

CENTRAL FLORIDA BEHAVIORAL HEALTH NETWORK

Board of Directors' Meeting Minutes

June 26, 2020 Meeting

Members: Clara Reynolds, Chair
Brena Slater, Secretary
Craig Latimer, Treasurer
April Lott, Directions
Deputy Stephanie Krager
Dr. Ayesha Johnson
Dr. Jerome Jordan
Guy Blanchette
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Josh Dillinger
Joshua T. Barnett
Kathleen Peters
Kevin Lewis
Nancy Hamilton
Nathan L. Scott
Robert C. Rihn
Tracey Kaly
Thomas Stormanns
Victoria Scanlon

Members Absent: Alvin Wolfe
Patrick Heidemann
Ray Fischer
Ray Gadd, Past Chair
Teri Saunders

Board of Directors' Attorney: John Bakas

CFBHN Staff: Linda McKinnon, President and CEO
Larry Allen
Julie Patel
Alan Davidson
Laura Gross
Mary Wynhoff

CFBHN Guests: Barbara Daire, Suncoast
Melissa Leslie, DCF
Patricia Simpson, DCF
Stacey Cook, SalusCare

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- 1. TOPIC: Call to Order/Introductions/Announcements**
- The meeting was called to order at 10:00a.m.

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

Discussion

- & Decisions:** The Board approved:
- The April 24, 2020 Minutes
 - February 2020 – March 2020 Financials
 - FY 2020-2021 Budget

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

Discussion

& Decisions: None

4. TOPIC: Information Items:

Discussion & Decisions:

CEO Report

Most of the providers are virtual and have dealt fairly well with the pandemic crisis. Data has shown a significant increase in telehealth usage. The network is advocating the continued use and flexibility in telehealth funding with the state and federal government. An Executive Order through August 1st, 2020 has been signed by the governor to continue using telehealth and the network received a memo recently to allow for the continued flexibility in funding.

The budget from DCF still hasn't been received and once it is received, the network may need to come back to the board to revise its budget. During a meeting with the Secretary recently and it was indicated that they could absorb whatever cut that might occur through a reduction in funding used to pay Medicaid individuals. The state predicted a higher amount than what the network had a year or two ago.

The network has recommended furloughing any staff merits until the budget is received and the impact is known. Negotiations between the network and leasing agent have resulted in a high probability of giving up the Richard Brown Conference Center. Though the space has been a great community resource, it's not conducive in the current working environment with the network strongly leaning towards the continuation of working remotely for the most part, as well as a \$78K/year savings. Plans are to reduce the number of cubes in cubeville and reorganize into a conference area for staff to meet or work at when they do come into the office.

Test kits are anticipated to arrive at DCF around July 1st which means the network probably will not receive them for disbursement until the 2nd week in July.

The Crisis Center was chosen to take calls for the new FL Health support line: 1-844-MYFLHLP. That agency has the capacity to take on those calls across the region and the State is working on a grant for ongoing funding for the services. There were over 1,400 calls in the first month without much advertising. CFBHN is doing a great deal of advertising in the media across the region.

Both the CFBHN & the Board Diversity committee meetings have been active and plans are to move forward with all that's going on with Black Lives Matter and awareness in working on both messaging and working on ourselves appropriately.

The Department had stopped the 4DX efforts at the beginning of the COVID pandemic and wants to restart it but change what was being done. The focus of 4DX is believed to be moving to diversion from state hospitals and forensic facilities. More information will be provided when known.

The Department wants the network to find some lapse dollars to fund a pilot to co-locate clinicians with PI's that is run through the Sheriff's Dept. and to start Polk, Pinellas, and Pasco. The network doesn't have enough funds for this but came up with a max of \$250K in lapse dollars that have not already been appropriated. The dept. will try to get additional funding.

The Department secretary said funds could be coming down from HUD housing. The amount of funding could be between \$30 and \$50 million and the network is working on a high level proposal that should be ready to submit on Monday. The proposal focuses on child welfare, behavioral health services, supportive housing and supportive employment which are all priorities of the CFBHN needs assessment. The network is leveraging current relationships across the region with Sheriff Departments, the CBC, and homeless organizations.

5. TOPIC: Committee Reports

Executive Committee:

The CEO evaluation was completed and the contract has been extended thru 6/30/24 (current contract expires 6/30/23) with the year in between allowing for the Executive team to stay together while finding a replacement and for transitioning. If this is accomplished at an earlier time, the CEO can always leave before 6/30/24. The Executive Committee did approve a one-time merit payment of 6% pending the actual budget. Funds that could be available will go to infrastructure expenses.

Governance Committee:

Met on June 22, 2020. Two updated policies were brought to the committee for review and are included in the board packet. The goal was to clean up a few different policies and combine into two policies for more consistency. The network's attorney, John Bakas was included in the review and revisions process.

Vickie Scanlon from circuit 20 inquired if funding is removed from a regional program, will equity not be considered? The CFO advised it depends on the situation and the pot of money but the methodology will be taken to the board. Motion was made to approve the policies. The Motion passed.

