

REGION II  
*Behavioral Health Board*

MONTHLY MEETING MINUTES

March 11, 2021-- 1:30 PM

Zoom Conference Meeting due to COVID-19 restrictions

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**Zoom Conference Link:** <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88680210367?pwd=MjhWVGtHa05mQlIGYlFpZURvdGZJUT09>

**1. Roll Call, Welcome, and Introductions**

**Board Members**

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

**Others In Attendance:** Caitlin Rusche, Lana Schuerman, Wendy Stoneberg, Laura Thayer, Tammy Everson, Shaun Hollace, Elaine Dufford, Karen Kopf, Chad Sarmiento, Stephanie Biedman

**2. Approval of February BHB Minutes (Action Item):** Motion to approve by Shari Kuther, Tom Lamar seconded. No discussion on the motion. Motion passed

**3. Financial report—Carol/Perri:** Caitlyn reported she would get the report at the next meeting.

**4. Idaho Counties Risk Management Program CIT training-- Chad Sarmiento ICRMP:** Mike Ponzozzo introduced Chad who represents the Idaho counties risk management program. He started with ICRMP 1 year ago. He recognized the benefit of crisis intervention teams. He has completed the Memphis model training and others. There are 167 agencies across the state and he has been working to get a seat at the table where he can talk and show the importance of crisis intervention techniques. He has developed a course at POST and a refresher course for law enforcement. He has done 10 classes and is hoping to bring more throughout the state. Laura Thayer will contact him to follow up about options for our region. Chad would also liked to be introduced to other Behavioral Health Boards. Jim will take care of this introduction.

**5. Board activity fund discussion—Board:** There is current \$8500 in funding available. Sharlene reported that the Cottonwood Police would be submitting a request. Jim asked Board members to think of good projects that would benefit our region and submit an application to the Board using the fund request form Perri maintains in her office.

**6. BHB Subcommittee discussion—roles of members—Board:** Shari reported the chairs discussed how they felt the subcommittees were doing and some difficulty with participation. They discussed how each subcommittee is managing their meetings. Each subcommittee has a chair or a co-chair. Discussed engagement and ability to be productive. Overall the consensus was that things are going fairly well with waves of engagement. Lisa reported each co-chair shared ideas. Lisa discussed how the housing chair has been able to open up participation to other agencies within the community. Discussed the

difficulties during COVID and other priorities. Jim reminded board members to remain actively engaged in the subcommittee they chose.

7. **Mental Health Advocate Award nomination—Board:** Annually in May there is a nomination and award given. Please think of someone from Region 2 who could be nominated for this award.
8. **ICADD (Idaho Coalition on Alcohol and Drug Dependency) scholarship applications open to apply for May conference—Board:** Jenny discussed ICADD is open for registration and the board typically covers 2 individuals to participate. The Board budgets \$1,000 for ICADD scholarships. There is no need for funding for travel as the training is virtual this year. Jenny recommended that we fund 3 participants, rather than 2. The registration fee is \$325 ea. We will vote on this next month as an action item.
9. **Legislative update—Tom and Committee:** Tom requested that Kathie be the lead for the legislative update. Tom reported he had no real update at this time. Darrell reported there was a bill put forward to set aside any Opioid related settlement funds to be set aside for use towards the Opioid epidemic. Chris reported about Senate bill 1125 Suicide hotline bill – not suspecting it will go anywhere but there are questions about how it will be funded by taxing \$1 per phone line. It would raise \$20 million a year and there are questions about how that is what is needed to fund that. He reports the phone charge is related to how 911 funding was established. House bill 316 will remove funding for public health. If passed, the counties would pick up the share of public health funding. It would end the State Catastrophic Health fund and shift funding for public health to the counties.

Tom reported the insurance enrollment has been reopened for those who are uninsured but there are questions about its implementation.

10. **Recovery Community Center Latah/Nez Perce Counties– Board:** Moscow was successful in their yearly fundraiser. They continue to be busy.

Shaun reported Nez Perce county moved to 903 D street. The recovery house opened in Orofino, they have one bed available. Orofino Recovery Center has been open about 1.5yrs. They have new volunteers signing up and have an increase in people coming in.

## 11. BHB Subcommittee Members, Reports and Board Discussion

–**CMH-** Laura reported the subcommittee met last month. They are finalizing the resource guide. Discussing family engagement and how to get families to be involved within the board or the subcommittee so they can take their experiences and move them forward.

–**ABH-** Shari reported they discussed CIT training. They are currently POST certified and this should not be a barrier. They are looking at some training sessions late summer, early fall. Discussed the 18-211, 18-212, 66-326, 66-329 codes. Discussed the review of the civil and criminal codes along with the recommendations that go with each code. The advisory council will meet next week. Discussed competency restoration at State Hospital North and how to improve the process. Discussed the difficulties with the transfers from the county jails. Discussed new projects or areas of concern.

–**Housing-** Shaun reported they met on Monday and discussed the sober living in Orofino. United way has their fundraiser coming up next week.

–**Telehealth-** Dean reported they did not meet this past month. Jim discussed broadband being discussed in the legislature to assist the rural communities. Dean understands funding has been proposed to continue with upgrades.

**–Prevention–** Sharlene reported they met last Tuesday. They discussed the dialogue for health seminar. The Montana institute’s first session was today. Continue to make progress on the following: sticker bags have been distributed to Liquor store and 3 rules sticker clings. Continue to work on action plan for next year: add campaigns from the Montana Institute, bathroom stall wraps, contests for youth and college age youth for development of apps and videos, brochures, and town hall series.

**12. Public Input:** Wendy Stoneberg from Optum reminded everyone that the annual conference is April 13<sup>th</sup> and 14<sup>th</sup>. This training is open to anyone. <https://www.optumidahoconference.com/>

Teresa will be resigning on April 5<sup>th</sup> from her current role as Program Manager. She will remain in the area and with the department.

**13. Next BHB Meeting – April 8, 2021**

**14. Meeting Adjourn**