

**San Luis Valley Behavioral Health Group**  
**July 27, 2015**

**Members Present:** Richard Pacheco, Brenda Vialpando, Louise Sanchez, Harry Larsen, Alonzo Payne, Marcella Garcia and Fernando Martinez

**Members Excused:** Jerry Gallegos (Alonzo holds Jerry proxy), Laurie Rivera (Harry Larsen holds Laurie proxy), Pat Stanford (Richard Pacheco holds Pats proxy)

**Staff Present:** Kristina Daniel, Robert Pacheco and Dawn Loch

**1. Roll Call/Declaration of Quorum**

**2. Approval of Agenda**

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

**3. Approval of Minutes:**

It was M/S by Brenda Vialpando and Alonzo Payne to approve the minutes dated June 22, 2015. Motion carried.

**4. Correspondence Review**

There was no correspondence to review.

**5. Financial Committee Report**

Robert Pacheco explained that the finance committee met and reviewed the Statement of Expenditures and Revenues for the month ending June 30, 2015. It was M/S by Louise Sanchez and Harry Larsen to file the financial statements for audit. Motion carried.

**6. FY15-16 Budget Shortfall**

When we completed the budget that was presented to you for approval in June we used the figures given to us but since then there has been a rate adjustment and the end result is we are short \$300,000. We have already made some adjustments by not filling positions and would like a chance to manage the difference over a 12 month period.

**7. Election of Officers**

It was M/S by Louise Sanchez and Brenda Vialpando that the slate of officers remains the same. Motion carried. Alonzo Payne opposed. The officers of the board are:

Richard Pacheco – President

Jerry Gallegos – Vice President

Laurie Rivera – Treasurer

Brenda Vialpando - Secretary

## **8. Review of Minutes – SLV Asset Management**

Fernando explained that we will not be annexing into the city right now and withdrawing our abandonment request because we determined that the vacant road was annexed into the city and the road is an easement.

The Law Office of Lester, Sigmond, Rooney and Schwiesow are closing their business and the building is for sale. The SLV Asset Corporation met earlier today to give Fernando authorization to enter into the negotiation process with purchasing the property located at 311 San Juan Ave., Alamosa.

## **9. Review of Minutes – SLV Community Corrections Board**

Alonzo explained that the board met earlier today and the financial statements showed positive revenue. Fernando and Kristina are going to meet with the Sheriff and explain that due to a huge loss in revenue and new data showing we may need to open an ATU program that we will not be able to help the county with their overcrowding issues. We have requested an IRT audit so we can justify the footnote added to the long bill.

## **10. SyCare**

There was not a SyCare meeting held in the month of July.

## **11. CEO Report**

**ICHP** – The date of the RFP is getting closer and some the partners are realizing that several decisions have to be made with a simple majority vote. This realization has caused some very intense discussions about representation and balance within the partnership. All of the partners have indicated an interest in staying together, but this may not be the case if certain deliverables can't be met for some of the partners. The vote count has been a problem for the FQ partners since the beginning and continues to be an ongoing theme.

The other hot topic is who should be out leader if we are successful with the RFP. There is some concern that the present ICHP Executive Director may not have the skill set that is needed to run a bigger company. This discussion will continue to the next ICHP board meeting with the intention to set forth a plan to resolve the leadership question.

**CBHC** – George has now included Doyle the new CBHC Executive Director into the chain of meetings that make up the CBHC effort. She has already been involved with learning the issues and the intense negotiations that now seem to take place on a daily basis. George is moving much faster on the last of his transition responsibilities and all want to give him a big warm send off at the event in August. The CBHC staff is working hard on several fronts, but the one that is taking a lot of their attention are the OBH contracts and the rate cuts that are going into effect. Both are still not settled and we have to wait to see if any of our negotiations will be successful to turn the tide of cutting funds. If we are not successful the estimate is that state wide we will lose approximately 40 million in FY 16-17.

**CHP** – Arnold and Tina continue to deal with multiple issues that have come up regarding the current funding of the MHCs and a model that will move Colorado into a new system of care. All issues have an intense level of involvement that has not been encountered before. The negotiations that are taking place on the rates are top priority. This will be a strong interest of a small MHC like ours since we run very lean as an

organization. Any adjustment in the rates that are lower will cause us to reduce our operating costs.

INP is another issue that does not favor our center. This is related to external providers that we cover their cost for providing treatment, because they are in our network. Our success in this area is now looked at as a concern and liability. The concern is that our overall medical loss ratio is the lowest in the partnership. This has prompted us to recruit outside treatment providers to increase our service in the region. More information will be provided as we get a better handle on how to respond to this new challenge.

**Community Corrections** – We are still talking to providers to determine if there is interest in purchasing our program. We are moving slow with the jail interest given the changes that are occurring with revenue and deliverables. We will have an IRT audit in October of this year and have begun the process of preparing for it. Program operations have gone well and bed capacity is steady and above average. The software has been upgraded for offender management and staff is pleased with the update.

**Annexation-** We have met with the City of Alamosa and Alamosa County zoning staff on this matter. We have been informed that it is to our advantage to not have our property zoned into the City of Alamosa. This recommendation is based on the different zoning requirements that each entity is operating under. The county zoning regulations favor our interest to build on the site, where as the City zoning regulation prohibits a building. Given this information we will not move forward with the zoning application. This will help protect any future interest to build on the vacant land we own in this subdivision.

**SyCare** – Fernando is extremely excited that Sandy Gutierrez has been hired as the new Executive Director of SyCare. She will bring a new level of leadership to our partnership that is very important given the challenges we are facing. She reports that she will visit each partner and get a thorough understanding of the issues that affect our regions. Fernando would like to invite her to our board meeting in September.

## **12. Other Business**

There was no other business to report.

## **13. Next Meeting**

The next meeting will be on August 25, 2015

## **14. Adjournment**

The meeting adjourned at 6:50 p.m.