

CENTRAL FLORIDA BEHAVIORAL HEALTH NETWORK  
Board of Directors' Meeting Minutes  
November 6, 2019 Meeting

(Names shown are September meeting's attendance)

**Members:** Ray Gadd, Chair  
Craig Latimer, Treasurer  
Brena Slater, Secretary  
Deputy Stephanie Krager  
Guy Blanchette  
Dr. Jerome Jordan  
Josh Dillinger  
J. Scott Eller  
Nancy Hamilton  
Patrick Heidemann  
Ray Fischer  
Robert C. Rihn  
Thomas Stormanns  
Tracey Kaly  
Teri Saunders  
Victoria Scanlon

**Members Absent:** Clara Reynolds, Vice-Chair  
Kathleen Peters  
Kevin Lewis  
Joshua T. Barnett  
Dr. Ayesha Johnson  
Alvin Wolfe

**Board of Directors'**

**Attorney:** John Bakas

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

**CFBHN Guests:** Patricia Simpson, DCF  
Melissa Leslie, DCF  
April Lott, Directions  
Kevin Marrone, Boley Center

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- 1. TOPIC: Call to Order/Introductions/Announcements**
- The meeting was called to order at 10:06a.m.

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**2. TOPIC: Consent Items (Routine Business/Committee Recommendations)**

**Discussion**

**& Decisions:** The Board approved:

- The September 27, 2019 Board Meeting Minutes

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

**Discussion**

**& Decisions:**

**Approval of 2019 – 2020 Executive / Board Slate**

The 2019 - 2020 slate was approved as presented.

**CQI Plan FY 2019 – 2020**

The CQI plan, a CARF requirement was approved by the Board as presented by the Board QI Committee.

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**4. TOPIC: Information Items:**

**Discussion**

**& Decisions:**

**CEO Report**

The Network is requesting 3 LBR's within different communities.

1. Pinellas – funding for 10 secure detox beds is needed. Senator Rouson and Representative DiCeglie will be sponsors.
2. Pasco Vincent House – Sponsored by Senator Simpson, this project received considerable funding last year to build but no operational funding. The building should be completed by May 2020. The Network was able to use non-recurring lapse funding of \$250K to fund operations this fiscal year but there is no current operational funding for the next fiscal year.

Community members participated in a call seeking sponsorship. David Lambert with the Withlacoochee River Electric Cooperative will be speaking with Senator Simpson & other legislative sponsors and have an update soon. CFBHN is assisting with preparing the documentation for the LBR of \$750 recurring operational funding to cover clubhouse services, supportive employment and supportive housing services.

Q: Is HCA involved in sponsorship and what is capacity for housing (i.e. permanent & supportive, homeless shelter)?

A: HCA is needed and welcome to the table of sponsors. Housing is permanent & also supportive to those with behavioral health issues who have been homeless & need ongoing services to keep them in housing. The Homeless Leadership Board has earmarked 30 vouchers for Vincent House.

3. Hillsborough – County government is requesting 15 short-term residential treatment beds. The network has evaluated that 60 beds are needed; 30 each in the northern and southern regions. Currently only 30 beds available in Polk County. The network is also assisting the county with documentation needed for the LBR. Northside currently has a unit of 15 transitional county funded beds that could be moved to DACCO and ACTS and then the 15 beds could be utilized as SRT beds.

Providers are encouraged to ask their regional councils to provide the network with specific community requests so the network can assist in getting support for those needs.

The CEO and Chair recently met in Tallahassee with Education Commissioner Richard Corcoran to discuss the school contracts in Pasco and Hillsborough Counties with the ME that assures care coordination for youth that are referred to services. The ME uses their provider network to provide the services and has the ability to collect data and make sure appropriate funds are being used for the services needed.

The Chair was able to share the community benefits that his school in Pasco has experienced by contracting with the ME and Commissioner Corcoran has since shared the information with the Children's Cabinet.

The CEO also met with Pinellas County Sheriff Gualtieri to present the same information about the school contracts and to educate him about the valuable community benefits available schools under contract with the ME. Sheriff Gualtieri leads the Marjory Stoneman Douglas Commission.

Extensive and detailed data on the Mobile Response Team's (e.g. referrals, response times, diversions, follow-up care) was provided to Sheriff Gualtieri as well as outcomes of the Pasco & Pinellas school projects.

The state provides funding directly to the schools with a percentage that gets targeted for mental health. The schools, however, don't have the infrastructure to understand all that's involved with providing mental health services such as billing and electronic health records. When contracting for behavioral health services with the ME, the appropriate services can be provided, data and services are tracked, and care coordination is in place, even after the student graduates or leaves the school. Pasco County has found the program to be transformational and is very happy with the partnership.

The CEO will be meeting with Representative Randy Maggard (Pasco County District 38) as he's interested in the model as a solution to care coordination needs.

