



**Behavioral Health Board – Region 3**  
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**Region 3 Behavioral Health Board Meeting Minutes**

Wednesday, January 26, 2022

10:00 am – 12:00 pm

**Board Member Attendees:**

Aaron St. George	Alex Zamora	<del>Brian Lee</del>	Charles Christiansen	Christopher Partridge
Greg Dickerson	Heather Taylor	Ivy Smith	Jeri Gowen	Joy Husmann
Laura Raynor	Lina Smith	Lyndon Haines	Marc Shigeta	<del>Mark Rekow</del>
Melissa Mezo	Michelle Sundquist	Penny Dunham	<del>Penny Jones</del>	Shawneen McGee
<del>Tricia Ellinger</del>	Vito Kelso			

Meeting recording: [https://swdh.zoom.us/rec/share/\\_29JeXlg9u-FRaGB\\_ujUdEbb5mSQVhlgDhIQWlcpBARMsIJtEb3RLyFMV1zU4IFr.o19vBFctxYdoLgQG](https://swdh.zoom.us/rec/share/_29JeXlg9u-FRaGB_ujUdEbb5mSQVhlgDhIQWlcpBARMsIJtEb3RLyFMV1zU4IFr.o19vBFctxYdoLgQG)

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All meetings from the day are within the single recording. See below for individual meeting start times/content areas of interest within the recording link:

Executive Committee	04:31
Behavioral Health Board	27:13
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Contract Overview and Considerations Presentation – Ross Edmunds, IDHW</li> </ul>	30:47 – 01:13:52
Children’s Mental Health Subcommittee	02:21:28

Topic	Discussion	Motion	Action
Welcome and Call to Order	Meeting called to order at 10:02 Quorum met.		

