

Region II Behavioral Health Board
2016 Year in Review

2016 Legislative Priorities: 1. Close the Gap (Governor's Healthy Idaho Plan); 2. Recovery Community Centers (Particularly Nez Perce County); 3. Crisis Center for Region 2; 4. Support for Jeff D Settlement Plan.

Legislative Report – Joyce B: Several bills that are pertinent to Board.

--HB518 changes criteria for MH to add "aged"--individuals with Alzheimer's Disease and Dementia may be committed to State Hospitals who are not equipped to provide Geriatric Psych care.

--HB583 expands the language insure Tele-Health Services are covered not only by Medicare or Medicaid but also any other insurance carrier offering insurance in Idaho.

--HB500 technical revision being considered changes the percentage of reimbursement for services provided to an adolescent by a private, freestanding mental health facility from 27% to 91% of the Medicare rate.

--Primary Care Access Plan (PCAP)—alternative to Medicaid Expansion didn't pass.

--B1326 Amends Section 56-1003 of the Idaho Code to add Suicide Prevention Services to the list of services supervised and administered by the Idaho Department of Health and Welfare.

--Two new Crisis Centers were funded for ½ year – Twin Falls and Boise.

--SHN able to hire Chief of Psychology and six additional positions to help manage more violent patients. Bridge funding discharge options for patients who do not have placement options. This (the \$1,000,000 actually comes from Medicaid funding) will go to the Residential Assisted Living.

--Legislature approves \$1 million for Respite Care

--Other legislative discussion points for 2017: Medicaid Expansion, Child/Adolescent Psych services, Secure Beds for mentally ill, Rules that impact Medicaid Funded Transport (for kids and adults), Private emergency transport for adults/children, Discussion of IC 18-212 statute.

--Needs & Gaps report to State Planning Council by March 21st

--Child & Adolescent Needs & Strengths (CANS) assessment implemented

--Paper Tigers film shown throughout Reg II Counties—LCSC has the film for use

--Justice Reinvestment Act to invest early in offenders in their communities to divert from prison; Chris reported it will be a cost shift to counties. IDOC Greg Lewis and Jim Meldrum gave in depth update on JRA mid-year.

--BH/PH/DHW MOA signed; Board Readiness app approved; PH official partner with Reg II BHB; website to PH

--4 Recovery Community Centers approved for \$150k ea and existing centers received additional \$50k—Nezperce County RCC established.

--Office of Performance Evaluation reviewed Optum contract—determined Optum was fulfilling legislative contract

--By-laws updated to reflect BH/PH processes—Treasurer position changed to at-large position.

--Board approved \$1,000 for CIT; Idaho County had reps to the training for the first time.

--Sojourners Alliance transition housing funds cut—closed temporarily for reorganization

--Needs & Gaps structure and format linked to subcommittee goals and reports

--Rural Crisis Stabilization model proposed utilizing regional Hospitals

--Mental Health court graduate presentation to the Board

--IAC held a BH summit at their September Conference

--Awards-Idaho Championing Recovery—Darrell Keim; Regional Advocate for Recovery—Tom Stroschein

--September deadline for sub-committees to submit their goals for N&G report

--Cynthia Nunez appointed to fill Education vacancy

--Quarterly BH/PH/DHW contract monitor calls required each year for Exec Comm.

--Code of Conduct and Conflict of Interest forms must be on file for all Board members

--Board members appointed to 4yr terms expiring 12/31/20—Commissioners Tom Lamar, Bob Tippett, Mike Ponzio, Cynthia Nunez, Sara Bennett, Darrell Keim, Darcy Lodge, Diane Kovach, Jenny Tiegen

--Legislators attending Dec Brd Mtg: Sen Johnson, Crabtree, Foreman; Rep. Troy, Kingsley

--21st Century Cures Act has impacts on Health Care