**National Council for Behavioral Health**

Association Executives Teleconference Summary Notes

Tuesday, March 30, 2021

2:00 – 3:00 p.m. ET

**Participants**: Melanie Brown-Woofter, Jason Cain, Blanca Campos, Gian-Carl Casa, Danette Castle, Nadia Chait, Tom Chard, Lauri Cole, John Coppola, Frank Cornelia, Mark Drennan, Candy Espino, Josh Evans, Doyle Forrestal, Robyn Garrett, Linda Grant, Lauren Grimes, Shannon Hall, Jessie Hambrick, Lisa Henick, Heather Jefferis, Lee Johnson, Kyle Kessler, Robb Layne, Mark Levota, Holly McCorkle, Maggie McCowen, Michelle Ponce, Mary-Linden Salter, Flora Schmidt, Malory Shaughnessy, Andrea Smyth, John Tassoni, Jr, Julie Tessler, Cameron Vickers, Ellyn Wilbur, and Mary Windecker.

**Staff in Attendance**: Chuck Ingoglia, Brett Beckerson, Frankie Berger, Neal Comstock*,* Rebecca Farley David,Stephanie Katz,Connor McKay,Joe Parks, MD,Michael Petruzzelli*,* andReyna Taylor.

**Summary Notes:**

COVID-19 Policy Related Efforts

Reyna Taylor

Reyna started by describing a member webinar on April 1: "Proposed Changes to the HIPAA Privacy Rule: Expected Impact on Patients and Covered Entities" with Dianne Pledgie of Feldesman Tucker Leifer Fidell LLP.

Stephanie Katz then discussed how the PPP (Paycheck Protection Program) Extension Act of 2021 was passed by the Senate late last week and will be signed into law by President Biden soon. She stated that this legislation will extend PPP deadlines to May 31 for first and second draw loans.

Rebecca Farley David stated that there was an announcement from the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA) which said that there will be CCBHC Training and Technical Assistance Center grant opportunities coming soon.

Frankie Berger said that Association Executives have been sent an email on 988 in which there are questions on the status of 988 implementation in states. She said that Association Executives also could schedule time with her to discuss 988 implementation in their state.

Vaccine Questions and Answers

Joe Parks, MD

Dr. Joe Parks presented on the latest developments related to COVID-19 vaccines and vaccinations. Attached please find Dr. Parks’ presentation.

**Next Association Executives Teleconference**

The next Association Executives meeting will be on Tuesday, April 6, 2021 from 2-3:00 p.m. ET.