

San Luis Valley Behavioral Health Group
September 25, 2018

Members Present: Jerry Gallegos, Laurie Rivera, Brenda Vialpando, Louise Sanchez, Marcella Garcia, Pat Stanford, Olivia Martinez, George Wilkinson and Fernando Martinez

Members Excused: Richard Pacheco

Staff Present: Cathy Michopoulos, Victoria Romero, Cindy Lopez, and Dawn Loch

1. Roll Call/Declaration of Quorum

2. Approval of Agenda

It was M/S by Louise Sanchez and Pat Stanford to approve the agenda as presented. Motion carried.

3. Approval of Minutes

It was M/S by Louise Sanchez and Pat Stanford to approve the minutes from August 28, 2018 meeting as presented. Motion carried.

4. Correspondence Review

There was no correspondence this month.

5. Financial Committee Report

Pat Stanford that the finance committee met today and reviewed the Statement of Expenditures and Revenues for the month ending August 31, 2018. Cathy Michopoulos highlighted the financial statements for the board and said if anyone would like an explanation please do not hesitate to call. It was M/S by Brenda Vialpando and George Wilkinson to file the financial statements for audit. Motion carried.

6. Wes Ursick

Wes Ursick discussed the current trends and his recommendations for moving forward.

7. Review of Minutes – SLV Asset Management Corp

Pat Stanford explained that the board met today and reviewed the cash position that shows total operating cash/investments of \$6,143,864. Our investment is up \$29,674 since August. Cathy and Cindy attended a meeting regarding the RVU Unit Cost Report and we are no longer able to use the triple net lease this year. We are investigating all the options and will give a report at the next board meeting.

There is a need to expand and grow in the western part of the Valley. We currently use a small office in the Del Norte hospital and have a waiting list. Fernando found a building to purchase and the Asset Corp recommendation to the full board is to authorize Fernando to pursue the purchase of the building and make an offer of \$225,000. It was

M/S by George Wilkinson and Olivia Martinez to accept the recommendation from the SLV Asset Corp and authorize the purchase of the building in Del Norte. Motion Carried. The new flooring has been completed in the office area where MAT services will be offered. Renovation of the Monte office was supported.

We are seeing the opportunity to expand in the near future and starting to investigate putting up a building on our vacant land east of the administration building.

8. CEO Report

Crisis RFP – We have come to learn that the RFP was sent out last week and now there is a scramble to respond to the questions protocol that is in place. CBHC has taken on the effort to consolidate all the questions from across the state to meet the October 8 deadline. The RFP must be submitted in 6 weeks from date of the questions submittal. The RFP is contained to the 7 RAE regions and only non-profits are eligible to apply. This disqualifies Health Colorado and only leaves us with SyCare to respond. They SyCare Board agrees that an RFP should go forward from this entity. The politics on this is quite intense given the fact there may not be enough funds to successfully operate the program. Fernando is waiting to get a better picture on how other MHC's are thinking of responding to this dilemma. Everyone believes that this is a politically motivated and flawed RFP. One of our options is to file a protest based on different concerns with the RFP. On the backside, the concern is if we do not bid some outside entity would fill the gap. The hope is that this will be delayed for the next administration. We are in the process of negotiating with a consultant to do the RFP and at the same time watching the politics play out on a bigger stage. This is an investment that we truly have to make to keep our current position as a crisis provider. More to come.

Health Colorado – It appears that the staff agree once again that they have to work out their differences. Fernando is hopeful that this does not come back on Alonzo regarding the personnel matters that he is continuing to manage. We are still monitoring the IPN and have some concerns with the overall containment. We believe that there is no need to grow the IPN and will see if there is any push back from other service providers or the state.

Another interesting matter that has come up with Donald Moore and PCHC. Health Colorado has been trying to contract with him to become an accountable provider for Region 4 and have not been successful. He is demanding more dollars and will remain a contract provider. We have prepared the state for the protest we know he will make. This does not mean that he will not come back to the table. At this time, we think he is contained based on his own positioning.

Expansion of the Soboxon Services – We have dedicated three office spaces at the Monte Vista location for this purpose. We will be modifying two of the offices to accommodate the requirements of the treatment protocol. We have been successful in contracting with the right credentialed staff to open the program in approximately two weeks.

CBHC – The dues structure has changed as a result of the loss of the BHO dues. The result is an increase to all the MHC's. The increase in dues was voted on and passed this week. Even with this adjustment, CBHC has reduced its budget by approximately 1 million dollars.

Gil Romero just learned that the State of Colorado had made substantial gains in the projected income and has exceeded the need by \$212 million. The overall budget reserved has now exceeded 1 billion dollars for the state. He also reports that the voter registration in the state has now exceeded over 30 thousand and is increasing daily. He believes that this is mostly on the democrat side, which will help in the Governor's race. He reports that all of the races are very close and if the stars are lined up right, some of the republican seats will be won over.

Crisis Walk in Center – The Open House was very successful with many participants from across the community thanking us for the services we are offering. Cathy reports getting the most hugs.

401K –Fernando explained that we had a presentation today by our current retirement group. His recommendation is to add 1% to the match. Currently we match up to 4% and we want to increase that to 5%. Also, shorten the window from 1 year to 6 months for new employees to be eligible for the 401K plan. It was M/S by Pat Stanford and George Wilkinson to amend the 401K benefit with a 1% increase in match and shorten the period for new employees from 1 year to 6 months. Motion carried.

9. Other Business

- a. **Executive Session** – The board went into executive session at 7:35 pm.
The board resumed its regular meeting at 8:31 pm.

10. Next Meeting

The next meeting will be on Tuesday, October 30, 2018

11. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 8:32 p.m.