

REGIONAL GOVERNING BOARD

REGION V SYSTEMS MINUTES

June 12, 2023

Region V Services
3600 Union Drive
Lincoln, NE
10:15 a.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Kenny Harre, Fillmore County; Emily Haxby, Gage County; Gale Pohlmann, Jefferson County; Les Agena, Johnson County; Christa Yoakum, Lancaster County; Dan Crownover, Otoe County; Jan Lang, Pawnee County; Jerry Westring, Polk County; John Caverzagie, Richardson County; Janet Henning, Saline County; Bill Reece, Saunders County; Ken Schmieding, Seward County; Dean Krueger, Thayer County; Stan Boehr, York County

MEMBERS ABSENT: Ryan Svoboda, Butler County; Michael Weiss, Nemaha County

OTHERS PRESENT: Tammy Stevenson, The Bridge Behavioral Health; Tami DeShon, Renee' Dozier, Theresa Henning, Patrick Kreifels, Kim Michael, Erin Rourke, Marti Rabe, Region V Systems

HOUSEKEEPING

Pohlmann recognized Kreifels for his nearly 18 years of service with Region V, briefly described his various roles with the Region, and thanked him for his service. In particular his willingness to step into the role as Interim Regional Administrator and then Regional Administrator during some challenging times was noted. Kreifels will be completing his six month probation period and the Executive Committee will be reviewing his probation this afternoon, making any recommendations which may include a salary increase.

OPEN MEETINGS ACT INFORMATION

Pohlmann noted the Open Meetings Act information is posted in the meeting room and reminded Board members that the meetings are open to the public and are audiotaped. The agenda is posted for public viewing at region5systems.net. Notification of this meeting and information regarding availability of the agenda was provided through a legal notice in the Lincoln Journal Star, published June 4, 2023.

CALL TO ORDER / ROLL CALL / AGENDA

Pohlmann called the meeting to order at 10:20 a.m. followed by roll call. A quorum was present.

Present: Fillmore County, Gage County, Jefferson County, Johnson County, Lancaster County, Otoe County, Pawnee County, Polk County, Richardson County, Saline County, Saunders County, Seward County, Thayer County, York County

Absent: Butler County, Nemaha County

Reece made a motion, seconded by Schmieding, to approve the June 12, 2023, agenda. Voting aye were Fillmore County, Gage County, Jefferson County, Johnson County, Lancaster County, Otoe County, Pawnee County, Polk County, Richardson County, Saline County, Saunders County, Seward County, Thayer County, York County; nays none. Motion carried.

PUBLIC COMMENT

- Tammy Stevenson, Executive Director at The Bridge Behavioral Health (BBH) provided public comment related to the Voluntary Crisis Response Center briefly discussing the timeline for the Request

for Proposals. BBH was notified on April 28 that their proposal scored the highest and the Committee's recommendation was moved to the BHAC. The BHAC recommended moving it forward to the Board for approval at the May 8 meeting. At that meeting the motion to approve was tabled.

- Stevenson explained that a temporary pause in admissions to Civil Protective Custody was due to the pandemic and a nursing shortage and noted that hospitals and other better resourced providers were forced to close units and reduce capacity during that time. Stevenson commented specifically on the minutes of the May 8 meeting which stated that the proposal did not move forward because of concerns about the reliability of the provider and cited a previous breach of contract.
- Stevenson stated that BBH had met all of the contractual obligations with Lancaster County and the City of Lincoln and remained open 24/7 throughout the pandemic. Stevenson respectfully requested that the minutes from the May 8 meeting be corrected to reflect that BBH has never been in breach of contract with Lancaster County.

Yoakum made a motion, seconded by Harre, to amend the minutes to reflect that there was no breach of contract by BBH. Voting aye were Fillmore County, Gage County, Jefferson County, Johnson County, Lancaster County, Otoe County, Pawnee County, Polk County, Richardson County, Saline County, Saunders County, Seward County, Thayer County, York County; nays none. Motion carried. The minutes will be corrected as indicated.

