## REGION II Behavioral Health Board Housing Sub-Committee

## MONTHLY MEETING AGENDA

March 14, 2022—2:00 – 3:00PM

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Meeting ID: 969 7465 1844 Passcode: 452440

- Welcome, and Introductions: Shaun Hollis, Michelle King, Lisa Martin, Aleah Maxwell, Cynthia Nunez, Cara Snyder, Mike Wraith
- Motion made by Cynthia to pass January 2022 minutes; Shaun seconded the minutes.
- Update on Sober Living Grant Shaun Hollis
  The Sober Living grant is a 2 year grant. Hoping to get a house in Lewiston and with the grant funds, might be able to pay off the house.

Shaun reported that there may be a 2<sup>nd</sup> sober house opening in June in Orofino. First Step 4 Life manages the houses.

Cara asked if the new sober house in Orofino will be a female house as there is a need per Shaun. Shaun reported that there will be 2 houses in Orofino, 1 for males and 1 for females.

Shaun reported that there will be a new Oxford house coming to Lewiston. There were 6 houses authorized by Oxford in Idaho.

## Miscellaneous

Lisa asked if everyone was OK with remaining on Zoom for our meetings. Those in attendance were in agreement to keep the meetings on zoom so that more people could easily attend due to time and distance.

Shaun reported that there will be a 2<sup>nd</sup> distribution of BPA COVID funding for housing. There should be notification within the next month. For those interested, they need to apply now so that they can be put on a wait list.

Michelle reported that LC Valley adult and youth resource center has been pursuing a building downtown in order to expand.

Cynthia reported that the school Resource Workers have moved into their family center located at the old LHS campus. They've set up resources that include a food pantry and clothing center. Families can

help themselves to items and the works will also distribute items within the schools. An open house is scheduled for, 4/18 4p-7p. The food pantry will be partnering with the ID Food Bank and will be open Wed., 1p-6p.

Michelle reported that she has been working with housing developers. She attended a City Council meeting and on their strategic plan with partners listed. Ask the City Council what their timeline is? We need to light a fire and maybe thru the BHB.

Lewiston Community Strategic Plan, presented to the Lewiston City Council on February 7, 2022. The link: <a href="https://www.cityoflewiston.org/AgendaCenter/ViewFile/Agenda/">https://www.cityoflewiston.org/AgendaCenter/ViewFile/Agenda/</a> 02072022-799?packet=true

Cara reported that Laura Von Tersch may be a person to contact regarding the city being interested. Cara will make a call to Laura.

The Committee was wondering of Community Action might be involved in researching affordable housing for the area. Cara could email Barb Leachman and then forward information to Michelle.

Mike reminded the committee members that DHW Navigators might be able to assist with emergency housing.

Next meeting scheduled for Monday, May 9. 2022. This committee meets every other month.