
SLVBHG Executive Committee

June 11, 2024

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Attendees: Marcella Garcia, Laurie Rivera, Victoria Romero, Angie Gallegos

1. June Board Meeting

- We will have time in our agenda for Office Nominations/Elections. Marcella has stated that she wants to step down from being Chair. Laurie is willing to stay on the Executive Committee as either Secretary or Vice Chair. Marcella will talk to Pat about what he would like to do. She will also talk to the rest of the board to see if anyone would like to join the committee, in one of the available roles.
- Amy Strasser-Garcia will be giving a presentation to the board on Quality Control, Compliance, and the Member Advisory Council.

2. Strategic Plan Update

- We have made a lot of progress in our original plan.
- The plan will continue on, but the annual meeting will focus on updating the plan to account for new developments.
- Since we are not going into the RAE/BHASO as a provide-owner, Victoria is working hard on building relationships with those who are bidding in our areas.
- The Executive Committee thinks it would be a good idea to have a quarterly update during board meeting to discuss our progress on the Strategic Plan.

3. Board Work Session/Annual Meeting July

- Hearing back from Third Horizon, July 19th is the date that most board members indicated as the day that works best for them. Victoria will call each board member to confirm the date.
- We will look for locations in Alamosa, but may plan on having the meeting in our Boardroom.
- The majority of board members indicated that they wanted the C-Suite leadership in attendance (Leova, Kyle, Jennifer, and Toni).
- Mindy is working on the agenda and will collaborate with Victoria to assure that the agenda covers the board needs and interests.

- Areas that will be touched on are: Board Education, Board Recruitment, review of the Strategic Plan as well as other updated needs i.e., bylaws, and the current behavioral health landscape updates and changes.
- We will combine our July Board meeting with this meeting, and have a truncated agenda. June and July financials will be covered at our August meeting.

4. PPS Model New Updates (Budget)

- Our PPS rate was higher than we anticipated, and then it was increased to account for our growth potential. With this rate, we will have to go through a reconciliation process; meaning whatever we receive but don't spend will have to be given back to the state.
- We will have 3 separate rates: One for Medicaid, one for Commercial Insurances, and one for indigent clients.
- A big change with this rate is that we will only get paid for one encounter per day. Currently, we try to schedule clients for as many services as we can in a day to make sure their needs are being met. We would have to make changes to this approach and are talking with the state about our concerns for the strain this puts on clients in rural areas.
- The C-Suite plan to meet monthly to review our rate and costs. They will adjust tactics as necessary but don't want to drive down services.
- The new rate we were given affects what our budget will look like. We will project the budget with the new information we received, and present the new numbers at the board meeting. As this is an experiment for the state, we may have to make budget adjustments as we go through the year.
- Our biggest goal is to sustain everything we have built.

5. Other

- We will need to recruit a new board member, specifically someone with lived experience with mental health services. Victoria has a few candidates in mind that will meet this requirement. She will begin outreaching them to see if they are interested in joining our board.
- The Sycare building was put up for sale. There has been one offer, under listing price. A counteroffer was sent back.
- The vacant land we own is still listed. We were told by Porter Realty that it would be a slow process. We have received some interest but no formal offers.