ACTION / PRIORITY ITEMS

Regional Governing Board Minutes: May 8, 2023: Lang made a motion, seconded by Agena, to approve the minutes of the May 8, 2023, meeting as amended above. Voting aye were Fillmore County, Gage County, Jefferson County, Johnson County, Lancaster County, Otoe County, Pawnee County, Polk County, Richardson County, Saline County, Saunders County, Seward County, Thayer County, York County; nays none. Motion carried.

FY 22-23 Contractual Agreements: Henning presented the following FY 22-23 Contractual Agreements:

- State Opioid Response (SOR) Grant:
 - This contract in the amount of \$8,800 to J. Chad Professional Training, is for the purpose of providing four webinar training series on substance abuse prevention. When questioned Theresa Henning stated that the audience for the webinars is the community at large.
- Dialectical Behavior Therapy (DBT) and Motivational Interviewing (MI):
 - The contract with UNL Public Policy Center (\$50,000) is for the purpose of evaluating whether or not the implementation of evidence-based projects is effective and efficient.
 - The contract with H4T (\$18,750) is for the purpose of creating an import process within Compass to allow providers to upload DBT-specific data for persons served.

Henning made a motion, seconded by Yoakum, to approve the FY 22-23 Contractual Agreements as presented. Voting aye were Fillmore County, Gage County, Jefferson County, Johnson County, Lancaster County, Otoe County, Pawnee County, Polk County, Richardson County, Saline County, Saunders County, Seward County, Thayer County, York County; nays none. Motion carried.

FY 23-24 Contractual Agreements: Henning presented contracts in the following categories:

- DHHS, Division of Behavioral Health: There were four DHHS contracts for various purposes.
 - \$20,429,409 is for the purpose of providing prevention, rental assistance, the transition voucher program, behavioral health coordination, and network management services.
 - \$22,183 is for the purpose of coordinating and providing Mental Health First Aid Training in the community.
 - \$197,655 is for the purpose of funding activities that reduce opioid overdose related deaths and abuse of prescription and illicit opioid and stimulants through the provision of prevention, treatment, and recovery activities.
 - \$65,000 is for the purpose of providing Projects for Assistance in Transition for Homelessness (PATH) services.

Lang made a motion, seconded by Crownover, to approve these contracts with the Department of Health & Human Services (DHHS). Voting aye were Fillmore County, Gage County, Jefferson County, Johnson County, Lancaster County, Otoe County, Pawnee County, Polk County, Richardson County, Saline County, Saunders County, Seward County, Thayer County, York County; nays none. Motion carried.

- Projects for Assistance in Transition From Homelessness (PATH): This contract, in the amount of \$65,000, provides a mechanism to deliver PATH services through CenterPointe.

Lang made a motion, seconded by Harre, to approve this contract for PATH services with CenterPointe as presented. Voting aye were Fillmore County, Gage County, Jefferson County, Johnson County, Lancaster County, Otoe County, Pawnee County, Polk County, Richardson County, Saline County, Saunders County, Seward County, Thayer County, York County; nays none. Motion carried.

- Emergency Protective Custody (EPC): The first contract is for the provision of crisis stabilization services (EPC) to individuals in the 15 rural counties. The second contract, with Lancaster County Community Mental Health Crisis Center, is also for the provision of crisis stabilization services to individuals in the 16 counties of Region V Systems.

Caverzagie made a motion, seconded by Agena, to approve the EPC contracts as presented. Voting aye were Fillmore County, Gage County, Jefferson County, Johnson County, Lancaster County, Otoe County, Pawnee County, Polk County, Richardson County, Saline County, Saunders County, Seward County, Thayer County, York County; nays none. Motion carried.

