



## ELEVATE ADVISORY BOARD COMMITTEE MINUTES

Date: September 23, 2021

Time: 4:00 PM TO 5:00 PM

Attendance: Bob Lincoln, Sanela Sinanovic, Thomas Kullen, Greg Karbacka, Chiquita Loveless, Eric Alberts, Brooke Hollahan

### **Update on Elevate CCBHC:**

Sanela Sinanovic provided a monthly report and indicated that Elevate has served 78 new clients since August, 2021. Elevate has been very active in the community participating in different events with other community partners. The organization has also been working more closely with Hawkeye Community College and University of Northern Iowa bringing awareness to mental health as well as promoting services provided at Elevate.

Sanela Sinanovic and Bob Lincoln stated the organization has submitted couple of grant proposals and will receive answers by the end of December, 2021.

Elevate will be adding more diversity to the clinic and is currently in the process of hiring a full-time Outpatient Therapist. Elevates Employee Policy and Employee Handbook has been updated and will be reviewed by the board in the next meeting.

### **Health Services Department:**

Eric Alberts, Director of Health Services Department expressed that Elevate has hired a new Nurse Practitioner who has already started seeing clients via telehealth. The Nurse Practitioner provides treatment for all clients from five (5) years of age and up. GeneSight Testing is now available at Elevate as well.

Health Services Department is currently in the process of improving their Electronic Health Records (EHR) and more trainings will be provided to staff in the near future.

Alberts noted Elevate sees a lot of Substance Abuse and Schizophrenic clients. Elevate recognizes the barrier in community resources and is working diligently with other community partners to meet the needs of all clients.

### **Future Meetings and Committee Size:**

The Board will meet again on October 28, 2021 at 4:00 PM. Elevate will be expanding the committee size and is in the process of recruiting up to three new members.

