

REGION II
Behavioral Health Board

MONTHLY MEETING MINUTES

May 11, 2017, 1:30 PM

State Office Building – Third Floor Conference Room

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I. Roll Call, Welcome, and Introductions

Board Members

	Sara Bennett		Darrell Keim	X	Lisa Martin	X	Skye Taylor
	Eleanor Downey	X	Diane Kovach	X	Cynthia Nunez	X	Jenny Teigen
X	Beverly Fowler	X	Tom Lamar	X	Elizabeth Patzer	X	Bob Tippett
	Chris Goetz	X	Deborah Lind	X	Mike Ponozzo		<i>Vacant, Adult Corrections</i>
X	Shannen Hotchner	X	Darcy Lodge	X	Jim Rehder		<i>Joyce Broadsword</i>
	Dr. Jefferson	X	Joyce Lyons	x	Jennifer Shuffield		<i>Tom Stroschein</i>

Others In Attendance: Perri L and Carol M (Public Health), Mikie Raon (Parent – SED Child), Kristi Kuehfuss(NMPH/BH), Glenda Thomson (Adult Probation and Parole); Mike Smith (Adult Probation and Parole) Karen Kopf (Optum), Todd Hurt (SHN), Sharlisa Davis, Joan Agee (St. Joes).

II. **Approval of March BHB Minutes:**

Motion to Approve: Beverly

2nd: Skye T

Passed unanimously

III. **Financial Report (Carol and Perri):**

Carol Moehrle (Public Health) presented the financial report.

Motion to Approve: Skye Taylor

2nd: Darcy

Passed unanimously

IV. **Regional Empowerment Award (Joyce):** On behalf of the Regional Board and the Department of Health and Welfare, Division of Behavioral Health Joyce presented Beth Patzer with the Regional Empowerment Award for her work on the Rural Crisis Stabilization Project proposal. Beth thanks the Board and recognizes Joyce Lyons for her part in putting the proposal together as well.

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- V. **SHN Board Appointment:** Jim R reports that three BHB members volunteered to sit on SHN Board. The Executive Committee met and discussed and it was decided to appoint Jim to SHN Advisory Board. Jim asks Board for final approval

Motion to Approve: Jenny T

2nd: Mike P

Passed unanimously

- VI. **State Hospital North Update (Todd H):** Todd provides the Board with an overview of the services provided by SHN and the patients who are placed there for treatment. SHN is licensed for 60 beds and is staffed for 55 patients and runs an average census of about 55. It is a non-secure open community living facility for both male and female patients. 50-60% of patients treated at SHN are readmissions. 70-75% have co-occurring disorders (SUD/MH). Recent trends include an uptick in the number of patients needing memory care, DD patients, patients with Neuro-cognitive disorders and even patients needing medical care. He also describes the treatment process for patients who are placed at SHN on an 18-212 for restoration of competency.

He states the Division of Behavioral Health has noted the need for long-term care facilities for chronically mentally ill and reports Ross Edmunds, Division Administrator, has initiated the “Heart Homes” program that provides funding to supplement funding for chronically mentally ill patients who require additional care and treatment to maintain them safely within a long-term facility. Region 2 has facilities eligible for and accessing Heart Home funding. Beth P asks if there has been additional training for staff in Heart Home Facilities. Todd states he and regional leadership are talking about providing that level of training to facility staff.

Todd invited the Board to come to SHN to take tour. Todd reports to the Board, SHN continues to upgrade their facility so that patients do not feel they are getting a second rate patient experience.

Jim reports to Board, Todd will make quarterly reports to the Board. Jim also reports the legislature authorized psychologists to prescribe medications to patients at SHN and SHN is actively using telehealth to meet patient need for psychiatry.

Todd also reports Idaho continues to work on a secure facility for individuals who are dangerously mentally ill. They have negotiated with IDOC for 6 additional beds taking the total to secure beds in the state to 9.

Todd reports, within the next couple of years, SHS is moving their adolescent unit to the Treasure Valley. The State feels this is a good move since the majority of patients utilizing the facility are

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from the Treasure Valley. The state will then remodel the old adolescent unit for 20 beds for high acuity patients.

VII. RCSP Legislation Update (Tom L):

Tom L updates the Board. Tom put together a letter sent on April 20th to Ross Edmunds of DHW-BH Division requesting to be put on their budget for FY2019. He has not yet had opportunity to make a follow-up phone call with Ross. The packet including all support letters went with the letter. The goal is to get DHW-BH buy-in for our proposal early enough so it can be a discussion point for North Idaho Legislative Tour which is coming up this summer. Jim recommends we keep this item on the agenda.