- Network Provider: These contracts with 13 Network Providers are for the purpose of providing substance abuse and / or mental health services for adults and / or children in Region V Systems' geographical area. Some of the contracts include funding for DBT and MI. The individual providers and contract amounts are below:
 - Associates in Counseling and Treatment: \$93,945
 - Blue Valley Behavioral Health: \$1,430,619
 - The Bridge Behavioral Health: \$961,012
 - CenterPointe: \$1,425,467. This contract includes PIER (ACT Team) funding.
 - Goodwill Industries: \$174,400
 - HopeSpoke: \$800,381
 - Houses of Hope: \$2,384,418. This contract includes TASC and Touchstone.
 - Integrated Behavioral Health Services: \$189,669
 - Lutheran Family Services: \$919,056
 - Mental Health Association of Nebraska: \$1,003,403
 - Mental Health Crisis Center: \$1,425,801
 - St. Monica's: \$707,449
 - TeleCare: \$76,133

Pohlmann explained that the funds from the DHHS contract are used to provide funding for the Network Provider contracts. Henning made a motion, seconded by Harre, to approve the Network Provider contracts as presented. Voting aye were Fillmore County, Gage County, Jefferson County, Johnson County, Lancaster County, Otoe County, Pawnee County, Polk County, Richardson County, Saline County, Saunders County, Seward County, Thayer County, York County; nays none. Motion carried.

- Prevention Federal Block Grant Recipients: These contracts with Community Coalitions are for the purpose of utilizing the SAMHSA strategic prevention framework to address substance abuse prevention, related risk factors, and mental health promotion. The contracting entities and amounts are below:
 - Butler Believes in Youth: \$6,500
 - Fillmore County Coalition: \$6,500
 - Four County Collaborative: \$36,021

- Gage County MAPS Coalition: \$6,500
- Jefferson County Prevention Coalition: \$6,500
- Laura Osborne: \$5,000
- LMEP – SCIP: \$50,000
- Polk Substance Abuse Coalition: \$6,500
- Saline County Prevention Coalition: \$6,500
- Saunders County Prevention Coalition: \$6,500
- Seward County Prevention Coalition: \$6,500
- Thayer County Healthy Community Coalition: \$6,500
- York County Prevention Network / York County Drug Task Force: \$6,500

Harre made a motion, seconded by Agena, to approve the Prevention Federal Block Grant Recipient contracts as presented. Voting aye were Fillmore County, Gage County, Jefferson County, Johnson County, Lancaster County, Otoe County, Pawnee County, Polk County, Richardson County, Saline County, Saunders County, Seward County, Thayer County, York County; nays none. Motion carried.

- Mental Health First Aid: These four contracts, with Janelle Moore, Jeri George, Jill Kuzelka, and Maria Elena Villasante, in the amount of \$400 per 8-hour training, are to provide Adult and / or Youth Mental Health First Aid training in the community.

Krueger made a motion, seconded by Henning, to approve the Mental Health First Aid contracts as presented. Voting aye were Fillmore County, Gage County, Jefferson County, Johnson County, Lancaster County, Otoe County, Pawnee County, Polk County, Richardson County, Saline County, Saunders County, Seward County, Thayer County, York County; nays none. Motion carried.

- Southeast Nebraska Disaster Volunteer Database: These three contracts, with Four Corners Health Department, Public Health Solutions, and Southeast District Health Department, each in the amount of \$4,500 to Region V, are for the purpose of creating an effective and efficient volunteer database to call on in the event of a disaster.

Lang made a motion, seconded by Henning, to approve these contracts as presented. Voting aye were Fillmore County, Gage County, Jefferson County, Johnson County, Lancaster County, Otoe County, Pawnee County, Polk County, Richardson County, Saline County, Saunders County, Seward County, Thayer County, York County; nays none. Motion carried.

- Evidence-based Practice Contracts: These contracts are for the purpose of implementing various evidence-based practices in Region V. The contracting entity, amount, and purpose are below:
 - Intuitive Mind Training and Consulting: \$42,055, for the implementation of DBT.
 - Motivate 2 Communicate: \$30,055.50 for the implementation of MI.
 - Dr. Lucas Zullo: \$32,000 to implement Safe Alternatives for Teens and Youths-Acute (SAFETY-A), a brief therapeutic assessment for youth suicide prevention.
 - Lincoln Region Center (LRC): Two contracts with zero dollars; these contracts are for the purposes of implementing both DBT and MI at LRC.

Yoakum made a motion, seconded by Crownover, to approve the Evidence-based Practice Contracts as presented. Voting aye were Fillmore County, Gage County, Jefferson County, Johnson County, Lancaster County, Otoe County, Pawnee County, Polk County, Richardson County, Saline County, Saunders County, Seward County, Thayer County, York County; nays none. Motion carried.

