

San Luis Valley Behavioral Health Group
January 26, 2016

Members Present: Richard Pacheco, Jerry Gallegos, Brenda Vialpando, Laurie Rivera, Louise Sanchez, Harry Larsen, Alonzo Payne, Marcella Garcia, Pat Stanford and Fernando Martinez

Members Excused: None

Staff Present: Robert Pacheco, Kristina Daniel and Dawn Loch

1. Roll Call/Declaration of Quorum

2. Approval of Agenda

Richard requested to add Executive Session under other business. It was M/S by Alonzo Payne and Pat Stanford to approve the agenda with the addition. Motion carried.

3. Approval of Minutes:

It was M/S by Alonzo Payne and Pat Stanford to approve the minutes dated November 24, 2015 and December 11, 2015. Motion carried. Harry Larsen abstained on the November 24, 2015 minutes.

4. Correspondence Review

Richard reviewed the correspondence for the month.

5. Financial Committee Report

Laurie Rivera explained that the finance committee met and reviewed the Statement of Expenditures and Revenues for the month ending December 31, 2015. It was M/S by Brenda Vialpando and Pat Stanford to file the financial statements for audit. Motion carried.

5a. Filing of tax returns for the SLV Asset Management Corp

Fernando explained that for some reason the SLV Asset Management Corp has dropped off our Group exemption filing status. Bill Landsburg and Ronny Farmer are together working with the IRS to get this corrected.

6. Review of Minutes – SLV Asset Management

Laurie reported that the board met on January 11, 2016. Robert Pacheco presented the financials. Fernando reported on the 311 San Juan building and we are starting the process to rezone the properties that were donated by Arnold. We have listed the property located at 404 9th Street with Porter Realty with an asking price of \$105,000 and will not accept anything lower than \$90,000.

7. Review of Minutes – SLV Community Corrections Board

Alonzo reported that the board met this afternoon and reviewed the financials. For the year we have a net profit of \$253,421. We are in a position to file the RFP that has a

deadline of 2/12/16. The audit went well and we are in a much better position than the 2013 audit.

8. SyCare

Jerry reported that Sandy continues to work on the non-profit status for SyCare. Sandy is receiving questions from all the centers regarding the software package; she will have Joe Loyal from her office get more involved. Sandy Gutierrez has been appointed to Colorado Health Board. She is very excited about that because it should benefit SyCare. Still attended Hill day and talked with our Legislators. Sandy needs more training on compliance and has requested Robert Pacheco's help.

9. CEO Report

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 8, 2106. 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.

Fernando is 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 Glen 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. Fernando is 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.

Integrated Community Health Partners (ICHP) – Fernando was pleased to report that the mood in the 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 the 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.

Colorado Health Partners (CHP) – Fernando and Richard attended the Class A board meeting this past weekend in Colorado Springs. The complaints from the OBH and HCPF that consumers are not able to get into our network continue 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 what 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 effort 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 includes a cap payment model with some version of a fee for service model. This would be a huge compromise for the state, but given the circumstance it may be a win for both sides. Fernando presented Arnold's power point presentation called: Colorado's BHO's. Deliverables, Compliance, Outcomes and cost.

Hill Day at the Capital – Fernando and Clarissa 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 Alonzo 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.

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.

10. Other Business

Executive Session - Board went into Executive Session at 7:00 pm.

Board resumed its regular meeting at 7:15 pm.

The Board reviewed the CEO evaluation with Fernando Martinez and approved a yearly bonus for him.

11. Next Meeting

The next meeting will be on February 23, 2016.

12. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 7:20 p.m.

