**National Council for Behavioral Health**

Association Executives Teleconference Summary Notes

Tuesday, January 12, 2020

2:00 – 3:00 p.m. ET

**Participants**:

Laura Aldinger, Matt Brooks, Melanie Brown-Woofter, Gian-Carl Casa, Nadia Chait, Shelly Chandler, Tom Chard, Lauri Cole, John Coppola, Mark Drennan, Richard Edley, Candy Espino, Linda Grant, Jesse Hambrick, Kelly Hansen, Lisa Henick, Kimberly Higgs, Heather Jefferis, Julia Jernigan, Kyle Kessler, Robb Layne, Mark Levota, Mary Linden-Salter, Holly McCorkle, Brent McGinty, Carolyn Petrak, Michelle Ponce, Flora Schmidt, Malory Shaughnessy, Adrienne Shilton, Andrea Smyth, John Tassoni, Jr., Ellyn Wilbur, Stephen Wilder, Mary Windecker, and Alex Wolff.

**Staff in Attendance**:

Chuck Ingoglia, Brett Beckerson, Frankie Berger, Neal Comstock, Joel Nepomuceno, Rebecca Farley David, Conner McKay, Joel Nepomuceno, Michael Petruzzelli, Sarah Surgenor, and Mohini Venkatesh.

**Summary Notes:**

COVID-19 Policy Related Efforts to Support Members
Reyna Taylor and Frankie Berger

Unified Vision for the Future of Mental Health, Addiction, and Well-Being in the United States

Chuck Ingoglia and Reyna Taylor

Chuck gave an overview of our efforts, in collaboration with 13 other mental health organizations that focus on mental health and substance abuse, on a collective vision of the future of mental health. Chuck said that the 13 organizations we have partnered with include the National Alliance for Mental Illness, the American Psychiatric Association, and the American Psychological Association. Chuck said that they have put together a document to focus on equity, early intervention, crisis response, and comprehensive services. Reyna added that one of the main goals of the created document is to ensure that our vision of mental health and substance abuse will stay at the forefront of what we see the future as.

SBA Form 3510

Stephanie Katz

Stephanie shared that organizations that received PPP loans in excess of $2 million will be required to submit an SBA Form 3510. She said that the National Council, together with outside counsel has put together a document that includes SBA Form 3510 background, addresses concerns that have arisen, and recommendations. She emphasized organizations should consult with their own legal team before taking next steps.

Reimbursement Rates

Frankie Berger and Dr. Joe Parks

Frankie shared that Congress took action in late December to increase Medicare physician fee schedule payments and readjusted the conversion factor to a level lower than last year, but higher than the one offered by CMS in early December. Dr. Parks explaned about how rates are determined based on several factors, including the Medicare conversion factor and relative value units associated with the cost of providing healthcare services.

Opioid Settlement Discussion

Reyna Taylor

Reyna let Association Executives know that we plan on having an expert join an upcoming meeting to discuss the opioid settlement.

Financial Viability Pulse Check

Reyna Taylor

Reyna asked for feedback from the Association Executives regarding what they have heard from their members about how they are doing financially. Association Executives shared that their members are in financial trouble. Feedback included:

* Members struggling and filing for Chapter 11.
* Providers only having only a few months left in financial reserves.
* Members making significant cuts to staff and services.
* Concerns regarding association members renewing.
* Members concerned about not being able to meet payroll.

Reyna said that this feedback helps guide our legislative priorities.

**Next Association Executives Teleconference**

The next Association Executive meeting will be on Tuesday, January 19, 2021 2-3:00 p.m. ET.