

CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER'S REPORT

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Health Colorado – There continues to be ongoing discussion on how some of the dollars will be distributed as it relates to care coordination. I hope to work it out where none of the partners have to adjust their budget because of some agreements that were rushed through at the beginning of the company. We will have a lot more discussion this coming week on this topic.

Alonzo is staying very active and getting a better handle on his responsibilities. We finalized his job description. He is in agreement with the contents and will use it as a guide to what we as a board expect of him. He is in transition to relocate and hopefully it will happen soon.

Sandy is almost fully recovered from her back surgery and is back from a short vacation. She had a wonderful Open House Gala and had a great turn out.

Tina is back from her travels and is now fully engaged with Health Colorado. Both her and Alonzo are doing the critical work with HCPF and learning on how this contract needs to be administered.

Methadone Services – The Valley continues to be in a crisis with opioid and heroin addiction. To this end, we are interested in starting up our own Methadone program to be located in Alamosa. We will be using a consultant to work out all the regulatory requirements and zoning matters that come with this type of program. We hope to expand services in the near future to other valley communities.

Attribution Complexities – All four mental health centers are required to pay for services for mental health clients that get service from other RAE's. The opposite holds true when clients attributed to other RAE's get services in our area. The tracking and billing will become a big problem, as we have to sort where clients come from and which RAE to bill. Fortunately, we are in contract negotiations with a contractor that does this for a living. The company Left Hand LLC will help with the billing and tracking these clients. This is a separate area of responsibility that we have not had to deal with and are looking to this company to sort out the logistical startup costs.

Transportation of Medicaid Clients – We are very interested in providing transportation to our client population and will be investigating if we can apply to do this. There is a local vendor who has the regional contract. We believe that by holding this type of transportation credential we will have more influence with clients who are not meeting their appointments because of transportation limitations. More to come on this topic.

Expansion of the Soboxon Services – We are interested in taking this service to Monte Vista and servicing the valley resident west of Alamosa. The demand is great and we now have the experience to replicate this service. We have the space and willing medical professionals to help. This program does not require special certifications or zoning accommodations.

