

REGION II
Behavioral Health Board

MONTHLY MEETING AGENDA

February 12, 2026-- 1:30 PM

Lewiston Health & Welfare Building 3rd Floor Conference Room

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1. Roll Call, Welcome, and Introductions

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| x | Shaun Hogan | x | Theresa Graber-Gimmeson | | Shannon Jones | x | Denise Davis-Miller |
| x | Sara Bennett | x | Jason Stooks | | Pam Lopardo | | |
| x | Jim Rehder | x | Sharlene Johnson | | Norm Embry | | Ex-Officio |
| x | Beverly Fowler | x | Sarah Dupea | | Christine Erbst | x | <i>Astahna Adkins Holt</i> |
| | Vince Frazier | x | Shari Kuther | x | Michelle Mendenhall | | <i>April Christenson</i> |
| x | Amber Hoodman | x | Tom Lamar | x | Heather Fowler | | Gus Hoene |
| x | Shane Anderson | x | Kally McFee | x | Bryan Gimmeson | | Rep. Lori McCann |

Guests: Amanda Holcomb, Catherine Purdy, Crystal Reynolds, Cindy Harris-Lindauer, Sean Waldron, Amy Topp, Molly Perotti, Rebecca Nansel, April Auker, Beth Markley, Kaylie Bednarczyk, Rochelle Bettis, Sharlisa Davis, Allie May, Jeremy Riddle, Tammy Everson, Wendy Norbom, Hannah Liedkie, Nezperce County Commissioner.

2. Approval of January BHB Minutes (**Action Item**): Motion to approve meeting minutes by Shane Anderson, seconded by Jason Stooks. No discussion. Motion passed.
3. Financial report—Sean/Catherine: Sean reported this month is open application month and Shari and Amber have been working on one application that has been received. A second application was received today. \$13,874.60 available for funding.
4. Appointment Affirmation of Sarah Dupea as a Family Member of an Adult SUD Consumer: Jason moved to affirm, Shane seconded. No discussion. Motion carries. Sara Dupea introduced herself to the board.
5. BHB Feb Activity Fund Application month, decide what our next fund application months will be—Sean/Board (**Action Item**) Michelle King and Teresa Graber-Gimmeson have submitted applications for funding. Currently we fund February and September. Motion to continue fund for September 2026 and February 2027 for the upcoming year. Motion by Amber Hoodman and seconded by Sharlene Johnson. No discussion. Motion passed.
6. National Alliance on Mental Illness=NAMI report==Beth Markley—NAMI Idaho Executive Director: Beth reported they are doing work statewide and doing advocacy with legislative members to not make cuts to Medicaid treatment. She reports they trained a dozen ICIO inmates to facilitate support groups. She

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has been working to set up support groups throughout region 2. They are working to set up a NAMI affiliate in Lewiston. Blue Cross of Idaho is supporting this effort. NAMI walks event in 2027 to support these efforts. Link for information to join the steering committee: NAMI Affiliate Steering Committee Application: <https://forms.gle/8V3jzJLnYtbpNYmM7>. Beth Markley, for more information: ed@namiidaho.org, 208-484-4424

7. Rural Crisis Center Network quarterly report and Youth Crisis Center update—Joyce Lyons was unable to attend so there will be future support at BHB meeting.
8. BH Transformational Collaborative Outcomes Mgmt training—April Auker: Molly Perotti discussed the work of the collaborative. They will be holding trainings in Orofino and Lewiston. There will be information sent to Jim Rehder to share via email about the dates and information. They discussed a variety of different trainings they have been providing throughout the state.
9. Mental Health Advocate Award—for May award presentation—Board: Sean reported Empower Idaho is no longer functional and there will no longer be a contractor in their role moving forward for Mental Health Advocacy Awards. Jim recommends other organizations take on this Award program.
10. Legislative update—Chris/Tom/Jim: Jim discussed efforts to contact legislative members to advocate for ongoing funding for Medicaid funded programs. Jim stated he shared the Lewiston Tribune report from Rachel Sun who interviewed Sara Bennett and her statement facts and picture were in the Lewiston Tribune. Sharlene discussed the efforts to have the Kamiah recovery center included in the funding from the Millenium fund.
11. Recovery Community Center Latah/Nez Perce/Lewis Counties—Shaun/Astahna/Amber:

Shaun: Latah Recovery Center had 107 Coaching sessions in January, Vandal Recovery Friday night live events have been having regular attendance. They just added an afternoon workout three days a week to lead exercise. Tomorrow is a cookie decorating event. Recovery Peer Volunteer training this month. March 4th is their fundraising breakfast.

Astahna: Nez Perce County recovery center has been having about 14 events a week. They are having an open house February. They will be starting a parenting class in March.

Amber Hoodman: Kamiah had 958 client contacts in January, 86 activities, 18 Recovery coach sessions and 19 support meetings. They are going to start their Parent Café this month. They have board game night and a free food night.

12. BHB Subcommittee Members, Reports and Board Discussion
 - CMH: Cindy Harris-Lindauer reported they Met last month and there was a lot of dialogue. There is concern with younger children having correctional issues and legal involvement. The next meeting is March. March 11th Youth SIM meeting from 8:30-11:30.
 - ABH: No update provided

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--Housing: No update provided

--Prevention: ILED information was sent to various police departments in Grangeville and Kamiah. Amber and Teresa will continue to advocate for this program.

13. Public Input: Sara reported information on the Town Hall meeting in Moscow February 14th 2-4 at the 1912 center.

Jason Stooks discussed his experience talking with a disabled family and how the Medicaid cuts could potentially impact their lives.

Wendy Norbom with NAMI Idaho shared they have trainings and programs coming up. Family to Family class at the end of march, Peer to peer end of May and Connections training in March.

14. Next BHB Meeting – March 12, 2026

15. Meeting Adjourn

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