<p>Discussion on Region 3 Behavioral Health Board Contract Transition</p> <p><b>Action Item:</b> Board Next Steps</p>	<p>Ross Edmunds, Division Administrator, Behavioral Health, Idaho Department of Health and Welfare presented.</p> <p>SWDH Board of Health voted to initiate termination of its contract to support the Behavioral Health Board. Ross provided an overview of the options available to the Board moving forward.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Option: Maintain current leadership and identify alternative mechanisms (ex. Fiduciary/fiscal agent) to support the board. IDHW to serve as an interim fiduciary as a new organization is identified.</li> <li>• Option: Replace board leadership, maintain support from SWDH. No changes are needed to the fiduciary relationship.</li> </ul> <p>Ross opened the floor for Q&amp;A:</p> <p>Q: What have the previous contractors looked like for Behavioral Health Board support?  A: No previous contractors, the public health districts have been the only recipient.</p> <p>Q: Is there an option for the full BHB to vote on this situation?  A: Board bylaws outline the process for voting on member removal and code of conduct violations.</p> <p>Q: What will happen with grant funds previously awarded to the BHB?  A: The BHB is not an entity that can receive funds, any grant applications that have been awarded from IDHW have been awarded on behalf of the BHB to SWDH. SWDH will maintain oversight and implementation of these funds if separation moves forward. The agreement between IDHW and the BHB supporting organization outlines the expectations of how funding will be managed. If a new partner is identified, IDHW can work with the BHB to determine language and expectations related to funding in the next agreement.</p>		
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	<p>Q: What would a 501c3 status look like for the BHB? Would current finances transfer to the new entity?  A 501c3 organization is a possible recipient of BHB support funds. The BHB itself cannot become a 501c3. Individuals within the Board can decide to create a 501c3 and would be eligible to apply for support funding through the Request for Proposal (RFP) process.</p> <p>Q: If the board is temporarily being supported by IDHW, would they be eligible to apply for IDHW sponsored funding opportunities?  A: No, if the board is currently utilizing IDHW as its fiduciary agent this would limit the BHB’s ability to apply for any IDHW funding opportunities.</p> <p>Chair requested clarification on requested action item submitted by Jen Burlage. The question to the Board: Does the R3BHB want to maintain current leadership and move into the next steps with IDHW acting as the temporary fiscal agent OR does the R3BHB want to maintain relationship with SWDH and remove current leadership.</p> <p>Motion made to vote on removal of Board Chair and Vice Chair.</p> <p>Group discussion on the process to remove leadership. The bylaws state the ability to remove an individual from a committee by a 2/3 vote. Code of conduct policy violations are to be submitted in writing to the board chair, the executive committee will review and investigate any issues, if the committee recommends member termination, the committee will request a vote at the next regularly scheduled Board meeting. To date, no code of conduct violations have been received by the Chair or executive committee.</p> <p>Around the room discussion on feedback on the current situation and options for the BHB. Individuals shared importance of relationship with SWDH, difficult decision to be made, lack of information available to ensure well informed decision, desire for Board to positively impact communities, success of the board to date, recognition of SWDH support in achieving board goals, and request for full transparency of materials relating to these issues.</p>	<p>Motion – vote to remove BHB Chair and Vice Chair (Alex Zamora), seconded (Lyndon Haines)</p> <p>Motion to amend the motion – Table this vote for the next</p>	
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	<p>Available information will be shared in advance of the February meeting. Chair to invite Nikole Zogg to join the meeting to present concerns on behalf of SWDH. SWDH and BHB documentation of issues to be shared with the Board.</p> <p>Alex requested future conversations on issues relating to Board leadership be facilitated by a neutral party.</p>	<p>meeting (Vito Kelso), seconded (Lina Smith) Voice vote, 2 opposed, motion passes. Action item to be added to the February meeting</p>	<p>February agenda to include vote on board leadership.</p> <p>Charlene to invite Nikole Zogg to present SWDH concerns at the February meeting.</p> <p>Share SWDH and BHB documented concerns with Board Members in advance of meeting.</p>
Action Item: Approve November Meeting Minutes	<p>Board members reviewed the November BHB meeting minutes.</p>	<p>Motion made (Vito Kelso), and seconded (Lyndon Haines), to approve November minutes. Motion carried unanimously.</p>	<p>SWDH to upload approved minutes to the BHB website.</p> <p>Request for a future crisis center update, SWDH to request presentation for March meeting.</p>
EC Update	<p>Melissa Mezo presented.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Previous meeting minutes reviewed/approved</li> <li>• Application for Tammy Law approved <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Ongoing open positions on the board. SWDH to forward those positions to the full board and revise contact information on new board member application.</li> </ul> </li> <li>• EC reviewed monthly attendance report for 2021, no questions/concerns. Melissa will be following up on an appointed member (Brian Lee) to check the status of his participation.</li> </ul>		<p>SWDH to share list of current open positions to full BHB.</p>

Finance Committee Update and New Chair	<p>Melissa Mezo presented.</p> <p>The finance committee is looking to identify a new chair.</p> <p>Current finance committee members include – Chris Partridge, Marc Shigeta, Alex Zamora</p>		<p>Identification of a new chair will be added to the February meeting agenda.</p>
Children’s Mental Health Subcommittee Update	<p>Joy Husmann Presented.</p> <p>Group met in December and provided input on committee action plan. Next steps will be to outline action items and next steps.</p> <p>Meeting occurs monthly following the BHB meeting, all are welcome to join.</p>		
Community Updates	<p>Serenity Wellness – new services available including medication management and laboratory diagnostics.</p> <p>Ambitions of Idaho may be closing their doors at the end of February. No additional information is shared, may be an opportunity for someone from Ambitions to provide an update.</p> <p>General question – email communications, some board members are not receiving emails.</p>		<p>Aaron will send an update to SWDH to include in future resource updates.</p> <p>BHB members please confirm board member contact information with SWDH – <a href="mailto:bhb@phd3.idaho.gov">bhb@phd3.idaho.gov</a>.</p> <p>SWDH will ensure all board members are included on the distribution list.</p>
Adjourn	Meeting adjourned at 11:55am		

Next Behavioral Health Board Meeting:  
Wednesday, February 23, 2022