

Executive Director's Report

August 2022 Board Meeting

Conflict of Interest Bill (COI): We have confirmed that there will not be a rule making session prior to December's deadline for all organizations to be in compliance with new legislation. We have also received information that there will be no waivers offered. As a result of this legislation, one MSO (managed care service organization), West Slope Casa, has given the state notice that they will be dissolving. Health Colorado has been in contact with our legal counsel, who has outlined options to be compliant and answer questions regarding differences in governance vs ownership.

Health Colorado Inc: Beacon is beginning to try to engage partners in a conversation/proposal to buy out all or a portion of their shares. We continue to responded to let Myron know that we need more information and a conversation and sharing of information with our board before we would feel comfortable stating any intent. The special meeting in August resulted in two best case scenario options and we will have a follow up meeting in September to vote and finalize options. We need to address the following separately: Governance, Ownership (equity and shares) and future desires to partner in a RAE 3.0. Frustration has been shared regarding the difficulty of this group to make decisions and concerns about meeting timelines due to not making decisions. SLVBHG was able to successfully finalize our contract negotiations and we are pleased to have gotten what we were asking for. We will also have the opportunity to earn above our contracted amount if we exceed our projected production. We were also able to keep the "floor" payment. We are hopeful our new contract arrangement will also limit risk of a payback situation.

SYCARE: Each of the centers has agreed to dissolve the joint EHR (electronic health record) contract and individually contract with Netsmart. With the migration to cloud services there is no longer a financial benefit to a partnership contract and the separation will allow each center to stream line workflow. Any leveraging power will need to come in the form of all the state centers having a united voice.

Colorado Behavioral Health Council (CBHC): LCAC (Legislative Community Action Committee) I have asked me to be a member of this committee. CBHC is changing the focus of the legislative work to focus more on community engagement and relationship building, noting that many of the bills and concerns raised in this last legislative session was the result of local politics. They expect the same situation in the next legislative session.

Southern Colorado Health Network (SCHN): SCHN coordinator was hired Kali Constine. Kali has done a site visit with SLVBHG. Health Solutions has resigned from the SCHN membership. The Center for Mental Health has also been formally removed from this group due to merger. SCHN is still investigating Captive Insurance Discussion. I have met with Brian to let him know SLVBHG does not plan to participate in the Captive Insurance Company.

Grants: SLVBHG was awarded two grants that we applied for last fiscal year the total of these two grants is \$583,222. This funding will be used to stabilize positions that were grant funded and to provide workforce development opportunities.

Housing: We have been outreached to work with the state on a new initiative to show how case management and wrap around services can be utilized to stabilize client's behavioral health needs to stabilize housing access. We are anticipating around an additional \$70,000.00 with this project. This will be a pilot project to work with DOLA, BHA, and HCPF to demonstrate Medicaid funding to support services related to housing stabilization.

Stay Interviews: We have completed stay interviews to address retention and recruiting needs. These interviews were successful and informative. Leadership will continue to address needs identified and address areas to assure that we are successful with our retention efforts. We are currently fully staffed. New vacancies are due to new funding received this year and all in relation to new program and workforce development.

August is National Overdose Awareness: Our first Hope and Recovery event was successful. Angie and Kate did an amazing job organizing and hosting the event. If you have not seen the information on Social media we can send you pictures and client and staff stories. Mayor Ty Coleman did a proclamation on behalf of SLVBHG.