

Region II Behavioral Health Board  
2017 Year in Review

2017 Legislative Priorities: 1. Medicaid Expansion; 2. Rural Crisis Stabilization Project 3. Crisis Transport

- Legislative discussion points—Medicaid expansion referred to as “Closing the Gap, the Idaho Solution”;
- Secure Mental Health Facility for Criminally Mentally Ill; big cities using ambulances for Crisis Transport as it is a medical issue where insurances can be billed, not a law enforcement issue unless someone completely out of control; Home for Adult Residential Treatment (HART) model being designed; Overdose prevention law; Accelerated Resolution Therapy Program training for providers to care for PTSD and for veterans
- HB43 allows H&W to fund children trmt up to 300% of poverty level for CMH services
- Legislature approved \$300k for each of 7 Recovery Centers for the year
- Legislature authorized Psychologists to prescribe meds at State Hospitals
- The motto, “Crisis Center for a day, Recovery Center for a lifetime” describes difference.
- Homeless Point in Time count presentation to the Board by Steve Thomas
- CIT conducted the week of Feb 3; Board approved \$1,000 to NAMI in support at Oct. Board mtg
- Crisis subcommittee takes Rural Crisis Stabilization Plan to County Commissioners and Hospitals
- Office of Drug Policy will award \$1.6 million for statewide Substance Abuse trmt grant
- Subcommittee chairs appointed: Chris—nominating, Darrell—ABH, Tom L—Legislative, Skye—CMH
- Board submitted RCR project to NACO to compete for 100 best ideas in the nation
- Telehealth subcommittee research finding report presented by LCSC student Caroline Foresman
- Board appointments: Jennifer Shuffield—H&W employee, Shannen Hotchner—Parent of Child with SED, Mike Smith—Adult Corrections, Kristy Kueh fuss—Physician/Licensed Health Care provider, Jim Rehder—SHN Advisory Board
- Board supported two--\$500 scholarships for Idaho Conference on Alcohol & Drug Dependency (ICADD)
- Awards--Regional Empowerment— Patzer; Contribution of Honor—Rebeckah Joe Carter; Advocate for Recovery—Kristie Smith
- Respite Care grant managed by Optum
- Heart Homes Program for chronically mentally ill patients established
- State Hospitals negotiated with IDOC to establish 9 secure beds for dangerously mentally ill
- SHS will move adolescent unit to Treasure Valley then remodel unit for 20 additional beds
- Schedule developed for individual Boards member to attend monthly leadership conference calls
- NezPerce Recovery Center funds expired on June 30; operated on volunteers until more funds secured
- SHIP coordinator PH Kayla Sprenger gave presentation on Primary Care Medical Home Model
- New BHB funds request form developed to be submitted before approved funds will be expended
- Youth Empowerment Services (YES) coordinator Teri Rainey presented mechanism to implement changes to CMH as a result of Jeff D lawsuit
- Idaho’s Response to Opioid Crisis (IROC) grants distributed \$45k to each RCC to help w/implementation
- Oxford House opened in Lewiston; Rising Sun developing more beds
- Idaho Suicide Prevention Hotline—208-398-HELP (4357) in operation for the 4<sup>th</sup> year
- Board members appointed to 4yr terms expiring 12/31/21—Skye Taylor, Shannen Hotchner, Deborah Lind, Diane Kovach, Jenny Tiegen.
- Legislators attending Dec Brd Mtg: Sen Johnson, Crabtree, Foreman; Rep. Stevenson