VIII. Optum Quarterly Report (Aaron):

Karen K. reports Aaron is no longer with Optum. She will get the name of the new representative to the Board.

IX. Youth Mental Health First Aide Class Report (Mickey Radon):

Mickey reports she is parent of child with Serious Emotional Disturbance. She found out about the Youth Mental Health First Aide through the Board and attended the training provided by St. Joes. She discussed how helpful the training and handbook are. She did report she feels the MHFA does not do a great job of helping them know how to access professional help and also how to find information on disorders. She doesn't accept the response "rural communities just do not have enough mental health resources". She feels we need to be replicating successful programs. She suggests websites should not be the only way a parent can access information and the pathways to behavioral health treatment for children need to be made clearer. Jen Shuffield stated she would like to be on the agenda in the next couple of months to talk about the new YES Program. Board agrees.

X. Recovery Community Center Latah/Nez Perce Counties:

Latah Center – No report

NP Center – Darcy Lodge reports the Center is currently working on a Recovery project for inmates from Cottonwood and Orofino. She also reports the Recovery Center Breakfast Fundraiser is coming up – most tables are filled. The Center is moving to the 800 Block of Main Street where they will no longer have to share space so that will be good. The Recovery Center is interested in bringing Oxford Homes model of transitional housing to the LC Valley. She states they have secured start-up funding but need a stakeholder with a 4-6 bedroom house who is willing to allow them to rent so they can get it going. The first two homes will be for men (with one being in Orofino); the third will be a woman's home. The Governing Agent for the program would be Oxford Homes who comes and teaches the residents how to democratically run their homes. Beverly reports from her experience in Portland, Oxford

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Homes are for individuals who are established in their recovery, employed and have the means to pay for their housing. Darcy agrees.

XI. **BHPC /DHW Updates:** Jim reports BHPC and DHW updates are included in the Board packets furnished today. Encourages Board members to read.

XII. **BHB Sub-Committee Reports:**

CMH – Skye reports they will meet after today’s meeting. They need to develop new goals since DHW is taking over delivery of respite care.

Needs and Gaps – it is recommended the BHB include SHN in the N&G document.

ABH – Jenny reports the subcommittee contacted the LC Early Childhood Program about the Social Service Directory to request a digital version of the Regional Resource Directory so the subcommittee can add missing resources. Jim confirms the Directory is a wonderful resource and Jenny recommends we have them in to make presentation to Board. Board agrees.

Housing – Lisa reports there was no meeting this week. She further reports the Homeless Access to Recovery Grant is no longer available. There was a second City Council meeting regarding the proposed homeless shelter planned for North Lewiston. The City Council continues to review location for the Shelter as there are questions as to whether or not North Lewiston is the best place for it. The subcommittee would like the Behavioral Health Board to provide comment to the City Council about the importance of the Shelter.

Skye reports that 4 faith based shelters have recently closed in Moscow.

Tele-Health – Deborah L. reports the subcommittee had phone conference with DHW-BH Central Office regarding tele-health services. One barrier to access is counselors can’t receive payment from Optum for Telehealth services. There aren’t very many counselors with special certifications available in Region 2 and telehealth delivery of those services needs to be considered. Idaho Medicaid rule needs to be changed by the legislature to include coverage for telehealth counseling services.

Crisis Center – Joyce recommends we will want to have DHW-BH review the statute that governs crisis centers as it will need to be changed to reflect change in funding we’re proposing. She further reports she and Beth have a conference call with Region 3 to discuss our model tomorrow.

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Nominating – Chris G. has contacted all current officers and all have agreed to continue as executive committee (Jim - Chair, Tom L – Vice Chair, Beth P - Secretary, Beverly F, Jennifer S.). Officers will be elected at the June Board Meeting and nominations will be taken from the floor.

By-Laws – No Report

Legislative - Need to review updates to IDAPA that governs the organization and funding for Crisis Centers. Also need to review IDAPA that governs the practice of tele-psych services.

NOTES: Sharlisa Davis – is available after the BH Board meeting to answer questions about NAMI Idaho conference coming up on May 20th at UI campus. She already has 100 participants registered.

Kristi from Tribe reports there are some new people in office with the Tribe.

XIII. **Next BHB Meeting:** June 8, 2017

XIV. **Meeting adjourned at 3:00 pm.**

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