



Behavioral Health Board – Region 3 Serving Adams, Canyon, Gem, Owyhee, Payette and Washington Counties

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES September 23, 2020 9:30 a.m.

Executive committee members present: Melissa Mezo, Kelly Aberasturi, Heather Taylor, Penny Jones, Chris Partridge
Staff present: Joy Husmann, Alex Zamora, Chuck Christiansen,

Review of Board members

The Executive Committee reviewed the attendance roster for the board members. There were no issues. All Code of Conduct and Conflict of Interest forms have been signed and returned to Linda Pratzner. The Chair asked for board participation from the Executive Committee members and spend three to six hours of time outside of their regular position.

Budget Subcommittee Update

Chuck Christiansen provided the update. The Budget Subcommittee convened on September 17, 2020 and reviewed the BHB budget for fiscal year 2021. The SWDH Finance Manager reviewed the current and anticipated expenditures and even with the addition of a health education specialist position which would be additional monies; it was determined there would be plenty of funds available for grants from the community, scholarships, and cultural sensitivity training, etc. And it was determined by the subcommittee there would be no variation with travel reimbursement and there will be enough in the budget for this expense.

Letter of Support for Telehealth Parity

The Behavioral Health Board approved this letter of support at August's Behavioral Health Board for telehealth parity for Idaho. The Chair signed the letter of support. All seven regions in Idaho have shown support for telehealth parity.

Nominations for Open Positions/Chair and Vice Chair

There are nine board member positions whose term dates will expire on December 2020. The positions on the board with term dates expiring on December 2020 are the Family Member of an Adult Mental Consumer, Payette County Commissioner, Parent of a Child with Mental Health, Owyhee County Commissioner, Gem County Commissioner, Adult SUD Consumer, Adult Corrections, Parent of a Child with SUD, and the Education representative. The board members were contacted and confirmed their ongoing participation all except the Owyhee County Commissioner and the Family Member of an Adult Mental Health Consumer representative. Commissioner Aberasturi will reach out to the Canyon County Commissioners for his replacement on the board. The Gem County Commissioner representative has not responded. The Vice Chair will reach out to the Gem County Commissioner for a response. The Chair and Vice Chair positions are also open at the end of the year. This is a two-year commitment and nominations need to be made. The current Chair and Vice Chair are willing to commit to another two-year term.

Action: Linda Pratzner will send an email to recruit for the open position of the Family Member of an Adult Mental Health Consumer Representative to the distribution email list.

Approval Item: Cultural Sensitivity Training

The Board has committed to cultural sensitivity training and there were a couple of recommendations for trainers. The Budget Subcommittee convened on September 17, 2020 and it was decided there were

funds available for this training. Based on the Bylaws; the information that comes from the Budget Subcommittee gets pushed to the Executive Committee for a financial decision for the board. Alex Zamora had some concerns with lack of transparency to the full board and no action for moving forward with the cultural sensitivity training. Chris Partridge had concerns on the cost of the training. There is an Executive Order issued by the President placing limitations on cultural sensitivity training utilizing federal funds. The Behavioral Health Board budget receives a partial amount of federal funding. Heather Taylor shared the same concerns on cost and time constraints. Heather Taylor recommended an online cultural sensitivity training. There is no cost, but is approximately five hours of training. There is carryover funding that is not federal dollars. There was a recommendation to table this discussion for the next Executive Committee meeting in October for further discussion.

Motion: The Executive Committee supported to table this discussion to the next Executive Committee meeting. Motion carried by unanimous approval.

The meeting adjourned at 10:07 a.m.