

CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER'S REPORT

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Health Colorado – Alonzo is an official employee of Health Colorado. Both Sandy and Tina will be taking their positions officially on July 1, 2018. They are managing both jobs and seem to be doing it well. Sandy had emergency back surgery and will return at the end of the month and Tina continues to negotiate for better rates. The negotiations around the rate have been very intense and we think that we will do better than the mental health centers who are providers. Alonzo is now working out of the SyCare office and is looking for a home in the Pueblo area.

Valley Wide – It has come to our attention the Gigi had shoulder surgery and will be out for several weeks. We are working with Adam Roberts to address some concerns we have with the low number of encounters we continue to have in their clinics. We had a meeting to address this matter and he understands our concerns and will start working with Victoria much closer to make sure his team is fully engaged with our staff. Our concern has to do with idle staff and the fact that we have other deliverables. If we cannot increase the encounters, we will be forced to scale back on the staff time we contribute to this effort. This would not be my preference because we lose ground on our integration effort.

ICHP – Lisa Clemens is working hard to meet all of the tail end deliverables that are in the contract. She closed the office and has relocated one staff to the SyCare office. The remaining meetings will mostly cover the distribution of funds and closeout reports.

Advantage Treatment Center – Cathy is preparing all the documents to lease the building and amend the bridge loan that we currently have in place. The lease will start July 1, 2018 and will be used to open a female IRT program. They are hopeful that funds will be available at the time the building is leased. It is important to note that concerns persist on low district referrals on the community side. Given this reality, the IRT program is the only way the program can survive long term.

SB207 & Transportation Funding – We have been awarded both programs and are in the process of implementing the after hour crisis facility and transports to psychiatric beds outside of the valley. We have been informed that the state wants to put the Crisis funding up for RFP and we are against this effort. The contract is now part of our base budget and to lose the funding to an outside vendor would be extremely detrimental to our operation. All 19 mental health centers are concerned with this direction and all will be opposing this idea. We are concerned with the investment that have been made and the staff who are employed to do this work. We do not want an out of state vendor to manage our crisis calls and disenfranchise our emergency protocols.

At this time, all centers are recruiting law enforcement and local county governments to send a letter to the Governor asking him to not go forward with the RFP.

2018-19 Budget – The time has come to start the budget for FY 18-19 and will be introducing a draft at the May board meeting. We are still waiting to finalize our revenue projections and benefit package. We will be introducing a new health benefit package that is similar to the one we left in 2016. It will be more customer friendly and we believe that the package will be cost effective as well.

Salary Committee – The committee has met twice and now have a better understanding of all the considerations that need to factor in to make an informed recommendation. We will have a third and final meeting during the budget process before a plan can be put into motion.