DCF has formed a new Department of Innovation and Bill Daiuto, former Regional Managing Director for the Central Region, is the Director. An Innovation Committee has been formed across the ME's to work on topics to take back to that department. One main focus is to reduce administrative burdens and a recommendation was made by the ME's to revise the travel reimbursement process which is extremely time consuming and burdensome.

The committee is recommending several statewide initiatives that are occurring that could be replicated across ME's.

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**5. TOPIC: Committee Reports**

Executive Committee:

The committee discussed meetings with Education Commissioner Richard Corcoran and Sheriff Gualtieri regarding the school projects.

Governance Committee:

No report

Finance Committee:

Update to be provided at the December Board meeting.

Quality Improvement Committee:

A sub-committee of the Board QI Committee was formed. This subcommittee will be looking at the scorecard & moving from a measure of quality assurance to quality improvement to ensure that services provided are making a difference. If anyone is interested in joining this subcommittee reach out to either Larry Allen, COO or Stephanie Johns, CQI Director.

IS Strategic Committee:

The next All Providers meeting is 11/15/19 & will be a webinar but people are welcome to join the meeting in person at the Richard Brown Conference Center Board Room from 1pm to 4pm.

Legislative Committee:

The committee is working on the LBR's as discussed. The network has presented to every legislative delegation except for Lee County.

Diversity Committee:

The committee has finalized the questionnaire for the Board at the last meeting and sent it out for completion. The board approve the CFBHN Board Level Diversity Committee 2-Year Plan as presented. An invitation was extended for any other board members that wish to join the committee. Dr. Jerome Jordan agreed to join the committee.

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**6. TOPIC: Regional Council Reports**

Circuit 20:

The importance if equity was raised in the discussion at the meeting. Equity was not an option in the voting process. Moving forward, a request to include equity as an available option when making those kind of decisions was made.

Q. What should be done when programs or funding is cut? Should it be spread across the region?

A. The Governance Committee will be reviewing policy as it relates to this issue.

Circuit 13:

The West Central Florida Mental Wellness Coalition, a not for profit organization sponsored by BayCare, HCA, and Tampa General Hospital is looking for an Executive Director. The goal of the coalition is to improve access to mental health services and address stigma. Both the Network and Suncoast Center CEOs sit on the board and they're chairing a Navigation Committee. The focus of the committee is to identify strategies and improve access to care and to develop a model that would work across counties. Thomas Stormanns and

Gail Ryder are chairing the committee that will look at urgent care and they plan to do research on some current urgent care models being used in the country.

Circuit 12:

The merger between Coastal and First Step is moving forward and everything should be filed by 12/31/19. The full merger should be completed by July 2020. Dave Beesley, CEO of First Step, is planning to retire this spring.

Circuit 10:

Discussed the operational climate in the Polk, Hardee, and Highlands Counties and the affective interaction with HFC (Heartland for Children). They're always trying to create other effective options through working jointly as a whole with other entities. They also discussed care coordination and how many different people participate in that in the utilization of 3 main area providers; Winter Haven Hospital, Peace River Center, and Tri-County Human Services.

Helping Hands program continues to be effective by having peers going into the jail to try to get people out early and following them into the community to ensure they get connected to resources and services.

Behavioral Health Consultant co-located with the CBC is underway.

The Department plans to implement a requirement for providers that have a "profit" in a program must pay back DCF which could impact a substantial amount of funding coming out of the delivery system. It was suggested that this topic be referred to the Finance Committee. Finance had a meeting with DCF last month to go over revenue & expenditure reports submitted by providers and if any revenue exceeds expenses, it results in a pay-back to the state. The CBC's have the same concerns and want to work with the MEs on this issue.

It was suggested that an in-service be provided on the voting process due to some confusion on the vote at the September meeting relating to a special appropriation awarded to Success for Kids & Families last year as a new project in which \$380K was in non-recurring funds that now needs to be replaced.

Circuit 6 Pinellas

The Regional Council continues to work on a Wellness Connection by bringing partners together to address diversions from the CSU and post-discharge planning to connect people to services. Pinellas secured a consultant to look at the county's mental health system as a whole. The consultant isn't looking exclusively at the system as it relates to their funding but as a whole and it's not really known what that all entails. They've been encouraged to include providers and the ME in their process and the timeline for completion is by the end of this year so that they can get recommendations in by February or March of 2020 for funding purposes. There's concerns about the time restraints and the consultants having adequate time to complete this assessment.

PEMHS public CSU is moving forward with redesigning their facility.

Circuit 6 Pasco

They haven't met since the last meeting but will meet on 11/14 at 1pm.

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7. TOPIC: **Open Agenda**

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8. TOPIC: **Adjournment**

The meeting was adjourned at 10:50a.m.

The next meeting is scheduled for December 20, 2019

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Approval

The minutes of this meeting were approved at the Board of Directors' meeting conducted on July 26, 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