

REGION II
Behavioral Health Board

MONTHLY MEETING MINUTES

March 9, 2023-- 1:30 PM

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1. Roll Call, Welcome, and Introductions:

	Dianne Baumann	x	Theresa Graeber-Gimmeson		Tammy Lish-Watson	x	Jenny Teigen
	Don Beck		Shaun Hollace	x	Pam Lopardo	x	Laura Treat
	Skip Brandt	x	Shaun Hogan		Lisa Martin		
x	Sara Bennett	x	Sharlene Johnson		Shawn McDowell		Ex-Officio
x	Megan Comstock		Beverly Kloepfer	x	Michelle Mendenhall	x	Theresa Shackelford
x	Beverly Fowler	x	Shari Kuther		Summer Overberg	x	April Christenson
	Chris Goetz	x	Tom Lamar	x	Jim Rehder		

Others in Attendance: Elaine Dufford, Ryan Soukup, Mary Wright, Michele King, Sharlisa Davis, Laura Thayer, Kaylie Bednarczyk, Tammy Everson, Heidi Burford-Bell

2. **Approval of February BHB Minutes (Action Item):** Tom Lomar motion to pass, Shaun Hogan Second. No discussion. Motion passed.
3. **Financial report—Carol/Perri:** There are \$8,238 of funds available for special projects. Legislative directories have been purchased and are on the way to board members.
4. **Homeless count and LCVYRC updates—Michelle King (Action Item):** Michelle King reported this year's point in time count was a success. Anna from the Nez Perce tribal housing authority had a large amount of volunteer teams, which captured rural data. Lewiston had 25 volunteers throughout the area collecting data. The numbers should be available in the next few weeks. Michelle has an LCSC student working to capture homelessness data in Lewiston and Clarkston.

The Lewis Clark Valley Youth Resource center was selected as an assessment center. They have added case management to the services they are providing. Michelle provided information about the youth resource center services and criteria. They currently serve between 20-30 teens after school daily. They can take up to 16 kids overnight.

5. **State Planning Council update—State Chair Jenny Teigen:** Jenny reported they reviewed the governor's reports and how they will use that to move forward. They will work to bring more attention to the report. They will be doing a small press release. They are also discussing stipends for consumers to participate in the board. Jim asked Jenny if the council plans to have the State BHB chairs participate in an agenda item for April meeting to share information to the council. Jenny said she will consider the idea and get back to the chairs.

6. **State Hospital North update report—Teresa Shackelford:** State Hospital is struggling with a COVID outbreak and this is impacting admissions. They are currently at 80% due to this outbreak. They are hoping to resume admissions within a week. They currently have 12 patients in isolation and 8 staff out with COVID. Mike Powell is the Rec supervisor and is retiring after 31 years. They have started a monthly newsletter to keep staff members connected. Joint Commission update: they have reviewed all of the policies. Administration is correcting links for policies. This coming Wednesday all policies will be published and training will begin. Training will take 1 month and then they will be a Joint Commission trained facility. They are working on a risk assessment to correct or mitigate what is identified. They are not scheduled to be complete until late 2025 but they are hoping to increase that timeline.
7. **Mental Health Advocate nominee for May Mental Health month—Board:** Please think of individuals to nominate and send nominations to Jim and Perri to share with the executive committee. This is an important item to do. The nominations will be shared with the April board and voted on to select our Regional MH Advocate for the May meeting.
8. **Legislative update--Tom/Chris/Jim:** Tom Lomar reported IAC legislative committee is working on many things: public defense, productive property tax relief. He discussed the Medicaid expansion. He discussed the vape tax legislation being discussed. Looking to create a vape tax to replace the tobacco tax that has decreased due to vaping.

Jim's internet connection stopped and he was gone; Vice Chair Lamar finished chairing the meeting.

9. **Recovery Community Center Latah/Nez Perce Counties—Shaun/Shaun:** Latah County had the annual fundraiser, raising \$60,000. At the breakfast the president of the Oxford House spoke. Darrell went to Boise and talked with the Millennium fund to discuss ongoing funding. There is an ask for \$150,000 for each center in the state, but this has not been voted on as of yet. Recovery Peer volunteer training March 22,23 in Latah county. No report on Nez Perce center.
10. **BHB Subcommittee Members, Reports and Board Discussion:**
 - CMH: Laura reports there was no update. They will be meeting today at 2:30.
 - ABH: Pam reported they met today. They discussed the Latah fundraiser. Met April Christenson, new to the subcommittee. She discussed the diverse population she is working with at LCSC. Sharlisa discussed the efforts of NAMI in Moscow. CVH is losing there telepsych consultation as it is being shut down. They are looking for options. They discussed how to remain busy in the local community as a subgroup.
 - Housing: Michelle reported their meeting is next week.
 - Prevention: Sharlene reported a survey link from the Office of Drug policy went out to board members, Board members, please respond to the survey. Spring Break social media campaign is starting with coffee sleeves and billboards. Doing a sticker campaign focusing on prom and spring formals. Kamiah and Orofino are having Strengthening Families trainings. Orofino is also partnering with a Catch my breath curriculum. ODP will partner with the alcohol conference for a youth conference. They are discussing getting Naloxone at the University of Idaho campus and fraternities. Tuesday March 14th training on youth vaping.
11. **Public Input:** Pam Lopardo reported Nez Perce County is having a follow up SIM meeting on March 15th at 12 at the State Office Building.

12. Next BHB Meeting – April 13, 2023:

13. Meeting Adjourn: