

CENTRAL FLORIDA BEHAVIORAL HEALTH NETWORK
Board of Directors' Meeting Minutes
June 24, 2022 Meeting

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Ray Gadd, Secretary
Victor Avila

Board of Directors' Attorney: John Bakas

CFBHN Staff: Linda McKinnon
Julie Patel
Alan Davidson
Laura Gross
Mary Wynhoff

CFBHN Guests: Asha Pereyra, ACTS
David Broughton, Guest
Heather Kaufman, RC Rep.
LeNisha Watson, Guest
Melissa Leslie, DCF
Rob Gilbride, CBIZ
Robert Rihn, TCHS

1. TOPIC: Call to Order/Introductions/Announcements

Letter from Senator Rubio
Provided in BOD Packet. No Discussion.

Data Analytics & Benchmarking Report YE: June 30, 2021
The CFBHN Fiscal Year End 6/30/2021 report was presented by Rob Gilbride with CBIZ. Data from all seven Florida Managing Entities was surveyed for the report.

CFBHN has increased its program efficiency over the past few years by contracting with other Providers outside of its DCF contracts to expand programs. Hillsborough County Schools had \$1.7M in revenues in 2021 and \$500K in 2020. Most of these contracts are cost reimbursement allowing allocation of administrative costs applied directly to the programs. Rob pointed out that the higher percentage on the graph for CFBHN & Big Bend Managing Entity, who is also a CBC (Community Based Care) organization is largely due to having contracts outside of DCF contracts.

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

- & Decisions:** The Board approved:
- April 29, 2022 BOD Minutes
 - February/March 2022 Financials
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3. TOPIC: Action Items (Items Requiring Presentation, Public Comment & Discussion Prior to Action)

Discussion

& Decisions: None

4. TOPIC: Information Items:

Discussion

& Decisions:

CFBHN made the business decision to move from an internal data system to an external system and will begin working with Carisk, a company already working with the Broward Behavioral Health Center (BBHC) and Southeast Florida Behavioral Health Network (SEFBHN). Unfortunately, the network's entire data department including the IT Director are being laid off. The transition started earlier this week by letting 2 of the 6 full time staff members go. 2 will be let go as of 7/1/22 and the remaining 2 will stay on through 7/29/22. Interviews with Carisk staff are scheduled at the CFBHN office today.

A call is scheduled with the network service providers (NSP) for next week to answer questions and address their concerns relating to this transition. Data transmission has already begun and it's hoped that some NSP may be ready to go live as of 7/1/22. The network wants to reassure the NSPs that we will work with them during the transition. CFBHN is in the process of transferring data to Carisk.

CEO Report

Luis Rivas, formerly Director of Supportive Housing & Community Services, has been promoted to the Vice President of Network Development Clinical Services (NDCS). This is great news for the network!

CEO finished her last board meeting with the National Council after serving two terms. She also met with nine members of Florida Congressional delegations and discussed four major focuses.

1. Promoting the CCBHC (Certified Community Behavioral Health Clinic) model allowing NSPs that are community mental health centers to be ROM (Recovery Oriented Monitoring) certified. CCBHC to provide primary care and be bill similar to a FQHC (Federally Qualified Health Center). Florida currently has 14 granted CCBHC's, 6 of the 14 are in the Suncoast region and several more have applied this year.
2. Addressing the workforce shortage through funding, specific programs and reducing Medicare restrictions to allow billing for LMHC's (Licensed Mental Health Counselor) and LMFT's. (Licensed Marriage & Family Therapist) define)
3. There are three Acts that address the national substance abuse crisis:
 - Mainstreaming Addiction Treatment (MAT) Act
 - Medical Access & Training Act – allows physicians to prescribe suboxone without having a quota of individuals treated and would provide training on the impact of opioids for all physician's.
 - Medicaid Re-entry Act – recommends that incarcerated or institutionalized individuals be able to reinstate their Medicaid within 30 days of release to allow for quicker access to treatment.
4. Funding of 988 Suicide Hotline – there's currently minimal funding to support this but hoping for some federal funding to help.

A draft of the network's strategic plan will be reviewed and discussed at the next board meeting in August.

New funding from the legislature includes child welfare integration, new services addressing high risk families and residential placement for children/adolescents and specialty programs for those families.

CFO provided a brief overview of funding but allocations are not fully decided yet. Out of \$126M, the network should receive approximately \$23M to \$24M.

- Approximately \$3M to FACT(Florida Assertive Community Treatment (DCF cut the network's FACT funding this past year and moved it to Medicaid but funding will now be returned.)
- Some funding is targeted to FIT (Family Intensive Treatment) and MRTs (Mobile Response Team)
- Two NSPs to be restored to their CRS's after having initial grant cuts
- Expansion of CAT (Children's Assertive Treatment) teams

The network is working closely with the Department to ensure the funds are added to our contract as soon as possible, so services can be provided.

The network's Prevention Campaign has been very active over the past few months to include billboards, commercials, and announcements. A Tampa Bay Rays game recently used/displayed some CFBHN prevention messaging. Funding has been possible with lapsed prevention funds and some of the newer opioid funding.

Senator Rouson is planning another Road to Recovery tour this summer. The network will also start meeting with local delegations in preparations for next year.

5. TOPIC: Committee Reports

Executive Committee:

Met this morning and discussed the President & CEO evaluation. 11 of 18 evaluations sent out were completed and submitted. All remarks and comments were very positive with Linda being commended for her overall excellent leadership, great knowledge in her field, and commitment to diversity, equity and inclusion. Chair thanked the President & CEO on behalf of the board. President & CEO expressed much appreciation and thanked the board members.