Finance Committee:

Presented in consent items.

Quality Improvement:

The last meeting was cancelled. The next meeting is scheduled for 7/16/2020. Discussions will include performance measures, and scorecard for providers and for the ME.

IS Strategic Committee:

The committee met on 5/22/2020. FASAMS is the main topic with date of implementation pushed out November 2020 or if necessary, out to 7/1/2021. There are still reporting issues and concerns that both the providers and the network have but they're working on it.

The network continues to run both programs for the providers but all the delays have become very costly, about \$175K extra, to run parallel programs.

Legislative Committee:

The network is still waiting for the budget and is discuss funding with Secretary. The Hillsborough County SRT (short-term residential) funding is already approved for Hillsborough county in the budget which helps with the 4DX goal and the State hospital.

CFBHN is working actively with FAME and their consultant media group who's working with the governor's office to get lots of media out relating to behavioral health and funding services.

Diversity Committee:

The committee has been reviewing videos and having discussions. The committee will share a small video with the board and have a brief discussion. The committee is also looking at more structured and lengthy training for the board as well as for the staff.

The CEO put out a statement (in the packet) and through constant contact that included a survey asking providers to respond with their needs and there have been some responses. Thomas Stormans and Josh Dillinger recognized Dr. Tonicia Freeman-Foster for all efforts, support, and great organization.

6. TOPIC: Regional Council Reports

Circuit 6 Pasco:

The council met remotely in May; many services via telehealth, overdose rates are high, mainly from heroin and fentanyl, looking at trying to get clients back in the office for face to face services. The county is also seeing low number of telehealth services for children; the next meeting in July. The Board Chair asked if there were trainings that can be offered to aid in providing telehealth to children.

Circuit 6 Pinellas:

The council has not met since April. The meeting was folded into the System of Care and Wellness Connection meetings. The Wellness Connection is making progress on data report/scorecard for improving the functioning of the system of care and developing a data scorecard. How many persons are going into a CSU and who is coming into the system not through a CSU. Working on relocating the children's CSU beds to BayCare due to more adult beds being needed probably due to COVID.

The Board Chair asked for an overview of the results of working with KPMG. The report recommendations were reviewed. The county internally needs to review their contracts and data points since there are no common points at this time. The county is currently working with KPMG on the report recommendations before moving forward.

Circuit 10:

All providers have gone to telehealth & outpatient is functioning at 100%. The higher utilization of services has resulted in the review of potentially longer remote work. Peer programs established late last year are in 4 hospitals and are working great. The Suicide Prevention plan has gone into effect as of June 1 with billboards and the “You are Not Alone” campaign, to extend through late August. 104 children were removed due to abuse and neglect; 124 children were adopted as reported by Heartland for Children. CPI’s continue to work remotely and expect contact to increase when schools re-open in the fall. The baker act and forensic admissions would require a quarantine prior to being placed in the State hospital.

Circuit 12:

The merger between Coastal and First Step of Sarasota will result in the company name being First Step of Sarasota effective July 1, 2020. The area is seeing much success with telehealth and have had easier psychiatry access as a result. The Academy at Glengary work program will begin to open on a modified scale. Challenges are related to facilities that are still on lock down. Charlotte County a proposal for an apartment building was awarded and may result in an additional 90-units. The council is asking to review the law suits potential and tort protection for provider agencies.

Circuit 13:

The council met on Tuesday 6/23/2020. Discussions on law enforcement; \$5K allocated for suicide prevention community training planned. The next meeting is on 8/25/2020. Addressing the needs of those who have lost insurance are anticipated to be part of the meetings discussion.

Circuit 20:

The council met in June. Most of the providers are opening office for services; coalitions are concerned with what will happen with the schools and awaiting updates. The circuit was advised of the recommendation by the attorney of the non-renewal of the Drug Free Highlands contract. A recommendation to contact Melissa at Heartland Rural Health who may be of assistance in the area moving forward.

7. TOPIC: **Open Agenda**

Barbara Daire advised Pinellas County has distributed cards to assist in suicide prevention funding.

Nancy Hamilton encouraged the board to pursue any new ideas when they are able in order to be able to reach clients and improve access to care. The example provided is where we are with the benefit of telehealth and the services it allows to be provided.

Josh suggested that the board look at meeting in person in the near future. The implementation of MS Teams for future board meetings is currently being reviewed until an in-person meeting can occur. Board Members will have the option to use their cameras to be seen and to see other members.

Josh Barnett urge agencies to reach out to their local county governments for available funding. Vickie Scanlon asked about the risks are for payback to the agencies The CFO expressed ultimately, the network doesn’t want any of the providers to have to payback.

The next meeting is scheduled for August 28, 2020

8. TOPIC: **Adjournment**

The meeting was adjourned at 11:27a.m.

Approval

The minutes of this meeting were approved at the Board of Directors’ meeting. 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, via fax to 813-740-4821 or via written request.

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Respectfully submitted by _____ - Brena Slater, Secretary