

REGION II
Behavioral Health Board

MONTHLY MEETING AGENDA

June 11, 2020-- 1:30 PM

Public Health

Zoom Conference Meeting due to COVID-19 restrictions

website: www.riibhb.idahopublichealth.com

Zoom Conference Link: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85601123834?pwd=V2RYVzRUQXF4aXkvS1VQUEo1akx4dz09>

1. **Roll Call, Welcome, and Introductions**— Opened meeting at 1:35, Jim Rehde

Board Members

x	Sara Bennett	x	Sharlene Johnson		Tammy Lish-Watson	x	Jenny Teigen
		x	Darrell Keim	x	Lisa Martin	x	Pam Lopardo
x	Terema Carlin	x	Diane Kovach	x	Mike Ponzozzo		
	Megan Comstock	x	Shari Kuther	x	Jim Rehder	x	Dean Allen
x	Kathy Connerley	x	Kathie LaFortune		John Rusche	x	Todd Hurt
x	Beverly Fowler	x	Tom Lamar		Teresa Shackelford		
	Chris Goetz	x	Deborah Lind	x	Skye Taylor		

Others In Attendance: Tammy Everson, Mindy Oldenkamp, Stephanie Biedman, Karen Kopf, Tom Stroschein, Zlata Myr, Jennifer Griffis, Wendy Stoneberg, Carol Moehrle

2. **Approval of May BHB Minutes (Action Item)** – motion to approve by Sharlene Johnson , second by Lisa Martin. No discussion on the motion. Motion carries.
3. **Financial report—Carol/Perri** – Carol states that ending the month of May we are on target. Some unspent projects due to COVID. Three projects funded this year, the unspent money will stay with Health and Welfare. No questions from board members.
4. **Officer election—Mike (Action Item)** – Mike Ponzozzo opened the election for President, Vice President, Secretary. Proposed are the following Chair Jim Rehder, Vice Chair Tom Lamar, Secretary Sara Bennett, and at large, Beverly Fowler and Tammy Lish-Watson. Shari Kuther motioned to approve the proposed officers, Sharlene Johnson seconded the motion. Motion carries.
5. **Budget approval—Board/Carol (Action Item)** – Budget was sent to the board members for review. Carol reported there is a designated \$10,000 for board funded projects throughout the upcoming year. The board can allocate these funds. There are designated funds to Public Health to keep the board going. There were unspent funds from last year and Jim suggested a committee be formed to seek funding projects. Sharlene asked if this is unusual, and it was reported that it is unusual to have unspent funds, mostly likely COVID related. Kathie Lafortune recommended that we not form a new committee as this is not a usual situation. Jenny Teigen asked how much money is currently available. Carol reports \$1200 is available. Jenny Teigen will reach out to Michelle King to put in a proposal and that proposal can go

to the executive committee. The funds must be spent by June 19th. Jim asked for a motion to approve the budget. Sharlene motioned, Tom Lamar seconded. No discussion on the motion. Motion carries

6. **RCCN update—Carol** - Carol reviewed the quarterly report, which was sent to all board members. Public health was able to get credentialed with Optum so services can be billed. Carol discussed the benefits of the centers. The crisis centers are very busy especially this last quarter.
7. **Discussion on Board meetings (Zoom and face to face)—Board** - Discussion about the benefits of using Zoom in the future. Public Health cannot currently allow for social distancing in their board room. Shari Kuther discussed how much she appreciated joining from Zoom as she is able to avoid the travel time, as she is located in Cottonwood. She understands the benefit of being in the same room, as well. Lisa Martin discussed she finds it beneficial for those outside the area do not have to travel for the meeting. Lisa discussed the benefit of having the December meeting in person, as we have the legislature attend. Lisa discussed once or twice a year in person, December and June. Darrell Keim stated he also agrees with staying with Zoom is beneficial. He reports he would prefer to use Zoom over the phone teleconference system. Jenny Teigen agreed with keeping Zoom as long as the social distancing requirement remains. Board will continue to use zoom until further notice.
8. **Expansion of Medicaid Telemedicine request update—Jim** – Jim reported on the letter he wrote to Matt Wimmer, the Medicaid Administrator to allow certified drug and alcohol counselors, case managers, peer support specialists, recovery coaches and licensed master social workers to provide payable telehealth services. He discussed the response from Matt Wimmer. Jim will follow up in 1 month. Stephanie Beidman said thank you to the board for writing the letter.
9. **Recovery Community Center Latah/Nez Perce Counties – Board** - Darrell reported their center is returning to normal following COVID, currently at 50%. Darrell reports they center continues to be busy each day. Darrell hired an outreach position for college students, rural and veterans for the next year. He also reported he is currently hiring a Master’s level clinician to assist with those who utilize the crisis center. Darrell reports the crisis center continued to be a good resource. Darrell reported he will put together a proposal for the unspent BHB funds.

Tom Stroschein requested to updated about Recovery Idaho. He reported Darrell is currently the chair. Tom reported the centers are doing well, overall. Darrell reported Recovery Idaho continues to have a positive relationship with Health and Welfare and partners with funding through IROC. Recovery Idaho continues to seek new and positive relationship to build. Norma Jaeger is the Recovery Idaho Director.

10. **BHB Subcommittee Members, Reports and Board Discussion**

--**CMH** -Jim asked if someone from the board was willing to be the co-chair as Jennifer Schuffield resigned from the board. Jenny Teigen asked if it could be a non-board member, but the chair must be a board member. Deborah Lind reported the focus on the subcommittee will be younger children, as there is an explosion of difficulties with kids entering school. They did not meet recently and they will work to find someone help Megan in the chair position.

--**ABH** – Teresa and Tammy were unable to attend today. Shari Kuther reports they did not meet today. No update available. Last ABH meeting was in April.

--**Housing** - Lisa Martin reports their last meeting was May 11 and the will meet in July. The City of Lewiston is working with First Step 4 Life to get a block grant for case management. There is a church in Orofino to develop a place for housing. Community Action received funding for rental assistance.

--**Telehealth** - Dean reports the subcommittee has not met for the past 2 months. Part 2 of their training remains on hold, as Dean continues to try and find a venue. He has been in contact with the presenter and he is awaiting a venue. Dean discussed the overall increase in usage in telehealth throughout the state and our region. Dean discussed the federal guidelines that were altered from the

COVID pandemic. Deborah Lind reported telehealth delivery has been very positive with her work at CMH.

--**Prevention** - Sharlene reports their committee has not met and will not meet throughout the summer. She has about \$30,000 left over due to COVID and she is working to develop a plan to fund programs before September. She discussed the White Bison program she is working to fund with the tribe. She continues to work on the prevention website.

11. Public Input - Karen Kopf reported Optum Idaho is doing a Hello Idaho campaign and the materials are available online to businesses and partners. She reports there are posters, stickers and other engagement materials available. Lisa Martin requested Karen Kopf's number for mental health court questions from providers.

12. Next BHB Meeting – July 9, 2020

13. Meeting Adjourn - Meeting adjourned at 2:25pm