

REGION II  
*Behavioral Health Board*

MONTHLY MEETING AGENDA

September 9, 2021-- 1:30 PM

Zoom Conference Meeting due to COVID-19 restrictions

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**Zoom Conference Link:** <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84418743888?pwd=V0piczM2VVe3YlVHRVFPdTIiRRGcwz09>

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

**Board Members**

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

**Others In Attendance:** Caitlyn Rusche, Lana Schuerman, Shaun Hollace, Jane Carlson, Tammy Everson, Wesley Neisler, Joyce Lyons, Christina Cernansky, Sharlisa Davis, Stephanie Biedman,

2. **Approval of August BHB Minutes (Action Item):** Motion to approve by John Rusche, seconded by Mike Ponzozzo. No discussion. Motion passed.
3. **Financial report—Carol/Perri:** Caitlyn reported that there were no payments made in August. A \$900.56 invoice was sent from First Step 4 Life and paid with board funds from last fiscal year.
4. **Latah Recovery Center Festival financial support—Board (Action Item):** Latah Recovery Center is asking for \$500 for the Latah Festival. Motion to approve by Kathie LaFortune, seconded by Tom Lamar. No discussion on the motion. Motion passed
5. **Telehealth subcommittee merge into Adult Behavioral Health Subcommittee—Board (Action Item):** Motion to merge by John Rusche, seconded by Skye Taylor. Shari reported she wants to ensure that Children’s mental health also continues to address Telehealth services for Children’s mental health. Jim said the merge was to discontinue the Tele-Health subcommittee and both CMH and ABH address telehealth issues in their respective subcommittees. Motion passed.
6. **Finalize the 2021-22 Needs and Gaps document—Board (Action Item):** Sara presented the Needs and Gaps document. The Board offered changes and corrections that Sara will incorporate into the final document. Motion to approve by Shari Kuther, seconded by Darrell Keim. No discussion on the motion. Motion passed.

7. **NAMI Idaho update—Christina Cernansky:** Christina reported NAMI Idaho has been present since 1991. The state cut funding in 2008 and it was re-established this past year. They are working towards advocating, providing education and supporting. Strategic plan: looking for early intervention, judicial intervention and best care possible. NAMI has 6 affiliates across the State of Idaho with various support groups and classes. You can access information online on their website. Christina will send Jim information to share with Board and others.
8. **Recovery Crisis Center Network update—Joyce L:** Joyce reported the quarterly report was sent to all board members. Joyce has been working with Idaho County and calls have increased since education was provided. Education has been provided to all regional law enforcement agencies. Joyce and Darrell were invited to present at the Opioid Summit this past year. Joyce has participated in the 7 region crisis center managers' meeting, this past month they discussed Optum billing. Moscow has various interns that have been working with the crisis centers. Joyce will have the next report in Nov.
9. **State Hospital North update—Todd:** Todd was not present for the meeting. Mike W. reports they are working on their credentialing and they have been managing COVID cases in the hospital.
10. **Recovery Community Center Latah/Nez Perce Counties—Darrell/Shawn:** Darrell reported a standard month. September 14<sup>th</sup> will be the Latah Festival, chili feed, live band, and speakers. Shawn reported that the Lewiston Center continues to be busy with Recovery month. They did IROAR with a stop in Orofino last weekend. They are planning an event at the end of the month.

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

—**CMH-** Deborah Lind reported the committee is not meeting this month. They met last month and reviewed the Needs and Gaps document. Continue to work on their resource list.

—**ABH-** Shari reported they discussed the Needs and Gaps document. They are working on a draft letter for the legislature and Department of Education about the LCSC MSW program. Discussed the Telehealth model and will be reaching out to rural libraries to offer a space for telehealth visits. Discussed competency restoration ideas. Discussed the nursing shortage and what LPN's could offer as a bridge.

—**Housing-** Lisa reported clean and sober housing is currently short in the area resulting in individuals to remain incarcerated. First Step 4 Life has limited housing funds. The Orofino sober house has one opening at this time. Rent has been increasing to a point where individuals are unable to afford their housing.

—**Prevention-** No one present from this committee

12. **Public Input:** Jane Carlson from Syringa Hospital present at the meeting and is working to increase their awareness of behavioral health at the hospital.

Wendy Stoneberg with Optum reported they are working with the recovery centers for Recovery Month. Mental Health first aid training is offered by Optum, and she is working with Tammy Watson to train more trainers in Mental Health First Aid in the next year. They are seeking applications for individuals who want to be trained.

Caitlyn will send out a survey to all the board members with 15 different ratings with a deadline for each Board member to complete have back by September 17<sup>th</sup>. The report will go back to the State Planning council at the end of the month.

The second Thursday of November is a holiday and we would like to move the meeting to November 18, 2021.

There are board appointments that are up for renewal. Diane Kovach, Deborah Lind, and Kathy Connerly have announced they will not be re-applying.

**13. Next BHB Meeting – October 14, 2021**

**14. Meeting Adjourn:**