National Council for Behavioral Health

Association Executives Teleconference Summary Notes

Tuesday, August 18, 2020

2:00 – 3:00 p.m. ET

Participants: Jeremy Blair, Matt Brooks, Melanie Brown-Woofter, Gian-Carl Casa, Danette Castle, Shelly Chandler, Le Ondra Clark Harvey, Lauri Cole, Phaedre Cole, Paul Curtis, Terry Dosch, Lori Doyle, Mark Drennan, Annette Dubas, Richard Edley, Candy Espino, Mark Fontaine, Doyle Forrestal, Robyn Garrett, Lauren Grimes, Kelly Hansen, Lee Johnson, Kyle Kessler, Maryam Kiefer, Mark Levota, Marvin Lindsay, John Magnusson, Brett McGinty, Pete Nielsen, Jin Palen, Carolyn Petrak, Michelle Ponce, Mary-Linden Salter, Flora Schmidt, Steve Shannon, Malory Shaughnessy, Adrienne Shilton, Andrea Smyth, Andrea Summerville, John Tassoni, Jr., Debra Wentz, Ellyn Wilbur, and Mary Windecker.

Staff in Attendance: Brett Beckerson, Frankie Berger, Neal Comstock, Christopher Coughlin, Rebecca Farley David, Stephanie Katz, Diane Millard, Joel Nepomuceno, Michael Petruzzelli.

**Summary Notes:**

**Federal Legislative Update**

Presented by Frankie Berger

Frankie said that there has been a decline in the number of questions being asked by members about the funding portals.

She also inquired about Association Executives’ comfort with and understanding of new combined provider relief fund portal. Frankie encouraged Association Executives to continue to encourage members to apply for funds. Some states shared that some providers are hesitant to apply for additional funds as they are concerned about auditing. Stephanie Katz emphasized that the requirements are not fluid, and that if the funds are used for its approved purposes highlighted in the FAQ’s, there should be no issue.

**Announcements**

Behavioral Health Commissions Summit - Brett Beckerson described the Behavioral Health Commissions Summit taking place on September 10th. He stated this is strictly open to state behavioral health commissioners and will serve as a peer-to-peer platform for discussion. Detailed notes will be taken and shared with the Association Executives.

Member Survey - Neal Comstock asked Association Executives to encourage members to fill out the latest National Council member survey, the results of which will help us in our advocacy on Capitol Hill.

Future of Virtual Conferences meeting - Neal also reminded Association Executives of the meetings on Wednesday, August 19th, and Wednesday, August 26th at 2:00 pm ET, on the Future of Virtual Conferences.

**Next Association Executives Teleconference**

August 25, 2020, 2:00 PM ET