Governance Committee:

No update

Finance Committee:

Presented in Consent Items.

Diversity Committee:

The network received the full report from the DEI Consultants. DEI will be included in with the network's strategic plan. Next steps are to schedule a Board Diversity Committee meeting and create a plan based on the recommendations made for the board. A form to evaluate the diversity skillset of the board members will be shared at the meeting and members will decide if this would work for the CFBHN board moving forward.

Josh added that LaTasha will be meeting with the internal DEI committee next week to finalize the recommendations to the board for changes to the strategic plan.

Quality Improvement:

Presented in the Department Directors Report.

IS Strategic Committee:

No report.

Legislative Committee:

Shared in CEO Report.

6. TOPIC: Regional Council Reports

Circuit 6 Pasco:

The circuit was given an update on SB-1844 as it relates to changes in how juveniles are assessed. Alternatives to Incarceration Pasco Referrals, a jail program hub has increased and as of 5/26/2022, 47 individuals have experienced difficulties engaging populations in jail due to Covid restrictions.

A community engagement center kicked off in early February 2022, as a result of Baycare grant funding. As of the end of May, the center had a total of 51 admissions and 103 referrals. Baycare is a co-responder team with the Pasco County Sheriff's Office has diverted 98% of calls that they've responded to. The grant provides for two teams but they're still trying to find a qualified applicant to fill the other position.

The Sheriff's office Connect & Protect Grant is approaching the 3rd quarter of its first year and is moving forward to include Crisis Intervention Specialists contracted with the Crisis Center of Tampa Bay into its 911 dispatch center to divert calls for mental health service away from law enforcement.

The YAR (Youth at Risk) meeting with the school board has been revamped and is more successful.

The council is working on the 988 roll-out and what entity will oversee Pasco County.

The council is working on their transportation plan that is due in 2023.

Pasco Suicide Group has been meeting since August 2021 and continues to review current initiatives, identifying current activities in the community to work with, reviewing existing strategic action plans developed by Baycare, conducting surveys to assess the current use of screening tools, and they're working on a Suicide Prevention landing page hosted by the Alliance for Healthy Communities.

Circuit 6 Pinellas:

Developing the Wellness Connection to improve access & connectivity to providers continues to be their main focus. Uniform protocols for referrals, screenings, and assessments have been established.

Circuit 10:

The Providers in Circuit 10 continue to struggle with staff shortages, especially in rural Hardee and Highlands Counties, and being able to offer competitive wages.

The council is working closely with CBC's, NSPs, and DCF to mainstream the referral process.

New discussions are being held regarding the upcoming FIS (Family Intervention Services) redesign & how it will work for C10 as well as statewide.

Polk Vision is collaborating with the community to better address the behavioral health needs.

The Council continues to find ways to meet the needs of the High needs High utilizers (HNHU) population. They have a good amount of individuals receiving care coordination services.

Tri-County is looking at a proposal for Jersey Commons, a 60-unit building with onsite services to assist HNHU's and other families needing affordable housing.

Circuit 12:

An Advisory committee was created to determine how to use funding from a special tax to use for behavioral health services that the Sarasota County commissioners voted for.

A new Behavioral Health advisory council was also created with members selected to represent various areas such as a parent, school district representative, etc. and they've identified priority areas to use this funding towards.

1. Responding to youth with emergent emotional behavioral problems
2. Strengthening a 24/7 walk-in community crisis assessment & stabilization program
3. Affordable housing permits for adults with significant behavioral health challenges
4. Specialty care services for first episode psychosis and high risk youth
5. Peer Support specialist expansion
6. Strategies to expand the capacity for pediatric care to identify and treat behavioral conditions
7. Expand psychiatric services for youth
8. Increase the number of community providers that offer behavioral health screening, early identification referral to appropriate services

Many of the community providers are working together. Terry is working with NAMI, the academy that does workforce readiness and Forty Carrots that provides youth counseling. Looking at local colleges to develop a first episode psychosis program in Sarasota.

Circuit 13:

The Council has not met since the last board meeting. The Council representative reported on additional meetings. Suncoast Alliance for First Responders met with the Crisis Center of Tampa Bay to discuss implementing a line dedicated to law enforcement and other first responders. They'll be meeting monthly to discuss how to move the program forward and the Crisis Center has hired an individual dedicated to run that program. Met with Congresswoman Castor last month to discuss the 988 Suicide Hotline rollout. The meeting went well and she was very receptive to the concerns and ideas for the rollout.

Circuit 20:

The Council is still moving forward with a collaborative system of care, similar to the Wellness Connection in Pinellas.

Providers continue to struggle with staffing shortages but have recently seen some improvements.

7. TOPIC: Open Agenda / Public Comment

DCF update:

A Statewide Initiative called the Family Navigator Model was launched on 6/20/22. It's designed to provide a means of both early detection and connection within the child welfare system and aims to be more preventative and responsive to the systemic needs of families who contend with substance abuse, mental health issues and domestic violence.

This program will be within Investigations and they will coordinate with family intake to connect the family to quality timely services and will include behavioral health consultants to provide expertise.

The next meeting is scheduled for August 22, 2022.

8. TOPIC: Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 10:58a.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: Dr. Ayesha Johnson, 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: _____ - Ray Gadd, Secretary