- Housing and Urban Development (HUD): The three HUD contracts, amount, and purpose are below:
 - \$159,670 to Region V for the provision of Host Homes for transition age youth in rural Region V.
 - \$365,388 to Region V for the provision of Rural Permanent Supportive Housing in rural Region V.
 - \$224,040 to Region V for the provision of the Lincoln Permanent Supportive Housing program.

Henning made a motion, seconded by Lang, to approve these three contracts with HUD as presented. Voting aye were Fillmore County, Gage County, Jefferson County, Johnson County, Lancaster County, Otoe County, Pawnee County, Polk County, Richardson County, Saline County, Saunders County, Seward County, Thayer County, York County; nays none. Motion carried.

- **Building Partners:** Henning noted that these contracts are for the purpose of providing facilities usage, office space, phone, and information technology support. The Building Partners and their contract amounts are:
 - Cause Collective: \$3,289.82
 - Families Inspiring Families: \$21,623.69
 - Mental Health Association of Nebraska: \$94,452.62

Agena made a motion, seconded by Harre, to approve the Building Partner contracts as presented. Voting aye were Fillmore County, Gage County, Jefferson County, Johnson County, Lancaster County, Otoe County, Pawnee County, Polk County, Richardson County, Saline County, Saunders County, Seward County, Thayer County, York County; nays none. Motion carried.

- **Miscellaneous:** The following Miscellaneous contracts were presented by Henning:
 - City of Lincoln: up to \$36,000 to Region V to provide funding for BETA and Youth BETA training within the city of Lincoln.
 - Families Inspiring Families (FIF): \$200 an hour to Region V to provide clinical supervision to FIF.
 - University of Nebraska Medical Center (UNMC): Up to \$35,807.32 to Region V to provide collaboration with BHECN for maintaining and promoting the recruitment website for Nebraska behavioral health employers / applicants.
 - University of Nebraska Public Policy Center: \$749,955.23 to Region V for the implementation of the Nebraska Youth Suicide Prevention project. Henning commented that this is an ongoing contract, and the amount is amended annually.
 - Wellbeing Initiative, Inc: Up to \$80,000 to Wellbeing Initiative to provide consumer coordination activities and promote consumer involvement within Region V Systems.

Reece made a motion, seconded by Henning, to approve the Miscellaneous contracts as presented. Voting aye were Fillmore County, Gage County, Jefferson County, Johnson County, Lancaster County, Otoe County, Pawnee County, Polk County, Richardson County, Saline County, Saunders County, Seward County, Thayer County, York County; nays none. Motion carried.

Financial Report:

- DeShon presented the financial report through April 2023, briefly reviewing income and expenditures. With 83.33 percent of the fiscal year completed, total expenditures stand at 76.82 percent and are approximately 6.5 percent under budget.
- Regarding the highlighted areas that indicate overages, DeShon briefly explained the reasons for the overages and indicated that several of them will remain over budget following the end of the fiscal year due to unexpected expenditures. Those line items include auditing, client evaluation, repairs and maintenance and legal fees.

Lang made a motion, seconded by Caverzagie, to approve the Financial Report as presented. Voting aye were Fillmore County, Gage County, Jefferson County, Johnson County, Lancaster County, Otoe County, Pawnee County, Polk County, Richardson County, Saline County, Saunders County, Seward County, Thayer County, York County; nays none. Motion carried.

Regional Budget Plan / Office Budget:

- DeShon presented the Regional Budget Plan for FY24 as approved by DHHS, noting the various funding sources which are state, federal, county, and other for a grand total of \$21,635,992. In addition to Network Provider allocations, the Plan notes other areas funded such as Region V Coordination, Pooled Services, Other Services, Evidence-based Practices, Emergency EPC, CLAS Services, Initiatives,

Legislative Guidance, Special Populations, Recovery / Consumer Voice, Trauma Informed Care, Behavioral Health Integration, CQI Coordination / Training, Plans for One and others to be determined. This document reflects a reduction due to the removal of 10.3 million dollars by the Governor.

