

REGION II
Behavioral Health Board

MONTHLY MEETING MINUTES

November 18, 2021-- 1:30 PM

Zoom Conference Meeting due to COVID-19 restrictions

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1. Roll Call, Welcome, and Introductions

Board Members

	Dianne Baumann	x	Sharlene Johnson	x	Pam Lopardo		Jenny Teigen
x	Sara Bennett	x	Darrell Keim	x	Lisa Martin	x	Michael Wraith
x	Terema Carlin	x	Diane Kovach	x	Michelle Mendenhall		
	Megan Comstock		Shari Kuther	x	Mike Ponozzo	x	Dean Allen
x	Kathy Connerley	x	Kathie LaFortune	x	Jim Rehder		Dustin Hibbard
x	Beverly Fowler	x	Tom Lamar	x	John Rusche		Todd Hurt
x	Chris Goetz	x	Deborah Lind	x	Skye Taylor		

Others In Attendance: Jackie Wallis, Lynsey Winters Juel, Caitlyn Rusche, Sharlisa Davis, Wendy Norbom, Shaun Hollace, Laura Thayer, Kaylie Bednarczyk, Starr Shepard, John Judge, Tammy Lish-Watson, Wendy Stoneberg, Jane Carlson, Michael Hoover, Heidi Burford-Bell, Stephanie Beidman

Introduction of Michelle Mendenhall—newly appointed school district rep.

- 2. Approval of October BHB Minutes (Action Item):** Sharlene Johnson made motion to approve minutes from October 2021, Skye Taylor seconded. Motion passed
- 3. Financial report—Carol/Perri:** No update provided
- 4. Board term expiration appointments affirmation—Board (Action Item):** Board appointees are as follows: Returning members: Sharlene Johnson, Megan Comstock, Shari Kuther, Jenny Tiegen. New Shawn McDowell, Shaun Hollace, Tammy Lish-Watson, Shaun Hogan. Motion to affirm appointments made by John Rusche, Mike Ponozzo seconded. No discussion. Motion passed.
- 5. Activity fund request/s—Board (Action Item):** Lewis Clark Valley Adult Resource Center requested \$5000, the executive committee recommended to approve \$2500. Lisa Martin motioned to approve, John Rusche seconded. No discussion. Motion passed.
- 6. Extension for Community Healthcare Outcomes — Lynsey Winters Juel:** Lynsey discussed the ECHO series and the new upcoming series about Pediatric Autism.
- 7. Idaho Behavioral Health Council update—Laura Kiehl:** No update provided
- 8. IDOC Correction and Intervention Services—Summer Overberg:** No update provided.
- 9. Rural Crisis Center Network quarterly report update—Joyce Lyons:** No update provided.

10. Harm Reduction project update—Carol: At this time there are no funds to implement a Harm Reduction Project. She is hopeful with the upcoming Opioid settlement there will be funds towards this. The Board of Health is learning about Harm Reduction in preparing for a decision on how to move forward. Chris Goetz reported the more counties that opt in, the more money will be available.

11. Law Enforcement Assisted Diversion (LEAD) status in our region—Board: No update provided

12. Recovery Community Center Latah/Nez Perce Counties—Darrell/Shawn: Darrell reported they remain busy as usual. They continue to offer 50-60 recovery coach sessions monthly. Shawn reported Nez Perce County continues to be busy, about 75 recovery coach sessions monthly. This weekend they are working with the Mental Health court program to offer coats and coffee. Hope and Grace is a program they will offer in December. Discussed funding options and requests.

13. BHB Subcommittee Members, Reports and Board Discussion

—**CMH-** Laura reported they are meeting today after the meeting. They are focused on the workforce development and reaching back out with Lachelle Rosenbaum. They will be identifying tangible items for their committee to work on.

—**ABH-** Pam reported they had a small group in their meeting today. They are working on a letter to the Board of Education to work with LCSC to get a Master's program in the area.

—**Housing-** Lisa reported Idaho Housing still has funding available for COVID programs. Idaho Housing has an emergency housing voucher for homeless, about to be homeless and domestic violence. Referrals are made through Sojourner's Alliance in Moscow. The Adult Resource Center will be opening a Warming Shelter from 7pm-7am at the Salvation Army. The Youth resource center has about 30 teens daily and 8 who spend the night.

—**Prevention-** No meeting last month. Kaylie Bednrczyk has been hired as the Reg II Public Health Partnership for Success grant coordinator. She joined the Prevention subcommittee.

14. Public Input: Stephanie Beidman reported the 4th of December is the fundraiser for First Step 4 Life. There are various prices for sponsoring a table to buying tickets. Lewis Clark Valley Resilience Coalition is looking for board members.

Wendy Stoneberg reports they have completed their school outreach program, providing new boots. They are working on their 2022 funding. They are expanding the Mental Health First Aid program, expanding into teen programs

John Rusche reported the LCVHF finalized their large impact grant, \$620,000 to 10 organizations in the region.

Darrell reported Department of Health and Welfare has approached Mike Kingsley about supporting legislation about legalizing phytanyl testing strips. John made a motion to support Mike Kingsley to take this to the legislation. Seconded by Kathy LaFortune. No discussion. Motion passed.

Sharlisa reported that NAMI Idaho has doubled their board membership and they have openings at this time. Wendy Norbom reported she is working to grow the peer program.

Jim reported December is the Legislative meeting and he will be working with Carol to schedule that meeting.

15. Next BHB Meeting – December 9, 2021 (flexible date for Regional Legislator meeting)

16. Meeting Adjourn: