

## **Memorandum of Agreement**

### **Region II Behavioral Health Board and Public Health-Idaho North Central District**

#### **Objective**

The ultimate goal is to develop a strong, mutual relationship among the Region 2 Behavioral Health Board (R2BHB), the Public Health-Idaho North Central District (PH-INCD) and the Department of Health and Welfare, Division of Behavioral Health (DBH) to better serve all of our consumers in need of behavioral health services. We clearly understand each of our consumer bases, as well as those we mutually serve, benefit when we share and combine our expertise. As more attention is given to addressing consumers in a holistic manner, this effort becomes essential because of specific requirements under the Affordable Care Act and it is what is best for our consumers.

#### **Background**

Through this Memorandum of Agreement (MOA), the R2BHB, the PH-INCD and the DBH enter into a joint agreement that supports the establishment, maintenance, and execution of powers and duties under Idaho Statutes 39-3132, 39-3135 and 39-3136. This MOA seeks to outline the roles and responsibilities required of the R2BHB to demonstrate readiness to accept responsibility for Community Family Support and Recovery Support Services as defined in 39-3135. The DBH seeks to support the R2BHB's readiness, duties and powers by defining its role and responsibilities under this agreement in the promotion of better outcomes for Behavioral Health. The PH-INCD seeks to promote Healthy People in Healthy Communities and endeavors to partner with the R2BHB to promote, protect and preserve health in our communities. As stated in section XV, subsection B of the contract between the State of Idaho Department of Health and Welfare and the PH-INCD, "the Department or the Contractor may cancel the contract at any time, with or without cause, upon thirty (30) calendar days written notice to the other party specifying the date of termination."

#### **R2BHB Mission**

We promote the development of an integrated network of preventative and responsive behavioral health care which is accessible and affordable to all Region 2 communities and individuals.

#### **R2BHB Vision**

Our Vision is a community where physical, mental, social and emotional needs are met.

## Roles and Responsibilities

### 1. PH-INCD Responsibilities:

- A. PH-INCD will comply with the rules, regulations and policies as outlined by the DBH and rules, regulations and policies pertaining to R2BHB as outlined in Idaho Statutes 39-3132, 39-3133, 39-3134, and 39-3135.
- B. PH-INCD shall ensure that procedural safeguards are followed in confidentiality requirements according to IDAPA 16.05.01, Use and Disclosure of Department Records.
- C. PH-INCD agrees to support the goals and objectives of the DBH in the establishment of readiness and maintenance of R2BHB under 39-3132.
- D. PH-INCD will manage personnel, operational and support tasks as stated in the Scope of Work, under the DBH contract.
- E. PH-INCD will not be responsible for services not funded or outlined within the Scope of Work under contract with the DBH.
- F. PH-INCD will participate with the R2BHB in the budget development process.
- G. PH-INCD will participate with the R2BHB to identify service gaps and contract opportunities.
- H. PH-INCD will provide the R2BHB with assistance in the development of the Gaps and Needs Analysis report to the State Behavioral Health Planning Council (SBHPC).
- I. PH-INCD will collaborate on joint projects or initiatives that fit within the scope of the R2BHB, including but not limited to grant opportunities pursuable by PH-INCD.
- J. PH-INCD will provide behavioral health integration expertise and resources from the R2BHB, where available, and/or through the IDHW Division of Behavioral Health.

### 2. R2BHB Responsibilities:

- A. R2BHB will advise the SBHPC on behavioral health needs for adults and children within region/district.
- B. R2BHB will advise the SBHPC on progress, problems and proposed projects of the regional/district service.
- C. R2BHB will promote improvements in the delivery of behavioral health services and coordinate and exchange information regarding behavioral health services in the region/district.
- D. R2BHB will develop an annual Gaps and Needs Analysis assessment of behavioral health services for the region/district.
- E. R2BHB will assist the SBHPC with planning for service improvements.
- F. R2BHB will report annually to the SBHPC, the DBH and PH-INCD the progress being made toward building a comprehensive community family support and recovery support system that will include performance and outcome data.

- G. R2BHB will establish and maintain a children’s mental health subcommittee.
- H. R2BHB will work actively to build and support community support and recovery support services within the region/district.
- I. R2BHB will follow all Idaho Code requirements for board membership as stated in 39-3134.
- J. R2BHB will meet bi-annually with PH-INCD and DBH to ensure ongoing alignment and compliance with this MOA.
- K. R2BHB will participate as a Regional Collaborative stakeholder and part of the Regional Medical/Health Neighborhood as a specialist in the role of behavioral health.

3. DBH Responsibilities:

- A. DBH will commit to annual funding of \$50,000 for the life of the contract which will be established at 4-year intervals.
- B. DBH will provide federal grant writing support for efforts agreed upon by the R2BHB and the PH-INCD.
- C. DBH will write and submit those grants agreed to by the R2BHB and PH-INCD that can only be submitted through the DBH.
- D. DBH will meet bi-annually with the R2BHB and PH-INCD to ensure ongoing alignment and compliance with this MOA.
- E. In the event a lawsuit is filed against R2BHB, the Attorney General’s office would protect the R2BHB with services as a state agency.

Region 2 Behavioral Health Board	Date
<i>Carol M. Mackee</i>	<i>January 28, 2016</i>
Public Health-Idaho North Central District	Date
Department of Health and Welfare, Division of Behavioral Health	Date