- Kreifels reviewed income and expenditures for the FY 23-24 Office Budget. This document provides a breakdown of the coordination dollars that are not part of the State-to-Region contract for Network Providers. The projected income is \$23,076,830 which is a 3.8 decrease from the previous fiscal year. Kreifels noted that the Office Budget includes \$287,910 in General Funds which will be used to balance the budget.

Agena made a motion, seconded by Henning, to approve the FY 23-24 Regional Budget Plan and Office Budget as presented. Voting aye were Fillmore County, Gage County, Jefferson County, Johnson County, Lancaster County, Otoe County, Pawnee County, Polk County, Richardson County, Saline County, Saunders County, Seward County, Thayer County, York County; nays none. Motion carried.

Voluntary Crisis Response Center:

- Kreifels provided a brief history of the planning process and timeline for the Voluntary Crisis Response Center. A White Paper was developed as the need for this service was being assessed and Lancaster County came to the table with 2.4 million in ARPA funds that could be used for capital construction while the Region would provide 1.2 million in behavioral health services to include crisis stabilization.
- Need for this project was emphasized by the high number of individuals placed under an Emergency Protective Custody hold or being booked into Corrections experiencing some type of mental health crisis. Approximately 90 percent of all EPCs occur within Lancaster County.
- Three entities attended the bidders conference, two of those entities submitted Letters of Interest and subsequently submitted Requests for Proposals (RFPs). The RFP Scoring Committee recommended The Bridge Behavioral Health as the highest scoring entity and the BHAC moved to recommend the Board approve BBH. At the May 8 RGB meeting, the Board voted to table the motion.
- May 24, 2023, Region V Systems notified Lancaster County Board of Commissioners that the BBH was the highest scoring entity and requested a determination of their intent to contract with the BBH for capital construction costs.
- May 30, 2023, Lancaster County Board of Commissioners voted not to appropriate the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funds to the BBH for capital construction costs.

Based on the recommendation of the Request for Proposal Review Committee, Pohlmann moved that the Regional Governing Board award the contract to The Bridge Behavioral Health for the services of crisis stabilization and mental health respite, also known as the Voluntary Crisis Response Center. Contract negotiations to begin contingent on The Bridge Behavioral Health providing Region V Systems with written confirmation and evidence of secured alternative funding by June 30, 2023, for the capital construction costs as identified in its proposal.

If, after June 30, 2023, the Bridge Behavioral Health has not provided written confirmation and evidence of secured alternative funding for the capital construction costs, Region V Systems may, at its discretion, move to immediately begin negotiations with the second applicant, withdraw the RFP, or reissue the RFP. Reece seconded the motion.

Additional discussion took place regarding the Region's flexibility to work with The Bridge or explore alternatives if necessary. This topic will return to the Board agenda in the fall if there is a contract developed after negotiations with the second applicant. When asked whether The Bridge Behavioral Health would be able to provide a response by June 30, Stevenson indicated that a response would be ready; however, she was not able to state what that response would be at this time. Stevenson also noted that the total cost for the renovation is closer to 3.5 million dollars based on an architect's review of the project. A number of strengths and efficiencies that were attributed to The Bridge Behavioral Health's proposal were noted.

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Rollcall followed: Voting aye were Fillmore County, Gage County, Jefferson County, Johnson County, Lancaster County, Otoe County, Pawnee County, Polk County, Richardson County, Saline County, Saunders County, Seward County, Thayer County, York County; nays none. Motion carried.

Region V Systems Draft 23-24 Strategic Plan: Kreifels presented the Draft FY 23-24 Strategic Plan commenting that it had been his intention to have a more complete document prepared. Kreifels commented that his goal is to work together with constituents to create a roadmap, based on an environmental scan and other assessments to identify specific goals and metrics to incorporate in this Plan. There was discussion regarding forming a rural focus subgroup to process methods to increase awareness of available resources and gaps/needs in the rural counties.

Yoakum made a motion, seconded by Krueger, to approve the draft Strategic Plan and the plan for moving forward with this process. Voting aye were Fillmore County, Gage County, Jefferson County, Johnson County, Lancaster County, Otoe County, Pawnee County, Richardson County, Polk County, Saline County, Saunders County, Seward County, Thayer County, York County; nays none. Motion carried.

