

CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICERS REPORT

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Community Corrections – The audit for Community Corrections has been submitted and the plan for addressing the identified issues has also been submitted and approved. We are currently working on the IRT response to the audit and will submit to DCJ this week.

RFP submission for IRT beds is due February 12, 2016. The time for submission is driven by the states procurement department and is within their cycle. We are requesting a total of 36 male beds and 12 female beds for a grand total of 48 beds. Both Clarissa and Kristina are writing the RFP and have engaged a contract writer to support their efforts. It is our understanding that 16 new beds will be added to the overall state capacity. I am still not sure how the footnote regarding 36 beds for Southern Colorado is factored in given the RFP event.

Our current contract is for 24 beds, but we have been operating at 12 beds above the contract. This prompted a notice from Glenn Tapia to our agency reminding us that they do not guarantee payment beyond our contract and that we are at risk at the end of the year. The notice was prompted by approximately \$4.5 million dollars taken from DCJ. I am betting that we will get paid, but knowing there is no guarantee that we will. This is the same situation we find ourselves in at the end of every year and hoping we are successful.

ICHP – I am pleased to report that the mood in ICHP has improved. The FQs are ready to give up the fight for their administrative model and that they will not interfere with the current model which is driven by our relationship with VO. There is some indication that HCPF will delay the RFP and our current operation may go beyond the contract up to a full year. The search for the CEO is coming to a close and all ICHP board members will participate in interviews of the top three applicants during the February meeting. I am hopeful that we will have a unanimous agreement.

Colorado Health Partners (CHP) – Both Richard and I attended the A board meeting this weekend in Colorado Springs. The complaints from OBH and HCPF that consumers are not able to get into our network continues to be the dominant theme. Arnold wants to have a response that covers our obligations under the current contract and demonstrate that we are meeting the deliverables on want the state contracted for. There continues to be a barrage of complaints coming from all corners and we need to develop a counter to these allegations. The overall behavioral health contract for the state has grown substantially and is now very appealing to outside entities and that some of the complaints are driven by these same interests.

In addition there is high turnover in key positions in both state departments and this loss of institutional memory and talent is hurting the state efforts to move many of their initiatives forward. This reality may help us slow the momentum down on the development of a payment model so that there is more meaningful input by the BHOs. Another challenge for the BHOs is that they are agreeing to a particular statutory and are being surprised when one of them takes another path and weakens the group as a whole. Given that there are many questioning the states initiatives and their workforce capacity it has now become a concern that they will not be able to deliver on a new payment model or meet the RFP

deadline. One of the alternatives offered by the BHOs is to include the RCCO model into the BHO structure and accommodate an alternative that include a cap payment model with some version of a fee for service model. This would be a huge compromise for the state, but given their circumstance it may be a win for both sides.

Hill Day at the Capital – Clarissa and I attended from our center and Sandy Gutierrez also tagged along. We were able to visit with Representative Vigil and Senator Crowder. We had individual meetings with both and they also came to the CBHC sponsored luncheon. This will be representative Vigil's last session and is the slot that Alonso is interested in. Senator Crowder is very interested in the shortage of state hospital beds for mental health referrals. He has heard from a number of law enforcement departments voicing their concern that they do not have the skills within their staff to manage this population. This has led to a number of situations that he thinks creates a number of liabilities for all concerned and will be exploring possible solutions to this issue. The theme for the day was to let legislators know that we have impacted the delivery system in a very important and meaningful way and that we want to have more of say in the development of a new payment model. The day went fast and we were on the road back to Alamosa by midafternoon.

San Juan Building Renovation – We have begun the process of moving the Emergency Team and Crisis Living room from their present locations to the building this week and hope to have it all done in the next 10 days. The renovations are exceptional and we are pleased with the end result. We will schedule a tour with the board as soon as we have moved in.

