



Behavioral Health Board – Region 3

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Region 3 Behavioral Health Board Meeting

Wednesday, June 23, 2021

10 a.m. – 12 p.m.

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Board Member Attendees:

Aaron St. George	Alex Zamora	Brian Lee	Charles Christiansen	Christopher Partridge
Greg Dickerson	Heather Taylor	Ivy Smith	Jeri Gowen	Joy Husmann
Laura Raynor	Laurie Edwards	Leslie Van Beek	Lina Smith	Marc Shigeta
Mark Rekow	Melissa Mezo	Michelle Sundquist	Penny Dunham	Penny Jones
Shawneen McGee	Tricia Ellinger	Vito Kelso		

Additional Attendees:

Jan Jacobs	Lillian Toumey	Georgia Hanigan	Hailee Tilton	Laura Raynor
Lyndon Haines	Mindy Oldenkamp	Wendy Stoneberg	Claudia Coatney	Caroline Bell
Charlene Cariou	Sam Kenney	Emily Straubhar	Alejandra Del Toro	Jacki Briggs
Peak Recovery	Jaime Aanensen	Nikki Zogg	Ross Edmunds	

Agenda:

Topic	Discussion	Motion	Action
Call Meeting to Order	Meeting called to order at 10:13 am.		

Roll Call Introduction	Quorum met.		
Approval of May 2021 Meeting Minutes	Board members reviewed the May meeting minutes. There was an error on page 3: Heather Taylor's name was spelled incorrectly.	Motion made, and seconded, to approve amended minutes with correct spelling of Heather's name; motion carried unanimously.	Emily to upload approved minutes to BHB website.
Marc Shigeta Empower Idaho Award	Alejandra Del Toro presented the Mental Health Advocate from Empower Idaho to Marc Shigeta.		
Introduction of New Board Members	Ivy Smith, Vito Kelso, and Tricia Ellinger introduced themselves and shared their interest in joining the R3 BHB. Current Board members introduced themselves to the new members.		
Board Discussion/ EC Update	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • EC board members approved May EC meeting minutes. • EC board members reviewed and approved Tricia Ellinger's application as the new Parent of a Child w/ MH. • EC members reviewed and approved Emily's hours. She will provide 18.4 hours of support weekly to the board. • EC members decided that the Board Chair should be the sole person responsible for communicating with the Board, rather than several different board members sending out email communications. Melissa will assume this role. • EC members voted not to approve the MOA created by Heather Taylor at the May BHB meeting. Emily provides monthly updates to the subgrant monitor about the resource grant; she will also provide updates to the Board. • Aaron St. George submitted a request for \$5,000 to provide transportation to the Recovery Centers. It was initially written into the transportation proposal, but was not included. EC members decided that it was not an emergent item, and therefore could not be added to the agenda. It will be an action item on the July EC BHB meeting. • Charlene to meet with finance subcommittee members to discuss FY22 budget. The meeting will convene sometime after July 12th. The current finance subcommittee members are Heather, Alex, Chuck, and Commissioners Marc Shigeta and 		<p>Emily will reach out to financial subcommittee members to arrange a time to meet.</p> <p>Charlene to follow-up on whether or not Emily is allowed to code her time to the transportation resource grant.</p> <p>Emily to provide the same monthly updates to the board that she submits to the subgrant contract monitor.</p>

	<p>Mark Rekow. Tricia Ellinger volunteered to join the finance subcommittee.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Melissa asked Charlene to clarify the amount \$10,793 that is listed on the board budget update. Charlene does not anticipate the carry forward amount being \$10,000, but rather \$3,000-\$4,000. 		
<p>Discussion of Current Contract</p>	<p>Ross and Nikki presented.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Regarding the contract between the health district and R3BHB, there are feelings on both sides questioning whether the partnership should continue. • There was a meeting between SWDH and the EC a couple weeks ago to find a resolution to the issues but it doesn't seem things have changed. Ross acknowledged that this needs to be a discussion with the full board and opened the floor to questions. • Nikki shared that there have been discussions with internal SWDH staff and the district's Board of Health to continue supporting the BHB, but there need to be some changes with how SWDH staff is treated and clearer lines of communication between the BHB and SWDH staff. Nikki also requested direction with expectations and priority areas for SWDH staff. Should there be no resolution, Nikki stated that SWDH would help the BHB transition into a different entity or organization. • Ross explained that if the contract is terminated, the Board doesn't lose the funding. However, the funding doesn't belong to the Board; it is set aside in the health department's budget for the Board's operation and utilization. The health department can't do anything in terms of transferring or using the funds unless it is to another contracting agency that can hire staff to support the BHB. • At the past three BHB meetings, there have been discussion about the Board's budget, the transportation grant, and the PFS grant. These 3 issues are the only issues that the Board has collectively discussed. Melissa shared that last month a memorandum was send to the Division of Behavioral Health 		

	<p>about treatment of SWDH staff by members of the BHB. Melissa was not able to share what the issue is as she did not have the information.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Chuck shared that the concept of an autonomous regional behavioral health board may be coming to an end, especially with new Medicaid changes and the district's counties being more involved in the services provided. Chuck recommended a community advisory committee of people chosen throughout the district to help determine what initiatives are the best for the health district.• Alex stated that it is an embarrassing situation that the board is in. He shared the BoH YouTube recordings in the chat box with the exact times of when the relationship between the BHB and SWDH is discussed.• If the contract was to be terminated, PHD3 would be the only district in the state without a BHB.• Board members vocalized that they can't make a decision to move forward because they don't know what the issues are. The past couple meetings have talked about budget issues, but now it has evolved into budget personnel issues. Melissa reminded the board that everything that has been discussed in the EC meetings has been shared with the entire BHB.• Ross shared that talking about personnel issues during the public forum would be inappropriate and probably illegal but talking about budget personnel issues is allowable. Nikki echoed Ross's statements and suggested an executive session for the BHB to discuss the personnel issues.• Chuck thinks part of the conflict comes from the fact that the Board has no authority to do anything and if the Board does decide to pursue an opportunity, it gets dumped on the health district to carry out the work. He questioned if that aligns with the health district's mission and vision. He also asked if the BHB needs to change their mission and vision to meet the health district needs. Nikki doesn't agree with that recommendation because BHB members bring different expertise to the table and the health district relies on the BHB to shed light on the behavioral health needs in the		
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	<p>community. Nikki suggested a work group form to work on building the trust between the board and SWDH. Heather expressed her desire to see more uniformed communication between the BHB and SWDH.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A desire expressed by the EC is to play more of a role in budgetary decisions as to recommending budgetary decisions. Chuck recommended that prior to the BHB pursuing additional initiatives or grant proposals that the BHB meet with Nikki to see if they align with the health district’s mission and vision, and if the health district has the capacity to help support the activities. • Ross highlighted that if the BHB and SWDH decide to move forward and work to amend the relationship, there would need to be commitment from both parties to do the work of rebuilding the relationship. Nikki thinks a forum to have honest conversations and open dialogue would be an appropriate path forward. • Alex requested that the meeting be more than just the EC. He stated that in the past meetings have come up that have been posted to the BHB website but not shared with the entire board. Chuck and Melissa reinforced that all of the meetings have been open to the public, with the exception of the May closed executive session. 		
Announcements Wrap-up	Meeting adjourned at 12:04 pm.		

Next Behavioral Health Board Meeting:
Wednesday, July 28, 2021
10 a.m. – 12 p.m.