Summer 2023 Prevention Mini-Grant Summary: Kreifels reviewed the Mini-grant awardees and the amounts and projects that the subcommittee recommended for funding. A total of \$18,942.50 was recommended for approval by the BHAC. The entities, amounts and projects were:

- Four Corners Health Department: \$2,150; Hope Champion Community and Parent Education Support
- Jefferson County Diversion & Pretrial Services: \$1,752.50; Peer Support Training
- Karen Society of Nebraska: \$2,920; Promote Health and Wellbeing among Karen Population
- Polk County PSAC: \$1,800; Nalox Boxes
- Saunders County ACT / Youth Services: \$1,320; Sticker Shock Campaign and Community Response Resource Cards, Just Look Up Book
- Southeast Nebraska CASA: \$3,000; Just Look Up Book Club
- Seward County Attorney / Prevention Coalition: \$3,000; Poster Contest, SafeRX locking pill bottlers, movie event with Sticker Shock and speaker
- Beatrice Public Schools: \$3,000; Youth Frontiers

Henning made a motion, seconded by Harre, to approve the Mini-grant awardees as presented. Voting aye were Fillmore County, Gage County, Jefferson County, Johnson County, Lancaster County, Otoe County, Pawnee County, Richardson County, Polk County, Saline County, Saunders County, Seward County, Thayer County, York County; nays none. Motion carried.

BHAC Member Reinstatement: BHAC Bylaws require 50 percent attendance for all meetings in the fiscal year. Rebecca Meinders did not meet that threshold and submitted an appeal for reinstatement providing rationale for her absences. It was noted that Meinders brings a significant amount of insight and knowledge to the BHAC meetings based on her professional experience.

Krueger made a motion, seconded by Henning, to recommend Meinders be reinstated as a member of the BHAC. Voting aye were Fillmore County, Gage County, Jefferson County, Johnson County, Lancaster County, Otoe County, Pawnee County, Richardson County, Polk County, Saline County, Saunders County, Seward County, Thayer County, York County; nays none. Motion carried.

OTHER UPDATES / LEGISLATION / INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

April 10, 2023 Executive Committee Meeting Minutes: No action was required regarding the minutes of the executive committee meeting of May 8, 2023.

Exit Survey Responses: Governing Board Exit Interview responses were shared for informational purposes. Kreifels commented that these surveys provide useful feedback about the experience of serving on the Governing Board.

Behavioral Health / Legislative Updates: Kreifels presented the following information:

- One-Time Behavioral Health Provider Payments: DHHS has notified the Regions that 14.5 million dollars is available due to low utilization and will be shifted to providers and Regions for the purpose of stabilizing the behavioral health workforce. Once the formula is determined to allocate these dollars, providers will be notified. Providers will be required to submit a plan by mid-July for using these dollars and will have to report data on a quarterly basis. Strategies may include such things as hiring or retention bonuses, software to increase efficiencies, or market analysis.
- Over 800 bills were submitted for the recent Legislative session and approximately 291 were passed. There are plans to meet with the lobbyist and Regional Administrators this fall to prepare for the next session. The following bills or interim studies are of interest to the Region.
- LB254 was passed and has established a Legislative Mental Health Care Capacity Strategic Planning Committee. This committee will contract with an independent consultant to assist in determining the necessary capacity for inpatient mental health beds and provide recommendations to achieve the necessary capacity if the current number is found to be insufficient.
- LR136 is an Interim Study designed to examine the role that federally qualified health centers play in expanding access to health care in Nebraska.
- LB276 was adopted and is intended to increase access to mental health and substance use disorder services.
- LR150 is an Interim Study designed to examine the gap in services such as emergency shelters and transitional housing for individuals experiencing domestic violence and human trafficking.
- LR171, introduced by Senator Jacobson, proposes an Interim Study to examine rates for psychiatric services. There have been no increases in these rates since 1990.
- LB433, introduced by Senator Jacobson, has been held over but Kreifels noted that contract language allows for additional flexibility in shifting funds, indicating positive change.
- LR201 is an Interim Study to examine mental health and addiction issues within the Nebraska criminal and juvenile justice systems.
- LR204 is an Interim Study to investigate whether the Office of Public Guardian is able to serve the State of Nebraska effectively.
- Kreifels indicated that he will keep the Board informed on any updates and urged Board members to continue to reach out to their senators to support the legislation that has a potential impact on the Region.

