meeting were approved at the Board of Directors' meeting conducted on June 28, 2019. A signed copy of the minutes may be requested in writing to:

Brena Slater, Secretary - CFBHN Board of Directors via email to [lgross@cfbhn.org](mailto:lgross@cfbhn.org), via fax to 813-740-4821 or via written request.

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Respectfully submitted by \_\_\_\_\_ - Brena Slater, Secretary