

Region II Behavioral Health Board
2022 Year in Review

2022 Legislative BH highlights:

- HB1327—Changes costs for civil commitment from counties to state H & W--Senior Designated Examinations, Court required expert witness fees, pre-commitment psychiatric hospitalizations, pre-commitment usual and customary medical, post-commitment transportation.
- \$15 million one time cost for 3 stand up psychiatric residential treatment facilities. Youth are currently sent out of state for these services-this will greatly help children and families.
- \$12 million to create Certified BH Clinics. These models, also called CCBHCs, have demonstrated tremendous success in increasing access to behavioral health care.
- \$4.4 million to stand up BH 988 crisis services line the equivalent of emergency 911 line.
- Community Recovery Centers—Through the effort of Recovery Idaho, JFAC funded \$900,000 from the Millennium Fund for the 9 RC's which was \$300k above the Governor's budget recommendation.

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- The Board continues to meet via Zoom since April 2020 due to Covid. Board members like the Zoom meeting format. The Board met on Dec 8 in person for Legislative BHB meeting, the first in person meeting in nearly 3yrs.
 - BHB supported Point in Time Homeless count the last week of January—Steve Thomas leads the work and has handed the duty to Michelle King for 2023.
 - Reg. 2 Rural Crisis Center Network continues to increase partnerships in Lewiston, Moscow and Orofino; Grangeville site is not yet established due to lack of a building to provide Crisis/Recovery services. Director Jeppeson likes the R2 Crisis Center model. Grangeville Recovery Center started operation in Sept; a building is still needed for growth.
 - 988 Behavioral Health call number established for state and nation.
 - Michelle King was chosen as R2 Mental Health award for 2022.
 - Activity funds approved—1st Step for Life, T-shirts, business cards; Latah Alliance on Mental Illness, T-shirts and adult color activity books; Latah Recovery Center, remodel construction; NAMI, CIT training; Upriver Youth Leadership, Hotwater heater, frost free hydrant, fencing supplies for Garden to Table Program;
 - ICADD conference was held virtually and in-person on May 9-12.
 - The Board approved the annual budget at \$50k of which \$12,385 was approved for Board supported regional activities.
 - Election of officers in June: Chair—Jim Rehder, Vice Chair—Tom Lamar, Secretary—Sara Bennett, At-large Exec Committee members—Beverly Fowler, John Rusche and Ex-Officio Laura Treat.
 - Annual Crisis Intervention Team (CIT) Training held—Feb 8-11 in Moscow with 22 officers receiving training.
 - The BHB proposed to the Board of Health to establish a "Harm Reduction" program; it is being considered and will use Opioid Settlement funds to potentially create this prevention program—project has stalled.
 - The Board completed the State Planning Questionnaire and submitted by Sept 30.
 - I asked for an Attorney General Opinion on BHB subcommittee/workgroups being able to meet and discuss issues without going through all the Open Meeting Law regulations—the opinion ruled in our favor to allow subcommittee/workgroups to gather and discuss issues and then bring their ideas to the full BHB for any action if necessary. This is a huge help to get more involved and takes much stress off volunteers in their discussions. The Board makes the formal decision making in following the OML. I thank Rosie for getting this opinion.
 - Board appointments to expiring terms** on Dec 31 with 4yr terms beginning 1/1/22—The following were reappointed—Laura Treat--Id Dept of Health & Welfare Employee; Beverly Fowler--Private Provider of Substance Use Disorders; Lisa Martin--Court Appointed Judicial Rep; Jim Rehder—Mental Health Advocate; Dianne Baumann—Parent of a Child with SUD; New appointments to the Board—Summer Overberg—Adult Correction System Rep; Beverly Kloepfer—Physician or other Licensed Health Provider; Theresa Graber-Gimmeson—SUD Advocate; Ex-Officio reappointment—Theresa Shackelford—H&W employee; New Ex-Officio appointment—April Chrisensen-- Physician or other Licensed Health Provider.
 - Thank you to Board Members with years of service who left the Board—John Rusche, Terema Carlin, Darrell Keim, and ex-officio member Dean Allen.
 - Legislators attending Dec 8 Brd Mtg: Senators Carlson (in-person), Foreman (webx); Rep McCann (in-person) Legislators were in support of Behavioral Health issues and Education. We had 3 of 9 Reg 2 legislators attending this meeting. This was the first in-person meeting of the BHB in 3yrs. It was good to meet current and new board members and legislators at this meeting.