

San Luis Valley Behavioral Health Group
November 15, 2016

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

Members Excused: none

Staff Present: Kristina Daniel, Robert Pacheco, Cindy Lopez and Dawn Loch

1. Roll Call/Declaration of Quorum

2. Approval of Agenda

Richard Pacheco asked to add Executive Session as 6a. It was M/S by Harry Larsen and Pat Stanford to approve the agenda as with the addition. Motion carried.

3. Approval of Minutes:

It was M/S by Brenda Vialpando and Marcella Garcia to approve the minutes from September 27, 2016 as presented. Motion carried.

4. Correspondence Review

Jerry Gallegos reviewed the correspondence for the month. It was M/S by Louise Sanchez and Brenda Vialpando to sponsor the Share the Magic Valley Wide Event at the Platinum level of \$5000. Motion carried.

5. Financial Committee Report

Harry Larsen explained that the finance committee met and reviewed the Statement of Expenditures and Revenues for the month ending September 30, 2016. It was M/S by Richard Pacheco and Louise Sanchez to file the financial statements for audit. Motion carried.

6. FY15-16 Audit Report – Ron Farmer

It was M/S by Richard Pacheco and Pat Stanford to accept the audit as presented. Motion carried. Fernando explained that the finance committee recommendation is to retain Ron Farmer as the auditor for next year. It was M/S by Louise Sanchez and Harry Larsen to retain Ron Farmer for next year's audit. Motion carried. Alonzo Payne, Richard Pacheco and Marcella Garcia opposed.

6a. Executive Session

The board went into executive session at 6:30 pm

The board resumed its regular meeting at 7:30 pm

7. Community Corrections Board Recommendation to close IRT

It was M/S by Pat Stanford and Louise Sanchez to proceed with sending our response to the audit as is. Motion carried with a 6-2 vote. Alonzo Payne and Richard Pacheco opposed.

8. Review of Minutes – SLV Asset Management Corp

Laurie Rivera reported that the board met on October 17, 2016 and Robert Pacheco presented the financials. The investment with Raymond James was up \$21,518 for the month. The security doors for the main office have been ordered and Fernando will look to replace his vehicle in November.

9. Review of Minutes – SLV Community Corrections Board

Richard Pacheco explained that the board had a special meeting on November 4, 2016. Judge Kuenhold and Pat Stanford attending and expressed to the board that the 12th Judicial District Community Corrections board supports the IRT Program and would like the board to consider keeping it open.

He reported that OBH accepted our corrective action plan and reinstated our license. We are no longer in the probation status and our license will be up for renewal in 2/2017 with the rest of them.

He reported that the board made a motion to close the IRT program and negotiate with DJC to terminate based on the letter received by Jeanne Smith dated October 26, 2016. The IRT program has 9 staff and they would be repositioned within Mental Health and would not be laid off.

10. SyCare

Louise reported that SyCare hosted the Latino Chamber of Commerce Luncheon and was a success. She explained that each CEO talks about what's new in their center and this is very informative.

11. CEO Report

Community Corrections – As you are aware we received a letter from Director Jeanne Smith, Director of Criminal Justice stating that we are in breach of the IRT Contract. This an exclusive contract and is not related to the Community Corrections contract that we have with the 12th Judicial Community Corrections Board. Fernando contacted Director Smith about the program and sustainability of the program regarding the workforce.

Fernando got the impression that she is moving to close the program, although there was no indication either way. She is working through the process to determine a final outcome. Fernando spoke with Judge Kuenhold and informed him of what he learned. At this point they have asked for a roster of the clients in the program, presumably to determine a transition date. We will have an action request from the board given what has transpired and any potential fallout. We continue to look for a replacement for the CC Director position.

On site Pharmacy – We have approached by Genoa to place a pharmacy in our main building. They have assessed the agency and community need for this service and gave the go ahead to invest in the building out the pharmacy at their own expense. They will also lease the space. We offered the same location we had for our first pharmacy attempt 4 years ago. This will be a great addition to what we offer and will be available to staff

and clients. They can also service the community needs as well. The contract was approved last night by the Asset Corp.

Tele psychiatry Services- Dr. Firnberg is no longer providing psychiatric services for the mental health center, which has prompted us to fill this particular need with tele psychiatry services from two vendors. We have been in this position before and were extremely lucky to have his services as an onsite Psychiatrist for the time we did. The position will be extremely hard to fill as there is a national shortage of psychiatrists. Jennifer Silva reports that all is going as scheduled and we will have what we need by the end of the month.

ICHP – The board continues to assist in guiding the Director as she is dealing with the daily duties of managing the contract obligations. We have supported her in personnel changes and the way the board meetings are structured. We have gone to an executive board model similar to the B Board where contract obligations and policy matters are discussed. The whole board takes on the big picture needs of ICHP.

RFP – The Draft RFP is out for public input and consequently was the only agenda item at the CBHC retreat. This is the document that everyone is trying to interpret and is the one we sent you last week. The biggest concern is that there is not financial information on the rates. This one item alone did not allow the members to fully discuss the implications of the RFP or engage an actuarial firm to provide an opinion if the rate (not know at this time) can sustain the services they want delivered. It is the opinion of many that it is an incentive driven model, where you are punished financially if you do not perform and rewarded if you do. This appears to be designed as a fee for service model and almost no mention of capitation. There are questions about who can be a contractor and what license can a system like ours qualify for. This one item alone has huge implications for who can play in the sand box. There is equally much confusion on the PMPM and who gets paid for what. We hope to develop a chart to sort this out. It is now evident that the model they have put forward will be used across the state and no rural consideration has been given around small population growth and low volume of services. The work force shortage is also a big concern if they do not allow lower credential staff to provide services. There are many other concerns that are being investigated to determine if they are a game changer. As these are flushed out we will be sending them out to you so that you can keep pace with a very fast evolving system. The RFP is also requesting input from stakeholders and we will need to organize a large community response and submit our concerns through the channel that they have created. At this point the current design is for the BHO's to go away and be replaced with the Regional Accountable Entity (RAE) which in our case is ICHP. The other considerations are with the changes that are being anticipated at the federal level and how Medicaid expansion will be affected.

12. Other Business

Dawn mentioned that the Staff Holiday Party will be on Friday December 2nd from 3 pm – 5pm at the Arnold Salazar Barn. Please join us if you can. She also reminded everyone that the Holiday Board dinner will be on Saturday December 17th at 6:00 pm at the Hideaway Steak house. Please let her know your meal choice by November 29th.

13. Next Meeting

The next meeting will be on Tuesday November 29, 2016.

14. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 8:10 p.m.