

Behavioral Health Advisory Council Meeting
Closed
Wednesday, January 13, 2016
Minutes

Present:

Mercedes Alvarado
Janet Cizek
Traci Cook
Charles Danley
Wendy Fralick
Verna Foust
Melissa Griffin
Roxanne Hancock

Jim Maple
Kimrey McGinnis
Karen Orsi
Randy Randleman
Carrie Slatton-Hodges
Jeff Tallent
Lisa Williams
Denise Wilson

This meeting focused on the mandatory \$9.5 million budgetary cut. These budget cuts are for the remaining current fiscal year (FY), January- June, 2016.

When looking for the cuts, the ODMHSAS followed three tenets:

- a) affect as few persons as possible who are already receiving services
- b) be able to offer individuals who want services some type of service
- c) and those who are most in need are least effected.

Approximately \$8 million will come from the DMH side, through a variety of ways. Many of the state facilities will have reduced budgets, and the SOC program will also have cuts.

The proposal for the BHAC is that Medicaid will no longer contract with independent LBHP's for services. This decision will preserve services for those most in need, and affect the fewest number of recipients. There is the anticipation that there will be some shift of those who are currently served; if there is no shift, the savings will be \$1.2 million for this FY. Of those who currently receive private, LBHP services (6500), it is anticipated that 25% will shift to agencies who offer this service. There are currently 600 contracts with independent LBHP's, and 350 of those are active. Of those 350, there is a small group (30) that accounts for the bulk of savings, and 100% of the people they see, and 100% of their time is dedicated to the Medicaid population; this group will be affected the most. The majority of this group is in OKC, Tulsa, and Norman, but there are a few from the rural areas as well. There are none in the 'panhandle' of the state. For the remaining contracts, LBHP services are a percentage of their practice. This will not affect agencies.

The earliest this will happen will be mid-March. DMH strongly wants to send letters to the recipients of those services, to inform them that this will be coming, and sending them information on how to obtain these services in their communities.

There is the possibility that state agencies will need to further cut budgets for the FY17 budget by as much as 10%. If that happens, there will be a \$30 million dollar reduction on July 1. This will mean a much deeper cut in programs and services for those most in need.

Jeff Talent made a motion to approve the proposed cut. Second by Verna Foust. Approved by all, none opposed. Motion carries.

Concern was expressed by the board for those clients who are receiving infant mental health, and the impact this may have on them. Agencies are encouraged to keep this decision in mind when approached by those clients, and transition them as soon as possible into their services. Ms. Slatton-Hodges requested that Mr. Reynolds research the 0-3 population that is engaged in these services.

Some of the other cuts that DMH will make are the Systems of Care (SOC) will not expand Strengthening Families and Celebrating Families to their original proposal of 10 additional sites. State operated facilities have a hiring freeze in place. This may diminish capacity. Some savings has come because of the percentage of SED children moving into the Health Home program.

Meeting Adjourn: 10:37