National Council for Behavioral Health

Association Executives Teleconference Summary Notes

Tuesday, June 9, 2020

2:00 – 3:00 p.m. ET

Participants: Matt Brooks, Melanie Brown-Woofter, Gian-Carl Casa, Danette Castle, Nadia Chair, Shelly Chandler, Tom Chard, Ann Christian, Le Ondra Clark Harvey, Lauri Cole, Thomas Cook, Paul Curtis, Lori Doyle, Mark Drennan, Annette Dubas, Mark Fontaine, Doyle Forrestal, Eric Foster, Amanda Gilman, Lauren Grimes, Shannon Hall, Kimberly Higgs, Heather Jefferis, Lee Johnson, Maryam Kiefer, Mark Levota, Marvin Lindsey, Brett McGinty, Pete Nielsen, Jin Palen, Michelle Ponce, Cherryl Ramirez, Mary-Linden Salter, Malory Shaughnessy, Adrienne Shelton, Andrea Smyth, Chris Stoner-Mertz, John Tassoni, Jr, Kerran Vigroux, Ellyn Wilbur, and Mary Windecker.

Staff in Attendance: Chuck Ingoglia, Jeannie Campbell, Brett Beckerson, Frankie Berger, Neal Comstock, Rebecca Farley David, Sara Haywood, Stephanie Katz, Diane Millard, Joel Nepomuceno, Michael Petruzzelli, Sarah Surgenor, Mohini Venkatesh, Reyna Taylor.

**Summary Notes:**

**Federal Legislative Update**

Presented by Chuck Ingoglia

Chuck stated that CMS is making $15 billion available for Medicaid providers, however, providers must have not received relief funds previously. He said that this is both good news and bad news as many behavioral health organizations have previously received a small payment and this will make them ineligible to receive further resources from this pool of funds. Chuck explained that all eligible organizations must go to the CMS portal to request funding. He also said that there is a sense of urgency apply through the portal as the list of eligible organizations is very large. Chuck also stated that we are advocating for more money in the next round of funding.

Chuck asked members to fill out the financial survey. Currently we have roughly 200 organizations who have filled out the survey. He said that in order to properly convey the dire financial situation our members face, we need to have at least 800 respondents.

**Announcements**

Presented by Michael Petruzelli and Jeannie Campbell

Michael shared that we have more than 2,000 registered for Hill Day at Home, with 29 partner organizations. He also shared that agendas will be finalized this week and we will get talking points to members this week. Michael shared that the legislative landscape is an ever-changing.

Jeannie shared that after the virtual conferences webinar we had last week, we are planning on doing more conference planning best practice webinars for our Association Executives. Topics being considered include building budgets, virtual fundraising, and selection of virtual platforms.

**Next Association Executives Teleconference**

June 16, 2020, 1:30 – 3:30 pm ET