

REGION II  
*Behavioral Health Board*

**MONTHLY MEETING AGENDA**

**February 13, 2025-- 1:30 PM**

**Lewiston Health & Welfare Building 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor Conference Room**

website: <https://idahoregion2bhb.idaho.gov>

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1. Roll Call, Welcome, and Introductions

	<b>Shaun Hogan</b>	x	<b>Theresa Graber-Gimmeson</b>	x	<b>Shannon Jones</b>	x	<b>Jenny Teigen</b>
X	<b>Sara Bennett</b>	x	<b>Jason Stooks</b>	x	<b>Pam Lopardo</b>		
x	<b>Megan Comstock</b>		<b>Sharlene Johnson</b>	x	<b>Lisa Martin</b>		Ex-Officio
	<b>Beverly Fowler</b>	x	<b>Kat Troutman</b>	x	<b>Christine Erbst</b>	x	<i>Astahna Adkins Holt</i>
x	<b>Vince Frazier</b>	x	<b>Shari Kuther</b>	x	<b>Michelle Mendenhall</b>		<i>April Christenson</i>
x	<b>Amber Hoodman</b>	x	<b>Tom Lamar</b>	x	<b>Malcom Lyons</b>		Gus Hoene
x	<b>Shane Anderson</b>	x	<b>Kally McFee</b>	x	<b>Jim Rehder</b>		<i>Rep. Lori McCannx</i>

Guests: Christina Gaines, Amanda Holcomb, Sean Waldron, Kaylie Bednarczyk, Sherry Johnson, Mary Wright, Sabrina Silver, Katie Stoudohar, Jake Garringer, Joyce Lyons,

3. Approval of January BHB Minutes (**Action Item**): Motion to approve by Tom Lamar, seconded by Chris Erbst. No discussion. Motion passed.
4. Financial report—Sean/Sally/Christina: Sean received the funding requests from Darrell Keim at the Latah County Recovery Center for a needs assessment in support of the Youth Crisis center for the region. That application will be processed if approved by the board. Balance remaining would be a little over \$4,018. February is the open month for requesting funds. Lisa Martin asked for clarification about the open months for funding and it was reported that there are two funding times per year. Jenny Tiegen recommended reaching out to the Recovery centers about requesting money for Recovery month.
5. Affirm Physician or Other Health Care Practitioner and Family Member of Adult SUD Consumer appointment—Board (**Action Item**) Introduce Kat Troutman and Malcom Lyons: Motion to affirm appointments by Jenny Tiegen, seconded by Lisa Martin. No discussion. Motion passed. Kat Troutman who works at LCSC provided an introduction about her experiences within the Behavioral Health Care counseling field. Malcom provided an introduction about himself.
6. BHB Feb Activity Fund Application month, decide what our next fund application months will be—Sean/Board (**Action Item**) Board member to be BHB Activity Fund application Manager discussion. Youth Crisis Center community assessment application possible action--(**Action Item**): An application was made for \$3000 for a community assessment to go to the Latah Recovery Center to distribute the funds to the Fletcher Group for the survey. Motion to approve by Shari Kuther, seconded by Kally McFee. No

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discussion. Motion passed. It was recommended we allow for funding requests to be made in **September and February** for FY 26 moving forward. Shari Kuther made a motion to approve and Chris Erbst seconded. No discussion. Motion passed. Shari Kuther discussed the need for an Activity Fund Manager and asked if there was anyone interested in fulfilling this role. The executive committee will work with anyone who is interested and get them appointed. Shari Kuther made a motion to pursue having a volunteer BHB fund manager established. Tom Lamar seconded the motion. No discussion. Motion passed. Anyone interested can contact Jim. Pam Lopardo recommended a written description of the job and expectations. Sean said he would help create the job description.

7. Gov Little's North Idaho Field Rep introduction, attended our Dec 12 BHB mtg—Jacob Garringer: Jacob provided an introduction to the board as a North Idaho liaison. He is responsible for the 9 northern regions. He highlighted the recommended foster care improvements, childcare improvements, medical residency funding and rural physician incentive program. He provided his contact information. Kat Troutman asked about the recommendation by the legislature to pull out of the WWAMI program. Jacob will be a great connection for the BHB on governmental issues.
8. Rural Crisis Center Network quarterly report and Youth Crisis Center update—Joyce Lyons/Megan: Joyce reported the crisis centers continue to work with Magellan and has been working with communicating with mobile crisis. The crisis centers are working to make connections within the community. The stakeholder group is working towards gathering information towards the youth crisis center.
9. Mental Health Advocate Award seeking nominations for May award presentation—Board. Jim requested that people submit their recommendations. Jim prepared a nomination to be considered at March BHB meeting.
10. Legislative update—Chris/Tom/Jim: Tom reported the Medicaid Expansion elimination bill HB138 move forward 8-7 from the House. He discussed the testimony against the bill and how it continued to be passed. Tom discussed the difficulties with counties prior to Medicaid expansion. HB220 which is related to removing a complicated formula for out of pocket Behavioral health care costs. SB 1088 – Psychology practice streamlining.
11. Recovery Community Center Latah/Nez Perce/Lewis Counties—Shaun/Astahna/Amber: First Step 4 Life reported ongoing engagement at the recovery center. Amber Hoodman reported their ongoing efforts at the Kamiah Recovery Center.
12. BHB Subcommittee Members, Reports and Board Discussion
  - CMH – No report
  - ABH – Pam had a meeting last week but there was only one other person who attended. She discussed the workforce shortage and the need for ongoing education programs.
  - Housing – Lisa reported that UGM continues to work on their homeless building with the hopes of opening the in Fall. The Youth Village is moving forward towards getting the facility started.
  - Prevention – No meeting this month.
13. Public Input: Sara discussed the ABLE legislation and the school tax credit legislation that is currently moving through the process. Kally reported she did a presentation for the Every Brain Matters at the Lewiston School District. They will be launching posters into the local school.

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Mary Wright reported the following Empower Idaho training event:

It Takes a Village: Supporting and Empowering the Care-Taking Network of Adults Who Have Been Psychiatrically Hospitalized

with Dr. Samuel Pullen, DO MS MPH, DFAPA, DFAACAP, Jennifer Bly, RN, Tabatha Haywood, LMFT, and Jess Wojcik, CPSS

Tuesday, Mar. 11, 2025 | 12 – 1 PM MDT

Free webinar | All are welcome!

Learn more and register here: <https://www.empoweridaho.org/education/consumer-activities/>

Artificial Intelligence in the Behavioral Health Professions: Ethical and Risk Management Challenges with Frederic Reamer, Ph.D., LCSW

Friday, Mar. 14, 2025 | 10 AM – 1:15 PM MDT | Zoom

3 free CEUs pending for LSW, LMSW, LCSW, LPC, LCPC, LMFT\* | This webinar is designed for behavioral health providers

Learn more and register here: <https://www.empoweridaho.org/education/provider-activities/>

Sabrina Silver reported that Charlie Health discussed their upcoming training event.

[https://events.charliehealth.com/ref/Js1nVtL14fLJURQU?utm\\_source=showcase](https://events.charliehealth.com/ref/Js1nVtL14fLJURQU?utm_source=showcase)

14. Next BHB Meeting – March 13, 2025

15. Meeting Adjourn

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