

REGION II

Behavioral Health Board

MONTHLY MEETING AGENDA

April 11, 2024-- 1:30 PM

Lewiston State Offices
3rd Floor Conference Room
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Lewiston, ID 83501
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1. Roll Call, Welcome, and Introductions

	Don Beck	x	Theresa Graber-Gimmeson		Tammy Lish-Watson	x	Jenny Teigen
X	Sara Bennett		Shaun Hogan		Pam Lopardo		Laura Treat
	Megan Comstock	x	Sharlene Johnson	x	Lisa Martin		Ex-Officio
x	Beverly Fowler		Beverly Kloepfer		Shawn McDowell	x	<i>Theresa Shackelford</i>
	Vince Frazier	x	Shari Kuther	x	Michelle Mendenhall		<i>April Christenson</i>
x	Amber Hoodman	x	Tom Lamar		Summer Overberg		<i>Rep. Lori McCann</i>
	Chris Goetz		Kally McFee	x	Jim Rehder	x	<i>Astahna Adkins Holt</i>

Guests: Matthew Gamette, Sean Waldron, Karyn Kershaw, Mary Wright, Aimee Fisher, Kaylie Bednarczyk, Ross Edmonds, Stephanie Beidman, Wendy Norbom, Karen Kopf, Tammy Everson

3. Approval of March BHB Minutes (**Action Item**): Motion to approve by Tom Lamar. Seconded by Lisa Martin. No discussion on the motion. Motion passed.
4. BH and Legislative update and children’s psychiatric treatment—Ross Edmunds: Ross discussed the youth crisis centers and efforts to get one in Region 2. He discussed the past legislative session. Everything in the Governor’s report was approved. Request for moving money was approved and general funds requests were approved. He reports that H&W had requested funding to build a dangerously mentally ill facility, it was not funded last year. It was funded this year under the Department of Corrections budget, and it will be a 16 bed unit which will likely be build in the next 2-3 years. Ross reviewed the process which currently manages those who are dangerously mentally ill. Ross reported that the creation of an ombudsman office to look at child welfare and children’s residential care. DJC will be offering some mental health care. Three residential care facilities (PRTF) are being built within the State. Northwest Children’s home should be opening their PRTF in July. Idaho Youth Ranch is open in Boise. Discussed how Health and Welfare will work as the fiscal agent until a better plan has been developed. He discussed putting out an RFP. Discussed the possibility of contracting with current Health and Welfare contracts.

Motion to amend the agenda to move Officer election up. Motion to approve by Shari Kuther. Seconded by Lisa Martin. No discussion. Motion passed.

5. Officer and At-large position Election process preparation—Don B/Jim: Jim discussed his tenure as board president being chair 4yrs on Mental Health Board and 10yrs for BHB. Jenny Teigen discussed moving into the position in June or July. She discussed since being a part of the BH Planning Council she has honored the consumer voices she has heard. She discussed ways she wants to focus on advocacy moving forward. Jim discussed interest for Board members in the Vice-Chair position and the co-chair opportunities. June is when the elections take place. Jim will be transitioning out of the board, so he wants to ensure that the transition goes smooth. Region 2 BHB is recognized as one of the most active/connected BHB's in the state.
6. Financial report—Sean/Sally/Aimee: Sean reported the details are not currently worked out for the funds to be available to the boards. Deputy Attorney General (DAG) is evaluating how this H&W fiscal operation may work for BHB's. They are hoping it comes soon. No new information available. NAMI has mentioned an interest in becoming the admin/fiscal agent for the BHB.
7. Drug Overdose Death Investigations—Matthew Gamette, ISP Forensic Services: Matthew provided information about how they are working to correctly identify overdose death. They are working with H&W and got a federal grant through the CDC to set up a program along with coroner offices to set up overdose testing. They will be providing presumptive screenings within 48 hours to the coroner's office. This service is being provided for free to the coroner's office. The results will be shared with various different state offices in order to gather information. They are also providing information to ODMAP so public health can access information about where resources are needed the most. Currently run 53 cases through this program. They will be providing trainings to different coroner's offices about the collection and data reporting.
8. BH work in County Extension offices—brief update/Jim: The county extension offices offer Mental health first aid and work on other mental health education and information.
9. Stone Bridge Fundraiser update—Stephanie Biedman: Stone Bridge is a 501C3 helping those coming out of prison. They are providing basic necessities: bus passes, clothing, etc. They are working to get a house. They have secured various different grants to offer services and work towards buying a house. They have the fundraiser of May 4th at Rivercity along with a potato and salad bar. They have various different businesses putting together baskets. They are looking for raffle items for the fundraiser.
10. Needs and Gaps preparation; Governor's report is helpful—Board: Subcommittees need to start getting the information together for next year's needs and gaps, and get it to Sara. The deadline for submission to State Planning Council is September.
11. Recovery Community Center Latah/Nez Perce Counties—Shaun/Astahna/Amber: Astahna reported 355 people through the doors in March. They just started a grief support group on Sunday afternoon. Amber reported they had 198 people come in throughout the past month. They continue to have the food pantry and clothing closet.
12. Legislative update— Tom/Chris/Jim: Jim discussed the article in the LM tribune that would allow fentanyl testing strips and the Narcan dispensing. And the financial support from Legislature on Recovery Centers.

13. BHB Subcommittee Members, Reports and Board Discussion

--CMH: No update

--ABH: No update

--Housing: Lisa reported no update this month

--Prevention/Recovery: Sharlene reported they are working on Recovery friendly workplace information. Updating second change workplace list. Collecting information on crisis response policies in schools. Researching expanding MAT into rural areas in Idaho. Building communities of recovery grants being written. Discussed various different community events in the next couple of months.

14. Public Input: Jim discussed NAMI has indicated they may be interested in becoming the fiscal agent for the board. They reported they will discuss it with the executive director to explore the possibility.

Jim asked about the crisis/recovery/counseling center possibility in Grangeville and at this time there is no movement but there are many seeking this service. There needs to be a group to be formed to develop the service in Idaho County working with Joyce Lyons/Rural Crisis Center Network and other resource areas.

Wendy with NAMI reported the upcoming NAMI basics training, a flyer was sent out. They are also starting a family-to-family course. NAMI can offer additional information if needed.

15. Next BHB Meeting – May 9, 2024

16. Meeting Adjourn