National Council for Behavioral Health

Association Executives Teleconference Summary Notes

Tuesday, June 30, 2020

2:00 – 3:00 p.m. ET

Participants: Mary Abrams, Laura Aldinger, Bianca Blaikner, Jeremy Blair, Matt Brooks, Melanie Brown-Woofter, Shelly Chandler, Tom Chard, Ann Christian, Lauri Cole, Lydia Conley, Paul Curtis, Terry Dosch, Lori Doyle, Mark Drennan, Annette Dubas, Josh Evans, Doyle Forrestal, Eric Foster, Robyn Garrett, Lauren Grimes, Kelly Hansen, Kimberly Higgs, Heather Jefferis, Julia Jernigan, Lee Johnson, Kyle Kessler, Maryam Kiefer, Mark Levota, Marvin Lindsey, John Magnuson, Jin Palen, Carolyn Petrak, Sarah Potter, Flora Schmidt, Malory Shaughnessy, Adrienne Shelton, Andrea Smyth, Chris Stoner-Mertz, John Tassoni, Jr, Julie Tessler, Ellyn Wilbur, and Mary Windecker.

Staff in Attendance: Chuck Ingoglia, Jeannie Campbell, Brett Beckerson, Frankie Berger, Neal Comstock, Rebecca Farley David, Sara Haywood, Stephanie Katz, Diane Millard, Joel Nepomuceno, Michael Petruzzelli, Sarah Surgenor, Reyna Taylor.

**Summary Notes:**

**Federal Legislative Update**

Presented by Reyna Taylor

Reyna discussed the success of Hill Day at Home and the engagement of attendees, including:

* 3,100 registered with 1,700 being the highest number of attendees on simultaneously
* 2,819 people took action by sending 8,965 letters to 487 members of congress

Reyna also discussed the House Energy and Commerce Committee Health Subcommittee hearing taking place later in the day that includes witnesses: Patrick Kennedy, Arthur Evans, PhD (American Psychological Association), Jeffrey Gellar, MD (American Psychiatric Association), and Arriana Gross (Sandy Hook Promise). Among the topics of discussion will include why we need the $38.5 billion in relief funds for behavioral health providers.

Lastly, Reyna discussed a call Chuck Ingoglia has scheduled with the Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) Deputy Secretary Eric Hargan later in the day to address the letter cosigned by the National Council and 27 other associations to discuss the confusion and mix-messages being received from the HHS office regarding applying for relief funding.

**Announcements**

Presented by Jeannie Campbell

Jeannie recognized Lee Johnson as a new National Council Board member, representing Region 6 and replacing Danette Castle. Jeannie also gave an overview of NatCon at Home on July 15th. Jeannie informed the group that 5,400 have registered already and the National Council is hard at work building the curriculum and fleshing out the agenda. Lastly, Jeannie discussed our new personal protection equipment (PPE) vendor, Panacea Life.

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July 7, 2020, 2:00 PM ET