**National Council for Behavioral Health**

Association Executives Teleconference Summary Notes

Tuesday, August 17, 2021

2:00 – 3:00 p.m. ET

**Participants**: Alison Avery, Le Ondra Clark Harvey, Rick Crawley, Jud DeLoss, Terry Dosch, Annette Dubas, Rebecca Dwyer, Doyle Forrestal, Robyn Garrett, Max Geide, Moses Gur, Shannon Hall, Jesse Hambrick, Cecily Hendricks, Lisa Henick, Rusti Holwick, Katie Horstman, Kimberley Janoe, Laura Jean, Claire Kozik, Teresa Lampl, Robb Layne, Joel Landreneau, Misty Leitsch, Carrie Ligon, Holly McCorkle, Maggie McCowen, Jennifer McCollum, Brent McGinty, June Noto, Carolyn Petrak, Michelle Ponce, Cherryl Ramirez, Heather Richardson, Flora Schmidt, Adrienne Shilton, Megan Socha, Andrea Smyth, Kay Swietek, John Tassoni, Jr., Julie Tessler, Ashley Webb, Ellyn Wilbur, and Mary Windecker.

**Staff in Attendance**: Chuck Ingoglia, Jeanie Campbell, Reyna Taylor, Brett Beckerson, Neal Comstock, Rebecca Farley David, Sara Haywood, Stephanie Katz, Connor McKay, Joel Nepomuceno, Joe Parks, Michael Petruzzelli, Sara Surgenor and Reyna Taylor.

**Guest Speaker**: Jeff Tenenbaum, The Tenenbaum Group

**Summary Notes:**

COVID-19 Policy Related Efforts

Reyna Taylor

Reyna provided an overview of the latest developments in the Senate Budget Resolution package that will go toward Reconciliation in the fall. She stated the memo from Senate Democrats regarding the Resolution includes provisions such as: expanding home and community-based services, Medicare benefits, racial justice, education, and workforce issues. Reyna stated the language included in the memo was vague and that this the broad language allows for possible inclusion of the Medicaid Reentry Act and CCBHC expansion. She also stated that the Senate and House resolutions most likely would be different and if so, the House and Senate would then have to come to an agreement that does not violate the Byrd Rule.

She also discussed the extension of the employee retention bonuses, information on which was posted on Engage. Chuck summarized the employee retention bonus as a tax credit that organizations could use to offset losses from COVID-19 for retaining staff through the pandemic.

Conferences and Vaccinations

Jeannie Campbell and Jeff Tenenbaum, Managing Partner of Tenenbaum Group

Jeff provided a presentation on what associations need to consider when returning to having in-person meetings that included:

* Considering state, city or locate mandates that exist in your meeting location with regards to capacity restrictions and mask mandates;
* Requesting proof of vaccination before participating in in-person conferences;
* Attrition penalties due to reduced in-person attendance; and
* Following health and safety protocols to minimize risk of liability for associations if an attendee is exposed to the coronavirus.

**Next Association Executives Teleconference**

The next Association Executives meeting will be on Tuesday, September 21, 2021, from 2:00-3:00 p.m. ET.