

CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER'S REPORT

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Health Colorado - Not much has changed since Cathy and Jason's arrival to fill the vacancies. Tina is still on administrative leave and her return date is not yet known. The biggest concern has been with not meeting a deliverable regarding our HMO reporting obligations. Part of the problem was that a required software package was not installed to meet the reporting format. Myron was able to retain legal counsel who specialize in HMO deliverables. He participated in the license review meeting to explain what has occurred and why we should not be placed on suspension. His defense of Health Colorado won the day with only a nominal fine and a stern warning for it not to happen again.

We are in the process of reviewing the letters and resumes of the applicants that met the screening criteria and our goal is to start interviewing in the next two weeks. We have settled on screening 10 out of a pool of 35. We hope to find one out of this batch and if not we will move down to the next set.

Sandy is helping at the office and has contracted with a local temp company. She will continue to lend support as needed.

Del Norte- We have moved into the facility and are very pleased with the renovations. We are ready to engage contractors on the exterior of the building as the weather allows. We hope to have an open house in May. We will have three staff at the facility and have been delivering services for two weeks. We are vamping up production as fast as staff availability allows.

Senate Bill 207 - This is the bill that has allowed additional dollars to come into our Crisis efforts in the valley. These dollars are also attached to the transportation pilot that we have created for M1 holds. The M1 events allow us as a mental health center to suspend the rights of our patients when there is an indication that they will harm themselves or others. All law enforcement across the valley are obligated to transport M1 to psychiatric hospitals across the state. Our pilot has taken this burden away and has proven to be very successful. We have been informed that our deficit will be covered this year and that the program will be extended for another three years with adequate funding. This has been a very big effort with many players involved and have been given the attention we needed from the Joint Budget Commission Analyst. Law enforcement and the judicial department have been very supportive and have lend their support when called upon.

Financials – We have made changes to the format and hope it will be much friendlier as the board reviews them. Cindy is the author of the changes and will be presenting at the board meeting.

Benefits related to agency staff contributions – Toni Martin will be presenting the information that have been brought to our attention by our broker. The events that unfolded will require the board to go into executive session.

Myers and Stafford Audit – We are waiting on the final report. This is related to what costs they will recognize and untimely set the rate for our center. We have been concerned that they identified several costs that were not allowable and we have since countered. We are waiting for the final report. The audit is now an annual event.

Board Retreat – We have identified a facilitator who will work with the board to address two main topics. The two topics are the agency's mission/value statement and strategic planning to set in motion our path forward into the future. She is very engaging and we are excited to have her facilitate the day's event.

State Crisis RFP – We still do not know how the judge will rule on this matter. He has found merit in the arguments that we have made and at the same time is pushing for mediation. It may be that the Governor will have to get involved. We want the contract to stay with the mental health centers. There are other forces that want it to be taken over by out of state entities. More to come.