National Council for Behavioral Health

Association Executives Teleconference Summary Notes

Tuesday, September 15, 2020

2:00 – 3:00 p.m. ET

**Participants**: Laura Aldinger, Melanie Brown-Woofter, Blanca Campos, Gian-Carl Casa, Lauri Cole, John Coppola, Terry Dosch, Lori Doyle, Mark Drennan, Annette Dubas, Candy Espino, Josh Evans, Doyle Forrestal, Robyn Garrett, Linda Grant, Jesse Hambrick, Lisa Henick, Kimberley Higgs, Heather Jefferis, Lee Johnson, Kyle Kessler, Misty Leitsch, Brent McGinty, Jin Palen, Malory Shaughnessy, Flora Schmidt, Adrienne Shilton, Chris Stoner-Mertz, John Tassoni, Jr., and Ellyn Wilbur.

**Staff in Attendance**: Dr. Joe Parks, Frankie Berger, Neal Comstock, Sara Haywood, Stephanie Katz, Brett Beckerson, Joel Nepomuceno

**Summary Notes:**

**Federal Legislative Update**

Frankie Berger and Stephanie Katz

Frankie Berger stated while the deadline for applying for provider relief funds has passed, providers who applied before the deadline will still be eligible to receive funds even if their Taxpayer Identification Number has not yet been not approved.

Stephanie Katz discussed how CMS has withdrawn the proposed Medical Fiscal Accountability Rule for the time being.

**COVID Update**

Dr. Joe Parks

Dr. Joe Parks provided a medical overview of COVID-19, treatments, and vaccines. Specifically, he discussed:

* Risk of transmission
* Testing rates
* Reliability of testing results
* Prolonged illness as a result of COVID-19
* Range of severity of those that have had COVID-19
* The pandemic’s impact on mental health
* Progress of vaccines

**Announcements**

Neal Comstock

Neal Comstock said that Paul Curtis is no longer with the California Council of Community Behavioral Health Agencies (CCCBHA) and therefore, there is an opening on the National Council Board for the position of 100% State Association Representative to the Board. He stated we will have a nomination and voting process over the course of the next few weeks which will be open to any Association Executive from a 100% association member of the National Council.

Neal also shared information on two upcoming meetings:

* Public Policy Meeting, Thursday, October 22nd, 2-4 PM ET.
* Association Executives Fall Meeting, Tuesday October 27th, 2-4 PM ET

**Next Association Executives Teleconference**

September 22, 2020, 2:00 PM ET