

CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER'S REPORT

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Crisis Contract – Through the efforts of many, the RFP was delayed one year. This is very good news for all the mental health regions that have invested heavily in developing a crisis delivery system unique to their region.

The expansion dollars that are available in our region is to address the legislation that was passed this year, which does not let law enforcement jail individuals suffering from mental illness who have not broken the law. The expansion dollars are to encourage local communities like ours to develop some psychiatric bed capacity. The 207 bill allows dollars to flow this year and for our area, it is \$200,000.

The second pot of dollars comes from the 202 bill that targets SUD dollars for the same population, but who are also abusing substances. The amount for construction is \$100,000. Both funding sources can be combined and applied to a construction project.

I have asked Ron Mazzeo our architect to draw up preliminary plans to get a jump on this given that there are lines that need to be met. I have also asked Van Iwarden to do the construction project. There are still some unknowns about the cost of such a facility. I am hoping that it comes in the \$300,000 range and if not I want to have the conversation to see if the board is willing to invest more to make this facility a reality.

Health Colorado - Health Colorado continues to meet on the Bylaws, Administrative Service Agreement and the Allocation Agreement. In addition, we are in deep discussion on who will be the administrators for the company. We have also heard the Rocky will file a protest and will have to wait and see how this will play out.

It now looks like Aspen Pointe along with Beacon Options will file a protest as well.

Netsmart - The medical module that the other three mental health centers need for their stand-alone clinics are close to being implemented. Our center will not use it as we have gone with a different plan and chose a risk sharing partnership. We only have \$130,000 left on the original \$2,000,000 investment.

Mt. Carmel Update – All the partners have received a close out check in the amount of \$4,000.

Colorado Health Partners (CHP) – This insurance company will close on June 30, 2018 and the details of what it takes is being worked out. The A Board will no longer meet in person. A small close out meeting was held on October 13 at Arnold's Barn. The B Board will stay active through the close out period and any big issues for the A Board will be handled by way of conference calls.

Colorado Behavioral Health Council (CBHC) – We were pleased to host tours for Carolyn Kampman, the Joint Budget Committee analyst to the various MHC's in the state. She is a great resource given that she wants to learn more about the new dollars that have come into the system for crisis. She will be preparing her brief to the Joint Budget Committee in December about her findings.

Doyle and her staff are very busy staying on top of all of the evolving issues with new legislation and the transition of the Hickenlooper Administration.

Chief Financial Officer Position – I am pleased to report that the team has hired Cathy Michopolulos. She was the Controller for Health Solutions and worked there for about one year and previously to her entering the mental health system she worked for Value Options and the new company Beacon Options. Between both corporate companies, she was there 10 years and comes to us extremely qualified.