

REGION II
Behavioral Health Board

MEETING Minutes
February 10, 2022

1. Roll Call, Welcome, and Introductions

x	Sara Bennett	x	Sharlene Johnson	x	Lisa Martin	x	Michael Wraith
x	Terema Carlin		Darrell Keim		Shawn McDowell		
x	Megan Comstock	x	Shari Kuther	x	Michelle Mendenhall		
x	Beverly Fowler		Kathie LaFortune		Mike Ponzozzo	x	Dean Allen
x	Chris Goetz	x	Tom Lamar	x	Jim Rehder		Dustin Hibbard
x	Shaun Hollace		Tammy Lish-Watson	x	John Rusche		Theresa Shackelford
x	Shaun Hogan	x	Pam Lopardo		Jenny Teigen		

Others In Attendance: Caitlin Rusche, Kaylie Bednarczyk, Alex Prado, Tammy Everson, Amanda Holcomb, Skye Taylor, Jack Varin, Jane , Star Shepard, Kylie Gough, Sharlisa Davis, Cindy O’Brien, Alejandra Del Toro, Karen Kopf, Sabrina Bramlet, Elaine Dufford, Stephanie Beadman, Amber Peace

2. **Approval of January BHB Minutes (Action Item):** Lisa Martin moved, Michelle Mendenahll seconded. No discussion. Motion passed
3. **Financial report**—Carol/Perri: Three funding requests approved by the Board last month were confirmed by public health fiscal office which leave \$2,549 left in the budget. Jim shared we can anticipate funding requests for CIT, ICADD scholarships and LAMI. We can work with the remaining funds for this fiscal year and finish these projects starting July 1 for fy2023 funds.
4. **Appoint Legislative committee chair**—Board (Action Item): Kathie LaFortune has volunteered to serve as chair. John Rushce moved and it was seconded by Megan Comstock. Motion passed.
5. **St. Joe’s Hospital BH services**—Brienne Hoffman: Not present at the meeting
6. **Idaho Resilience Project**— Kyli Gough and Judge Jack Varin : Judge Jack Varin discussed the Idaho Resilience project. He discussed ACE’s and their strategic plan to promote resilience and to build a community. Kyli reported they are focused on developing local collaboratives. There are funds available to each local collaborative. Hope week is May 16-20 and they are working to spread the word about events in local communities. Interested individuals can contact her at brianna@sparklight.com
7. **Loan Forgiveness Programs**—Alex Prado: Alex reported there are a couple loan repayment programs. State Loan Repayment Program: eligible for primary mental and dental care \$10,000-\$20,000 for a 2 year service obligation. September 2022 is the opening of the next cycle. The second program is the National Health Service Corp. Awards up to \$50,000 for a two year commitment with multiple cycles each year. Most disciplines are Masters and higher.
8. **Rural Crisis Center Network quarterly report update**—Joyce Lyons: Unable to attend this month’s meeting
9. **Mental Health Advocate nominee for May Mental Health month**— There are several award nominations open. The annual Mental Health Advocate sponsored by Empower Idaho—contact Ana

Guida with due date of April 15== Alejandra reported the nominee can be anyone from a provider to a parent to a consumer themselves.. ICADD is seeking an adult and juvenile nominations—Jenny, Sharlene and Joe Blume have information on these awards.

10. **Legislative update**-- HB504 and more— Chris Goetz reported Senator Riggs has a telehealth medication bill. HB504 – got referred to human resources and nothing has happened. Also SB1287- rural nursing repayment program has been brought up and is something to watch. Supplementals are being referred to resolutions and then going to JFAC, which is a new process. John Rusche reported this format allows for testimony in the Germain committee on each resolution. He discussed how the house has objected to the JFAC format for budgets.

Jim Rehder reported to working with Norma Jaeger of Recovery Idaho on continued funding support for recovery centers.

11. **Recovery Community Center Latah/Nez Perce Counties:** Shaun Hollace reported they have been doing a day time warming shelter 7am-7pm with food and shelter. They continue to do transportation for specialty courts and have assisted with housing.

12. BHB Subcommittee Members, Reports and Board Discussion

--**CMH** – Next meeting will be after this meeting

--**ABH** – Pam Lopardo reported they reviewed last month’s notes, needs and gaps and the movement for libraries offering telehealth supports. Orofino and Weippe have gotten grants to roll out a telehealth program.

--**Housing** – Lisa Martin reported the Warming shelter is functioning 7pm-7am and averaging 12-15 people per night. The recovery center is offering supports 7am-7pm. Cynthia Nunez with the school district reported they are moving to the old high school and will have a food pantry.

--**Prevention** – Kaylie reported on the grant updates. There are numerous trainings coming up in the next couple month. There is a Youth Prevention Award that is looking for nominations.

13. Public Input

John Rusche reported non-profit organizations are eligible for training through the Idaho Non-profit Center. They also sponsor Idaho Gives, a 4 day fundraising campaign and organizations can request funding.

Stephanie Biedman reported the resilience coalition continues to look for board members. She is looking for another clinician at her office.

Shalisa Davis reported North Central NAMI is now approved as their own branch.

14. **Next BHB Meeting** – March 10, 2022

15. Meeting Adjourn