



Public Comment Request

Date: December 8, 2022

Meeting: Board of Directors Meeting

Request for public comment. Please complete the information below and return via email to [lgross@cfbhn.org](mailto:lgross@cfbhn.org) or to Laura Gross in person prior to the meeting.

Name of Speaker: Anna Kesic or Amy Blakely

Topic: IMPOWER is asking to use its contracted funds for OP Therapy and Psychiatric services throughout the entire catchment area of CFBHN rather than restricting it to certain counties. We are only servicing clients through telehealth and have several open clients currently funded with statewide Covid dollars, which expires in May, and many will be left without medication/treatment. We have 70+ active clients in other counties outside of Glades and Hendry. We leave upwards of \$300k on the table year after year that is in our contract that we are unable to spend in those counties. That funding goes to other counties anyway, and we would like to keep for clients we already serve with COVID \$. Equity policy was developed when providers were on the Board and may need to be updated, especially with the use of telehealth where county boundaries are less important than access to care.

Your position on the topic:

Approved We are asking for approval.

Opposed

Neutral

Due to the time constraint each speaker will be allotted 3 minutes to speak. The public comments portion of the meeting is allotted to a total of 15-minutes.