

REGION II  
*Behavioral Health Board*

MONTHLY MEETING MINUTES

May 12, 2022-- 1:30 PM

Zoom Conference Meeting due to COVID-19 restrictions

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1. Roll Call, Welcome, and Introductions

Board Members

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

**Others In Attendance:** Caitlyn Rusche, Carol Moehrle, Amanda Holcomb, Karen Kopf, Michelle King, Zlata Myr, Tammy Everson, Laura Thayer, Anna Guida, Kaylie Bednarczyk

2. **Approval of April BHB Minutes (Action Item):** Motion to approve minutes by Mike Ponozzo, seconded by Tom Lamar. No discussion. Motion passed
3. **Financial report—Carol/Perri:** Carol reported that books close the first week of June. Board designated activities are on schedule. Currently have \$85.48 unallocated. Working on budget with Health and Welfare for next year, will be brought to the board next month for review.
4. **ABH subcommittee co-chair appointment —Board (Action Item):** Shaun Hogan has agreed to serve as the co-chair for AMH subcommittee. Shari Kuther motioned to approve, seconded by Pam Lopardo. No discussion. Motion passed.
5. **Approve the re-instatement of Parent of Child with SUD—Board (Action Item):** Dianne Bauman’s teaching schedule is changing and she will be available to rejoin the board. Kathie LaFortune motioned, seconded by Mike Wraith to reinstate Dianne to the Board. No discussion. Motion passed.
6. **Board activity fund decisions—Board (Action Item):** No further funding decisions needed this month.
7. **Reg 2 Mental Health Advocate Award presentation to Michelle King—Anna Guida:** Anna Guida presented the award to Michelle King. Michelle thanked the board for the nomination and the award.
8. **Board officer nominees—Mike P:** Mike Ponozzo presented the executive committee members for the next year, it is the same as last year. Jim Rehder, Tom Lamar, Sara Bennett, Beverly Fowler, Dr. John Rusche. At the June 10<sup>th</sup> meeting other nominations can be made and anyone can be contested.
9. **Budget preparation discussion for June approval—Carol:** Jim reported the budget should be similar to last year.

**10. Idaho/Lewis counties crisis/recovery/drug court update—Joyce/Shawn/Lisa/Jim:** Jim reported there was a meeting at the Grangeville Soltman Center on April 7<sup>th</sup> with 36 people attending. All present were very supportive and influential individuals attended and participated in the discussion. Since the meeting there have been additions to the group--45 people are on the list. The incoming judge is very supportive of a drug court in the county. Shawn Hollace reported there was a meeting with Tammy Everson and hoping for a soft opening of a recovery center/crisis center in collaboration with Camas Professional Counseling the end of June. Tammy reported she has been worried about staffing concerns but she feels very supported within the community and is all in on the project which will operate from her business site.

**11. Legislative update—Kathie/ Jim:** Kathie does not have any additional updates. Jim worked with Recovery Idaho to gather budget from all Recovery Centers and asked for a total of \$900,000 which was \$300,000 above the Governor's request. Senator Crabtree and others on JFAC were very helpful in getting approved and funded for about \$100,000 per center. Jim reports he will put together a year end report with legislative information regarding behavioral health.

**12. Recovery Community Center Latah/Nez Perce Counties—Darrell/Shawn:** Shawn Hollace reported there is a Recovery Coach training next week with 15 being trained. They continue to be busy. Tom Lamar reported Latah County funded \$200,000 for the Oxford House through AARPA funds and this was approved by the County Commissioners. They will be raising another \$200,000 hopefully from the City. There were comments received about this project within the community. Darrell has been working to communicate with the community about the project. Most of the feedback had to do with the location and the neighbors. There was an article in the newspaper yesterday.

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

—**CMH-** Laura reported they met last month following the board meeting. They discussed some of the programs that are being utilized, Equine Therapy specifically.

—**ABH-** Pam reported she and Dean attended today. They will be meeting again next month.

—**Housing-** Lisa discussed the Oxford House in Latah county. The Adult Resource Center continues to move forward with trying to get the conditional use permit. There were grant funds awarded to the Youth Resource Center. The city of Lewiston is looking into tiny houses. She would like contact information for other county officials.

—**Prevention-** Kaylie continues to work on the partnership for success grant. June will have a ESPE training virtually. Clearwater youth alliance will be having a recovery concert in May and a community night out this summer. URYC is having a youth fest in June. ICADD recognized a youth organization out of Lapwai.

**14. Public Input:** Shawn McDowell discussed various grants that are made available for services within the state. Michelle Mendenhall reported the HUB is still open with food and clothing for students and families. Mike Wraith is transitioning to the COE as the Bureau Chief. He has not transitioned from being the HUB manager. His replacement should be hired in June.

Chris Goetz discussed the changes to funding and how this impacts counties budgets. Law Enforcement will no longer be doing transportation after MH commitment.

**15. Next BHB Meeting – June 9, 2022**

**16. Meeting Adjourn:**