Emergency System Update:

- There are currently ten individuals waiting for an inpatient (IP) bed at Lincoln Regional Center. Kreifels has been meeting with Dr. Donovan and others seeking increased access to beds for individuals on a Mental Health Commitment. Twenty additional beds will be opened in August. Those beds will be prioritized for individuals waiting for restoration of competency hearings but that should have the positive effect of relieving pressure on jails holding people waiting for inpatient beds.
- The last time beds were allocated Region V was allocated either 38 or 44 beds. Currently 18-21 beds are being utilized by Region V individuals. There is a plan to re-allocate IP beds with 44 beds being allocated to all the Regions.

Regional Prevention Coalition (RPC): Prevention submitted a Partnership for Success grant in conjunction with the Regional Coalitions in the 16 counties of Region V. If successful, \$375,000 will be available annually to be used in support of evidence based practices such as peer support, a vaping campaign, and social and emotional learning. Successful applicants will be notified in August.

- **Opioid Settlement Funds:** The Opioid Settlement Remediation Advisory Committee met and approved moving forward with the disbursement of ten million dollars by the end of the fiscal year. Another meeting is scheduled for June and additional funds may be approved at that meeting. As much as \$150,000,000 may be available over 18 years due to these settlement of lawsuits against pharmacies and the Sackler family.

- These funds are to be used strictly for treatment and abatement of opioid use. The Behavioral Health Regions are working together to determine the best strategies to abate opioid addiction and develop outcomes.

Lancaster County ARPA Collaborative Project – Family Resource Center:

- Dozier stated that a meeting was held to clarify some elements of the interlocal agreement. Initially it was understood that language from that document would need to be incorporated in the RFP, but that is not the case so work on the RFP can move forward.
- Dozier emphasized that the funding for this project is braided. Lancaster County will be responsible for the construction of the facility, and the provider will co-locate in that facility.
- This project targets young persons in behavioral distress and will consist of crisis stabilization, life planning, and connection to services. The service will be available to all 16 counties. Dozier noted that this type of service has been identified as a gap in the system for over 20 years.

Network Continuous Quality (CQI) Improvement:

- Rourke reported that Region V Systems’ Director of Special Projects, CQI Director and CQI Analyst met recently with Dr. Lucas Zullo, renowned trainer of suicide prevention interventions, to discuss the implementation of Safety-A in Region V. Dr. Zullo was complimentary of the work Region V Systems has done in managing the Network’s Zero Suicide System of Excellence; specifically, the visualization created to monitor the framework of screening, assessing, and responding to suicide risk of persons served.
- The following reports were available for informational purposes.
 - FY 22-23 Q3 Regional Data Overview:
 - FY 22-23 Q3 Stable Living and Employment at Discharge:
 - FY 22-23 Q3 Complaints, Appeals and Critical Incidents
 - FY 22-23 Q3 Waitlist Report: old language
 - FY 22-23 Q3 Ineligibles and Denials
 - FY 22-23 Q3 Zero Suicide Report

FY 22-23 Capacity Utilization Summaries: Kreifels noted that drawdown was affected by the rigidity in the contract and the inability to shift funds effectively. Medicaid expansion also had an impact on utilization, and it is anticipated that there will be an increase in utilization as Medicaid unwind continues.

FY 22-23 Compliance Management Report: Provided for informational purposes. This report measures Network Providers’ compliance with various contract deliverables. The CQI department is asking for a quality improvement plan for any agency that falls below the threshold.

FY 22-23 Training Plan: Provided for informational purposes.

Other Business: None.

IMPORTANT DATES

- May 8 – Executive Committee Meeting
- May 15 – Network Provider Meeting – 9:00 a.m.
- May 31 – BHAC Meeting – 10:00 a.m.
- June 12 – RGB Meeting – 10:15 a.m.

ADJOURN

There being no further business the meeting adjourned at 12:04 p.m.