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- X – The requirements herein apply only to the GCBH Central Office and its functions.
 - The requirements herein apply, verbatim, to GCBH and its network providers².
 - The requirements herein apply both to GCBH and its network providers². Additionally, network providers must have internal documents outlining their processes for implementing the requirements, insofar as they relate to actions for which network providers are responsible.
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PURPOSE: To define the code of professional conduct for the GCBH Board of Directors.

DEFINITIONS

I. None

POLICY

- A. The Greater Columbia Behavioral Health (GCBH) Board of Directors, as stewards of the public trust and innovators in the field of public managed care, recognize the importance of high ethical standards and professional conduct. The GCBH Board of Directors employs integrity, respect, charity, fairness and kindness in the process of governing GCBH, a multi-member government system serving people who are severely and persistently mentally ill.

PROCEDURE

1. **General Moral Principles** - Members of the GCBH Board of Directors conduct business that:
 - 1.1. is in the best interest of recipients of mental health services;
 - 1.2. is in the best interest of the GCBH region;
 - 1.3. complies with all relevant local, state and federal laws;
 - 1.4. is truthful, fair and without deception;
 - 1.5. does not discriminate;
 - 1.6. is respectful of others; and
 - 1.7. honors others.
2. **Professional Responsibilities** - Members of the GCBH Board of Directors:
 - 2.1. know and respect existing laws and regulations relevant to the management of a multi-member government mental health system;
 - 2.2. develop and adopt standards and policies to be used in the management of GCBH;
 - 2.3. hire and oversee the GCBH Administrative Coordinator;
 - 2.4. ensure the stakeholders voice is heard and considered prior to making policy decisions; and

2.5. improve public knowledge and perception of GCBH and the GCBH provider network.

3. **Leadership Responsibilities** - Members of the GCBH Board of Directors:

3.1. articulate the GCBH Vision, Mission and Statement of Principles;

3.2. make policy decisions that reflect the GCBH Vision, Mission and Statement of Principles;

3.3. articulate and support of GCBH standards and policies (speaking with one voice) to ensure the on-going development and maintenance of the GCBH system of care; and

3.4. conduct business in a professional manner that respects the rights and decisions of others, fosters cooperation and integration, respects diversity and is in the best interest of GCBH.

4. **Compliance with the Code of Professional Conduct** - Members of the GCBH Board of Directors:

4.1. uphold and promote the principles of this code; and

4.2. treat violations of this Code as inconsistent with representation of a GCBH Member Government of the GCBH Board of Directors.

APPROVAL

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