

San Luis Valley Behavioral Health Group
May 26, 2015

Members Present: Richard Pacheco, Jerry Gallegos, Laurie Rivera, Brenda Vialpando, Harry Larsen, Alonzo Payne and Fernando Martinez

Members Excused: Louise Sanchez, Marcella Garcia, Pat Stanford

Staff Present: Kristina Daniel, Dawn Loch and Dondi Bowman

1. Roll Call/Declaration of Quorum

2. Approval of Agenda

It was M/S by Alonzo Payne and Harry Larsen to approve the agenda as presented.
Motion carried.

3. Approval of Minutes:

It was M/S by Laurie Rivera and Brenda Vialpando to approve the minutes dated April 28, 2015. Motion carried. Harry Larsen abstained.

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 April 30, 2015. It was M/S by Brenda Vialpando and Harry Larsen to file the financial statements for audit. Motion carried.

6. Review of Minutes – SLV Asset Management

Laurie Rivera explained that the board met on May 11, 2015 and the cash available was \$4,159,988. Laurie explained that the board authorized the transfer of the Community Corrections profits to the Asset Corporation and the lease payments would remain the same.

Eric VanIwaarden is holding weekly meetings to keep our staff and Valley Wide updated on the construction project. This week he reported that they are ahead of schedule. We have asked a surveyor to prepare an annexation plat of our property; we need this to submit with our application.

7. Review of Minutes – SLV Community Corrections Board

Alonzo explained that the board met earlier today and the financial statements looked good. We have an ongoing discussion with the Sheriff's office regarding housing the female population at our facility. Fernando has been contacted by 2 outside vendors regarding buying the community corrections property. Fernando will follow up with the vendors.

8. SyCare

The Board went into executive session at 6:21 pm

The Board resumed the meeting at 6:51 pm.

Richard reported that the items discussed were:

- 1) Report from Buffalo Thunder - Retreat
- 2) IPN and distribution of SyCare money
- 3) Peggy retiring

9. CEO Report

Community Corrections – The female IRT is closed as of this week and we have made the transition to an all-male facility. The current bed capacity in IRT is 36 and we plan to stay at this level into FY 2016. Fernando will schedule a meeting in June with DCJ to discuss the footnote. We have been preparing for a DCJ audit on the anticipation that we will be next on the schedule. We have been preparing to offer a draft proposal to local county government and the Alamosa Sheriff on housing female county prisoners. Once the draft is complete it will be reviewed by the community corrections board. The revenue continues to be positive and the programs over all line item expenses are positive to budget.

Revenue Concerns FY16 – The Office of Behavioral Health is in the process of moving what has been indigent funding (General Fund) into other areas of interest. The event that is causing the shift is the Affordable Care Act. The majority of the indigent population now has insurance under Medicaid. We are waiting for information on how much the loss will be and is estimated to be above 50%. The other big problem is the unspent dollars that mental health centers show on their books. The gap between dollars received and service provided has grown with the higher numbers of eligible. The unspent funds have brought undue attention by HICPF to this issue. There is intense negotiation on this matter, but in the end there will be a rate adjustment, which will even affect smaller programs like ours. We will have the numbers by next week. In anticipation that our revenue will be less in FY16 we are in the process of looking at our options. The area that will be affected most will be in personnel and we are working to mitigate the impact.

Interim Chief Financial Officer – Robert Pacheco has been appointed and will be helping with the FY16 budget and providing support for staff. He is also assisting with housing and working with maintenance crew. He will continue to work for CHP as the Compliance Officer and will remain in the position for the next two years. He spends approximately 8% of his time on this task and can do the majority of his work from his office. A small contract from CHP will offset our cost for time lost.

SYCARE – The retreat in Santa Fe went without incident. Most of the discussion was a general conversation about the partnership. The other topics covered included Kavleys Mt. Carmel. Fernando informed the group that we were not interested in purchasing the building and that he supported the relinquishment of any ownership with the Mt. Carmel project. There was no acknowledgement of the tape incident.

10. Other Business

a. Board Member of the Year - Marcella Garcia was voted Board Member of the Year.

b. Kristen Salazar is our nomination for our Scholarship with Adams State University

c. Kristina Daniel has been named the 2015 Exceptional Alumnus at Adams State University and will be recognized in October. Congratulations Kristina!!!

11. Next Meeting

The next meeting will be June 30, 2015

14. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 7:25 p.m.