National Council for Behavioral Health

Association Executives Teleconference Summary Notes

Tuesday, November 3, 2020

2:00 – 3:00 p.m. ET

**Participants**: Melanie Brown-Woofter, Gian-Carl Casa, Danette Castle, Nadia Chait, Ann Christian, Lauri Cole, Terri Dosch, Annette Dubas, Doyle Forrestal, Robyn Garrett, Shannon Hall, Jesse Hambrick, Heather Jefferis, Kyle Kessler, Maryam Kiefer, Mark Levota, Mary Linden-Salter, Holly McCorkle, Brent McGinty, Jinny Palen, Michelle Ponce, Flora Schmidt, Malory Shaughnessy, Adrienne Shilton, Chris Stoner-Mertz, Andrea Summerville, Julie Tessler, Debra Wentz, Ellyn Wilbur, and Mary Windecker.

**Staff in Attendance**: Chuck Ingoglia, Jeannie Campbell, Brett Beckerson, Frankie Berger, Neal Comstock, Becca Farley-David, Sara Haywood, Tom Hill, Connor McKay, Joel Nepomuceno, Joe Parks, Michael Petruzelli, Sara Surgenor, and Mohini Venkatesh.

**Summary Notes:**

**COVID-19 Policy Related Efforts to Support Members**

Reyna Taylor, Chuck Ingoglia, Frankie Berger, Stephanie Katz,

Reyna stated that the National Council plans on holding additional Office Hours on the Phase 3 funding portal. She stated that only a small amount of eligible behavioral health providers have applied for funding and the National Council is holding/held Office Hours to better understand why behavioral health treatment organizations are not applying for funding. Frankie stated that the Office Hours already held had roughly 60 attendees for the first two and 91 attendees for the third. Reyna stated that when only a small number of behavioral health providers apply for funding, this sends the message that our sector does not need additional funding, thus it is very important that more providers apply for funding and if not, the National Council needs to understand the reluctance.

**Announcements** -

COVID-19 Relief Fund

Mohini Venkatesh

Mohini provided an overview of the National Council’s COVID-19 Relief Fund, which has raised about $500,000. She stated all the monetary funds goes directly to providers, up to $1000 per provider and there are no requirements on how the money can be used. She stated that behavioral health organizations only need to meet two eligibility requirements—one is that they are a member of the National Council and the second is that they are a non-profit. Mohini said that there are funds still available, and she encouraged Association Executives to encourage their members to apply. She said that members who have accessed the funds have used the money to purchase cleaning supplies, transportation costs, and for staff recognition.

Wellbeing Wednesdays

Connor McKay

Conor gave an overview of “Wellbeing Wednesdays”—a recurring webinar series beginning on November 18th. The sessions will cover topics such as potential trends in health care after the pandemic, and the impact on behavioral health of the outcome of the elections. He stated that we will soon send out a registration link. He also stated that the November 18th session will feature guests from *Politico* and *Morning Consult*.

**ATLAS Program**

Leah Kaufman, Assistant Director of State Engagement, National Treatment Quality Initiatives, Shatterproof

Leah presented on ShatterProof’s Addiction Treatment Locator, Assessment and Standards Platform (ATLAS) and gave an overview of its website and app. She also provided an overview of ShatterProof’s advocacy priorities, including combatting stigma, supporting and educating communities, and transforming addiction treatment. Lastly, Leah discussed ATLAS’ goals, principles of care, data sources, and the results of its implementation in six states.

**Next Association Executives Teleconference**

Tuesday, November 10, 2020 2-3:00 p.m. ET