

Region 1 Behavioral Health Advisory Committee

February 3, 2022

1:00 p.m. – 2:30 p.m. – via zoom

MINUTES

- I. Meeting called to order at 1:02 p.m. by Betsy
- II. **Introductions:**
RIBHAC Members: Betsy Vidlak, Don Lease, Carrie Howton, Susanna Batterman, Thalia Wilson and Amanda Booth

RQIT: Holly Brandt, Irene Guerrero, Lisa Simmons and Michelle Hickox
- III. **Approval of Agenda:** Susanna Batterman made a motion to approve the agenda with a second by Carrie Howton with all members voting aye. Motion carried.
- IV. **Approve Previous Meeting minutes:** Carrie Howton made a motion to approve the November minutes with a second by Amanda Booth with all members voting aye. Motion carried.
- V. **Recovery Support:** Lisa Simmons presented to the advisory committee, the two proposals that were submitted for recovery support. These proposals have already been approved by RGB and DBH. Cirrus House will provide services for the Central and southern tiers and WCHR will provide services for the Northern tier. Motion made by Carrie Howton to approve the proposals with a second by Amanda Booth with all members voting aye. Motion carried.
- VI. **988 information and workgroups:** Holly Brandt presented and reviewed the 988 workgroups. 988 hotline will go live in July 2022. Holly let the members know that they could join one of the workgroups. If interested they can send email to Sue Teal or Lisa Simmons.
- VII. **Region 1/State Utilization:** Lisa Simmons presented the statewide utilization through November 2021, and the provider utilization through November 2021. We are at 47.61% through the FY and 26.11% State utilized.
- VIII. **Questions from non-members:** Region 1 submitted a letter of intent for a request for proposal for the service of Emergency Psychiatric Observation. Region 1 had one provider submit a letter of intent. Meeting to review proposal is scheduled on March 15 at 2:00 pm, Lisa will forward invite to members that want to attend.
- IX. **Questions from Members:** Don Lease asked about the increasing PEER Support and the ability to reach out to help people. Holly is working with the Scottsbluff County commissioners on the LE PEER support program that has not been approved. Don lease and Potter's Wheel and other private investors are working on getting a homeless shelter up and running hopefully by next year, 2023. Don will provide the committee with a monthly update.

X. **Adjournment:** Betsy Vidlak made a motion to adjourn meeting at 1:43 p.m.

Next meeting: Scheduled for March 3, 2022 1:00 pm – 2:30 pm.

Minutes respectfully submitted by,
Region 1 Administrative Assistant Irene Guerrero