

REGION II  
*Behavioral Health Board*

**MONTHLY MEETING MINUTES**

**August 10, 2017, 1:30 PM**

State Office Building – Third Floor Conference Room

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I. Roll Call, Welcome, and Introductions

**Board Members**

X	Sara Bennett	X	Darrell Keim		Lisa Martin	X	Skye Taylor
X	Eleanor Downey	X	Diane Kovach		Cynthia Nunez	X	Jenny Teigen
	Beverly Fowler	X	Tom Lamar	X	Elizabeth Patzer		Bob Tippett
	Chris Goetz		Deborah Lind	X	Mike Ponozzo	X	Mike Smith
X	Shannen Hotchner		Darcy Lodge	X	Jim Rehder		Joyce Broadsword
	<i>Vacant, Physician or other Licensed Health Practitioner</i>	X	Joyce Lyons	X	Jennifer Shuffield		Tom Stroschein

**Others In Attendance:** Carol M. and Perri L (Public Health), Cindy O’Brian (A to Z Counseling); Dr. Kristy Kuehfuss (NMPH/BH), Laura Thayer; Dean Allen; Sharlisa Davis; Alice Weaver and Allan Heasley, LCECP, By Phone: Alayna Getman (Optum),

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

Motion to Approve with Minor Change: Mike Ponozzo, 2<sup>nd</sup>: Skye Taylor, Passed unanimously

III. **Financial Report (Carol/Perri/Board):** Carol references financial report in packet. Year closed out on track. Motion to Approve: Tom L., 2<sup>nd</sup>: Jennifer S., Passed unanimously

IV. **Tribal Representative to Board (Board):** Joyce reports BH statute does limit membership to 22 members. A tribal representative can apply for one of the open positions. We currently have an opening for a physician or a licensed health practitioner. Kristy K. is a PhD psychologist so will apply for membership. We will consider applications in September meeting.

V. **LC Early Childhood Program (Alice Weaver, Director, Allen Weasley):** Passed out folders for Board members. Alice reports they are the grantee to provide Headstart services to Latah, Clearwater, Idaho, Nez Perce, Lewis and Asotin counties. She reports they focus on providing parent support and parent training to families in their program. They work with DHW, DSHS, Physicians, MH Providers to help meet the needs of their families. Sometimes they have adolescents as young as 14 who

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are having children and enrolling in their program. They also connect them with resources in the community. Allen reports the Mental Health services their program offers include referral to community resources. He also maintains contracts with two mental health agencies in the area for reduced-priced services, they also have a small budget for crisis MH services. They have agreements with five MH professionals who perform classroom observations or consultation with Allen. Also, in addition to classroom observations they provide individual observation as requested. Additionally, they provide a post-natal depression assessment within 2 weeks post birth. These assessments can trigger a consultation if indicated. In the past year they have implemented new program performance standards. One of those standards involves a MH professional being more involved in each classroom observing children, meeting with parents, consulting with classroom teachers. Jim asks if they work with DHW and the Courts. Allen confirms their family advocates will do that work as needed. His role is that of a coordinator. They serve 467 children but because of turnover they often serve over 500. Five Idaho Counties and Asotin County, WA.

VI. **Jeff D/YES Updates (Jennifer Shuffield):** Jennifer sent out email today indicating that the presenter (Terri Rainey) is out ill today. Jennifer would like Terri present so would like to table presentation until September.

VII. **Legislation – RCSP (Tom):** Tom reports last week he reported to the D2 IAC meeting in Kendrick that Ross Edmunds has included R2's RCSP in the budget for this year and that we will be collecting new or updated letters of support for the project. He indicates the latest version of the packet he has was dated February 21<sup>st</sup>. Most commissioners at the meeting had signed letters of support but we'd like to get letters of support from Sheriff's, Mayors, and others. Tom L. will get the packet out to Board members so they can pass on for letters of support. The Governor has been out of office so we have a bit of time but should get those letters generated. Letters from hospitals may need to be refreshed especially St. Joes because of the change in ownership. Also it would be good to get a letter from the Idaho Hospital Association. Letters of support can go to Perri and she will update the packet. Joyce stated she will review and fine tune (updating data, etc). Tom and Joyce L will work on a deadline to get letters and revised packet back to Tom.

