

San Luis Valley Behavioral Health Group
October 30, 2018

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

Members Excused: Olivia Martinez

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

1. Roll Call/Declaration of Quorum

2. Approval of Agenda

It was M/S by Marcella Garcia 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 September 25, 2018 meeting as presented. Motion carried. Jerry Gallegos and Richard Pacheco abstained.

4. Correspondence Review

There was no correspondence this month.

5. Ron Farmer – FY2017-18 Audit Report

Ron Farmer presented the audit report for the FY2017-18. It was M/S by Jerry Gallegos and Richard Pacheco to accept the audit report. Motion carried. It was M/S by Richard Pacheco and Jerry Gallegos to retain Ron Farmer as the auditor for next year and give Fernando authority to sign the letter. Motion carried.

6. Financial Committee Report

Pat Stanford explained that the finance committee met today and reviewed the Statement of Expenditures and Revenues for the month ended September 30, 2018. Cathy Michopoulos highlighted the financial statements for the board. It was M/S by Brenda Vialpando and Louise Sanchez to file the financial statements for audit. Motion carried.

7. Proposed recommendation for the following: COLA, Bonuses and Health Benefit

8. 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.

9. CEO Report

Medically Assisted Treatment – Our region is struggling with an illicit drug epidemic that has not visited this area to the degree Opioids and Heroin has. We are now dealing with the fallout that is now affecting the family and the extended family as well. Our response has been the introduction of the MAT program, credentialing staff for the CAC credential, aggressive outpatient follow up, forensic liaison, and housing. In addition, we are expanding MAT to Monte Vista and Del Norte. We hope to attract funding for a valley mobile MAT unite.

SyCare – We are continuing the operation on a much smaller scale and will continue to look for opportunities based on the not-for-profit statue it operates under. It is important to note that we will continue to support this entity and benefit from the cost model, because it is an allowable cost. Our agency contributions can be for one year in the neighborhood of \$100,000. We are working to reduce this amount.

Health Colorado – We have ended the 1st quarter and have been able to manage the challenges that have presented themselves. We still have some very important discussion on the distribution model and how to influence the IPN growth. Health Colorado has agreed to respond to the RFP and be the ASO for the region. It has also decided not to submit an RFP for other regions. Beacon Options has agreed to accept the admiration function of the ASO.

Del Norte Building– We are very close to signing a contract for the purchase. We are also very excited to have this opportunity to expand into the west side of the valley. The need for services has demanded better facilities, services and providers. The expanded services are part of the strategy to meet the RVU cost requirements. This will be a win for the community and at the same time show services growth for the agency as well.

RFP Crisis – CBHC has filed a protest with the State of Colorado claiming that the RFP does not meet the requirements of the state and it should be pulled. The claim is that it is poorly written, underfunded and not good for the state original intent to deliver services beyond the covered populations that MHC's serve. We will know in the next 30 days how this will play out.

CBHC Conference–Fernando has been informed by staff that they truly enjoyed the experience. Board members had similar comments.

Courthouse – Several of our staff including Fernando attended the open house and were all amazed at the size features it offers to the public and the security of judicial employees. It is quite a marvel for the valley.

10. Other Business

- a. **Executive Session** – The board went into executive session at 7:46 pm.
The board resumed its regular meeting at 8:27 pm.

11. Next Meeting

The next meeting will be on Tuesday, November 27, 2018

12. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 8:30 p.m.