**National Council for Mental Wellbeing**

Association Executives Teleconference Summary Notes

Tuesday, March 15, 2022

2:00 – 3:00 p.m. ET

**Participants**: Laura Aldinger, Rick Brown, Melanie-Brown Woofter, Blanca Campos, Gian-Carl Casa, Danette Castle, Nadia Chait, Le Ondra Clark Harvey, Lauri Cole, Lydia Conley, John Coppola, Terry Dosch, Annette Dubas, Candy Espino, Josh Evans, Mark Fontaine, Doyle Forrestal, Zoe Frantz, Robyn Garrett, Jesse Hambrick, Heather Jefferis, Kyle Kessler, Mollie Laird, Teresa Lampl, Robb Layne, Mark Levota, John Magnusson, Maggie McCowen, Jennifer McColllum, Brent McGinty, Jin Palen, Carolyn Petrak, Michelle Ponce, Flora Schmidt, Malory Shaughnessy, Deb Stidham, and Debra Wentz.

**Staff in Attendance**: Chuck Ingoglia, Jeannie Campbell, Hicham Bakhit, Brett Beckerson, Neal Comstock, Rebecca Farley David, Stephanie Katz, Mason Lee, Joel Nepomuceno, Keisha Pitts, Aaron Polacek, Jessica Robins, Sarah Surgenor, Reyna Taylor, Mohini Venkatesh, Natalie Weiner, and Monika Witt.

**Summary Notes:**

Federal Policy Updates  
Reyna Taylor and Stephanie Katz

Stephanie discussed the Omnibus spending bill, which Congress passed, and which included $1.5T in spending through September 30, 2022. She highlighted:

* $6.5 billion in funding for HHS’ Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA), an increase of $530 million from FY2021;
* The Mental Health Block Grant has an increase of $100 million;
* $315 million will go toward CCBHCs -
  + 116 CCBHC’s are set to lose funding in April and the National Council is trying to secure gap funding. Stephanie also discussed that SAMHSA will be providing up to $250,000 in supplemental funds to those CCBHCs with less than $100,000 remaining in funding.

Stephanie also shared that SAMHSA is expected to issue a new CCBHC funding opportunity shortly and the National Council is expecting a competitive grant cycle.

Association Executives Diversity Survey

Jeannie Campbell

Jeannie briefly discussed a survey to help the National Council understand the baseline of diversity among the top executives of our members. Jeannie mentioned the survey will go out on Wednesday, March 16th.

Membership Dues

Neal Comstock

Neal discussed how members who have not paid their dues or are part of 100% associations that have not yet paid will be terminated and individuals within those members who have not paid will not be eligible to run for National Council Board positions.

NatCon22

Jeannie Campbell and Keisha Pitts

Jeannie stated 3,600 individuals have registered for NatCon22. She described how there would be at least 3 events for Association Executives including: the VIP Reception on Sunday night, a luncheon on Monday, and an Association Executive dinner on Tuesday at Redstone American Grill. Keisha included in the chat box a registration link for the Association Executive events.

**Next Association Executives meeting**

The next Association Executives meeting will be on Tuesday, May 17, 2022, from 2:00-3:00 p.m. ET.