**National Council for Behavioral Health**

Association Executives Teleconference Summary Notes

Tuesday, December 15, 2020

2:00 – 3:00 p.m. ET

**Participants**:

Laura Aldinger, Matt Brooks, Melanie Brown-Woofter, Blanca Campos, Gian-Carl Casa, Danette Castle, Shelly Chandler, Ann Christian, Jennifer Christian, Le Ondra Clark Harvey, Lauri Cole, Lori Doyle, Mark Drennan, Annette Dubas, Richard Edley, Shannon Hall, Kimberley Higgs, Heather Jefferis, Teresa Lampl, Richard LeClerc, Mark Levota, Mary Linden Salter, Holly McCorkle, Brent McGinty, Jin Palen, Michelle Ponce, Sarah Potter, Flora Schmidt, Andrea Smyth, John Tassoni, Jr., Julie Tessler, Debra Wentz, Stephen Wilder, and Mary Windecker.

**Staff in Attendance**:

Chuck Ingoglia, Jeannie Campbell, Frankie Berger, Neal Comstock, Rebecca Farley David, Sara Haywood, Stephanie Katz, Joel Nepomuceno, Conner McKay, Sara Surgenor, and Mohini Venkatesh.

**Summary Notes:**

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

Reyna Taylor and Chuck Ingoglia

Reyna and Chuck shared their appreciation for Association Executives for helping each other through this challenging year.

Reyna provided an overview of the negotiations additional COVID relief. She said that the current plan is for the legislation to be split into two parts: “controversial and non-controversial (all others). She said the bipartisan proposal includes many things the behavioral health field is interested in such as liability protections and increased unemployment insurance. The proposal also includes:

* $3.15 billion for SAMHSA
* $1.3 billion for state opioid response
* And $150 million for CCBHC’s.

The proposal also includes a telehealth flexibilities extension through December 2021.

**Announcements**

Association Executives Survey

Jeannie Campbell

Jeannie reminded Association Executives the Association Executives Survey is due back by this Friday, December 18th. She said the National Council will spend the remainder of the year capturing and analyzing the data. Jeannie stated we will share the results in a future Association Executives meeting.

**Next Association Executives Teleconference**

Note: We will take a break from the weekly meetings for the holidays. The next Association Executive call will be on Tuesday, January 5, 2021 2-3:00 p.m. ET.