



Behavioral Health Board – Region 3

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Region 3 Behavioral Health Board Children’s Mental Health Subcommittee Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, August 25, 2021

12:30 – 1:30

Attendees:

Vito Kelso	Ivy Smith	Melissa Mezo	Joy Husmann	Greg Dickerson
Penny Jones	Brennan Serrano	Lori Farrens	Sydney Young	Sam Mauk
Camryn Conrad-Renteria	Darren Bushee	Emily Straubhar		

Agenda:

Topic	Discussion	Motion	Action
Call Meeting to Order	Meeting called to order at 12:31 pm.		
Review and Approve April CMH Meeting Minutes	Attendees reviewed April CMH meeting minutes. There was an error in the minutes. Joy is not the president of the Southwest Idaho Housing Authority; she is the current Board president.	Motion made, and seconded, to approve minutes with amendment. Motion carried unanimously.	Emily to amend minutes and upload to BHB website.
Strategic Plan Review and Finalization for Survey	Attendees reviewed the strategic plan and the gap and needs questionnaire. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Melissa expressed her desire to see the return of the Recovery Center subcommittee. Supporting the region’s Recovery Centers is listed as a priority in the strategic plan, as well as mentioned in Board statute. The Gem County Recovery Center is not able to bill for services at all and the money to fund the center is through grants and donations. Greg expressed that a barrier with the Recovery Centers is getting providers organized to support the center. This could be a possible strategy to add to the strategic plan. 		

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The top three goals for 2021 are housing, transportation, and outreach to rural areas for behavioral and telehealth services. These goals are similar to other regions in the state. Members discussed that issues such as housing, while important, are difficult to resolve. Members want to ensure the goals listed on the Governor's Report are achievable by the board members. However, they also want to ensure that the goals that are more difficult to influence are listed as well to represent the need. • The Behavioral Health Gaps and Needs component on the questionnaire makes it difficult to rank each category. Members discussed if it's more impactful to select the category that is more easily achievable, or to select the categories where there is the greatest need. Vito shared that many of the categories listed are already in place, so it would be ideal to select the category that has the greatest need. He would like to see parts of the strategic plan focus on what is not readily available in the community. Vito shared that in his opinion the biggest needs are housing and lack of mental health providers. He identified transportation as another need. Ivy recognized a need for bilingual providers. • Members agreed to change the wording of Behavioral Gaps and Needs to include the most critical <i>unmet</i> need in the area, rather than the most critical in your area. • Members brainstormed ways to make the survey the most user-friendly and impactful for Board members and community stakeholders. Emily has access to SurveyMonkey Pro and could create the survey in that platform. Information obtained from the survey can also be converted into a PowerPoint within SurveyMonkey. There is the option in SurveyMonkey to include a textbox that people can fill in if the gap/ need is not listed in the original question. • Board members will review the survey results at the September BHB meeting will provide any feedback, if needed. The final Board Questionnaire will then be submitted to the State Planning Council in October. 		<p>Emily to combine the Board Questionnaire and Strategic Plan into one survey. She will create the survey in Word and send the document to CMH members for review on September 8th. She will send the SurveyMonkey link to the full Board and list-serve on the 10th after receiving feedback from CMH members.</p>
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Adjourn	Meeting adjourned at 1:27 pm.		
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