Eric reports that Pres. Trump just signed an Executive Order addressing the Opioid crisis. He also reports all three republican governor candidates were at a forum and all expressed favor for treatment over jail for opioid addiction.

VIII. **Optum Quarterly Report (Alayna Getman):** Alayna reports that Q2 is not quite done yet so would like to push their report to next month's meeting. Board agrees. Alayna will be at meeting next month. And states that Eric Westerlund, Associate Director of General Management will be here by phone.

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- IX. **Overdose Prevention Law (Darrell):** Darrell reports on the Georgia Medical Amnesty law for people seeking assistance when getting medical help in an Opioid overdose. We have a limited amnesty for minors who are involved in alcohol so Chrystal Campbell referred him to that law and stated, perhaps, that law could be used to model and Opioid overdose amnesty law.

Skye tells the Board she does not support that sort of amnesty because she feels the opportunity to catch a young person in a safety net of the law can deter them from future trouble.

The board had conversation about pros and cons of amnesty laws. Jim asks if there is an Opioid overdose problem in Idaho and stated we will need a problem statement with real information to determine whether or not this is an issue we need to address. Darrell recommends that we research the Georgia Medical Amnesty law and Idaho's Limited Alcohol for Minors Amnesty law.

- X. **Recovery Community Center Latah/Nez Perce Counties:**

Darrell provides the Board with the Latah Recovery Center Calendar. He states his numbers continue to remain steady. They are seeing approximately 500 individuals per month

Nez Perce: Eric reports that the RCC has a lack of volunteers who have the expertise to go out and get funding. Jenny T. reminds the Board to contact Darcy Lodge because she is still involved in the NPCRC.

- XI. **BHPC /DHW Updates:** (See update in packet) Access to Recovery Grant expires the end of September but Dean reports the funding was curtailed as of the end of April. There is nothing in the works to replace that funding. Opioid (IROC) Funding is in place – those funds have been distributed. Those funds will be available to serve approximately 225 individuals.

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

**CMH** – Skye reports not much going on. They are familiarizing their committee with the YES program. Have completed their Needs and Gaps paperwork and are focusing goals on the YES program.

**Needs and Gaps** – Eleanor reports the committees gave her their information. She took that information and incorporated it into the State's format. She provided the Board with a draft copy.

**ABH** – Darrell reports they are working on the Resource Guide – Jenny believes she will have the resource guide done by next meeting. They are also working on the Opioid Amnesty Law.

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**Housing** – report unavailable

**Tele-Health** – Dean states they are looking at a database of individual who are interested in telehealth opportunities for our Region so that as they get information they can get it out to those individuals. On a side note, Dean has a conversation lined up with the Idaho Mental Health Counselors Association and BPA to discuss possible tele-behavioral training.

**Crisis Center** – Joyce reports she received an email today including a video from Clearwater Valley and St. Mary's Cottonwood highlighting the Medical Home Model and use of tele-health. She also spent some time Monday talking with Kara Best (Gritman Administrator).

**Nominating** – Jim reports we have 5 positions that will be expiring in December (Skye, Shannen, Eleanor, Deborah, Diane). We will reopen the positions but the individuals who have been holding the position will have to reapply. We will start this process in October. Eleanor reports she has submitted her resignation to the college to retire so she might not reapply given her limited time to commit.

**By-Laws** – No Report

**Legislative** – Jim asks about the status of the SHIP Grant – Joyce reports the first round of clinics applied for funding. They are now in second round of applications for funding. Carol states she will bring the board a report next month.

**Notes:**

- August 16<sup>th</sup> the CHAS Clinic in Moscow is hosting an event from 4p – 6p.
- September 28<sup>th</sup> at Idaho Association of Counties there will be a Mental Health Summit open by invitation only.

XIII. **Next BHB Meeting:** September 14, 2017

XIV. **Meeting adjourned at 3:05 pm.**

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