

REGION II
Behavioral Health Board

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MONTHLY MEETING MINUTES

March 12, 2020-- 1:30 PM

Public Health Building – First Floor Conference Room

Conference Phone Number: 208-748-0414; Conference Room Number: 7002#;

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I. Roll Call, Welcome, and Introductions

Board Members

x	Sara Bennett		Darrell Keim		Lisa Martin	x	Jenny Teigen
x	Lisa Bomley	x	Diane Kovach	x	Mike Ponozzo		Glenda Thomson
	Megan Comstock	x	Shari Kuther	x	Jim Rehder		
	Kathy Connerley		Kathie LaFortune		John Rusche	X	Dean Allen
x	Beverly Fowler	x	Tom Lamar		Teresa Shackelford	x	Todd Hurt
	Chris Goetz		Deborah Lind	X	Jennifer Shuffield		
x	Sharlene Johnson	x	Tammy Lish-Watson		Skye Taylor		

Others In Attendance: Tammy Everson, Joshua Gartrell, Cindy O'Brien;

By Phone: Sharlene Johnson, Shari Kuther, Jim Rehder, Jen Griffis

Vice Chair Tom Lamar chaired the meeting as Jim was not physically present at the mtg.

II. **Approval of January BHB Minutes:** Motion to Approve: Mike Ponozzo, 2nd: Jennifer Shuffield, Motion carried.

III. **Financial report—Carol/Perri**

Weighted blanket beads purchased and delivered. Payment for CIT made for February. Carol shared BHB meeting may be on telephone or video due potential coronavirus status.

IV. **ICADD scholarship applications open to apply for May conference—Board**

Jim shared the need to recruit applicants for scholarships. Would like applications in by March 27, 2020 with recommendation to Board for April meeting. Jenny can help on this.

V. **Strategic planning session—Chris**

Chris absent from meeting. Jim reported Chris is only person able to speak to this and will postpone to April agenda.

VI. **SHN and State Hospital funding plan--Todd**

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SHN fully staffed and running over 90% occupancy. Wait time is short and they are helping SHS with beds. Discharging difficulty due to community housing issues. 47 beds are moveable as others are waiting for appropriate discharge plan. Coronavirus is risk to SHN and they are taking necessary precautions. Working with regional programs to ensure sending hospitals are clearing patients of this virus. With Medicaid expansion, SHN will be pursuing Joint Commission status.

VII. **Needs & Gaps update—Sara**

Will need to re-do needs and gaps this year. Sarah will need this year's information by August Board mtg. Sarah will send to entire group and allow subcommittees to report.

VIII. **Opioid Use Disorder (OUD) Telehealth Hospital project—Shari**

UCLA is overseeing this study and Syringa is part of the grant package. Includes office and hospital settings in rural setting. Looking at patient outcomes, economic eval and barriers and facilitators to implanting telemedicine in opioid use. Patients will be screened and entered into a database which will generate assistance/support to those in need. Jim asked if this will grow the telehealth use in our region, unknown at this time.

IX. **Mental Health Advocate Award nomination--Board**

Nomination of Zoe Cooley by Jim Rehder and read by Tom Lamar. A decision needs to be made by April 10, 2020. Each region will have an awards ceremony. Nominations should be in to Jim by March 20, 2020.

X. **Legislative priorities discussion—Tom/Chris/Jim/Carol**

-Tom shared there are 4 potential Medicaid expansion funding bills. A draft of DRELB482 the House H&W committee considering. Propose State would stop State funding for Public Health and Counties would be responsible. This would cost counties \$9-10million dollars. Counties would not be required to maintain indigent funds.

-Proposed HB409 is supposed to freeze property taxes, could negatively affect cities and counties in Idaho. Senate stopped HB409A. They may also send to interim committee over summer.

-HB340A discussed by Jen Griffis: it was passed by Senate today, participants who signed to talk in opposition and only 7 people were given 2 minutes of time. Children at program would be able to miss education component which would violate compulsory attendance law and hold parents criminally responsible, not facility. Background checks required, but results do not limit interaction with adolescents. Bill allows co-mingling between adolescents and adults in the facility.

-Idaho Behavioral Health Council was established and details are unknown about this at this time.

XI. **Rural Crisis Center Network update--Carol**

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Syringa reported they have 5 patients who have been in crisis since H&W was not able to serve them after the Medicaid expansion. 2 patients have been sent to inpatient and the other 3 are in crisis. Board members shared Optum needs to be made aware of this need so they know the gaps which currently exist. Sarah provided quarterly report of Crisis Center. 70 unduplicated clients served. Average time spent in Crisis Center is 5 hours, further report can be accessed through Sarah Bennett.

XII. **Recovery Community Center Latah/Nez Perce Counties – Board**

Breakfast was well attended and raised more than \$40k for Latah County. Governor is interested in the sustainability model for recovery centers. Darrell has been in contact with Governor's office. Each center will get \$55+ this year. Success stories and statistics shared with the Board by Tammy. Iowa has contacted First Step 4 Life inquiring about starting recovery community centers.

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

Children's Mental Health – Will be meeting after today's meeting. In process of collecting information to collect community needs assessment.

Adult Behavioral Health – Still working on Medicaid Expansion. Moving to more robust crisis response/capacity. Trying to work more with local hospitals re: active treatment. In process of completing CITC program in each community. Hoping this will begin in April 2020.

Housing – Met on 3/9/20, UGM was possible option. Tammy has meeting with UGM on 3/16/20. First Step 4 Life would like to have more role in helping HML population locally. Sober Living House in Orofino is looking at possibly turning parish into sober living house. Plan is to model after Oxford House. Bed capacity is approximately 6. Population is targeted to males.

Tele-Health – First telehealth training in Moscow. 27 participants in attendance. Part 2 is next Friday, March 20, 2020. Part 1 is available on line. Part 1 is needed prior to attendance in Part 2. Still some Statewide issues with connection/Broadband.

Prevention – Strengthening Families Facilitator training upcoming in April. Spring Break Sticker Campaign going. Anti-meth campaign is looking at specific locations and will have resources available at those locations. MH screens going 1-4 per month. Prom pilot projects are in the works, only 3 schools are following through with it.

XIV. **Public Input:** Coronavirus will likely become a challenge to public meetings, stay tune for updated information coming from Governor's Office. Jim reported he was able to get all 7 state

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BH Board chairs scheduled for a meeting in conjunction with the BH State Planning Council on April 28 with SPC meeting on April 29.

- XV. **Next BHB Meeting:** April 9, 2020
- XVI. **Meeting adjourned at 2:40 pm.**

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