



Region IV Behavioral Health Board Meeting
April 13, 2017
Room 131, 1720 Westgate Drive, Boise, ID 83704
11:00 AM – 1:00 PM

Presiding Officers: Rhea Morrison, Co-Chair

Board Attendees: Kris Hoffman, Jennifer Burlage, Russell Salyards, Austin Reed, Greg Dickerson, Fred Kesler, Autumm Brechwald, Monica Forbes, Steve Graci, Christina Smith, Rick Visser, Winslow Gerrish

Board Attendees by Phone: Elizabeth Francis, Brandi Hissong, Carlos De Leon

Members of the Public: Darren Richman, Chuck Christiansen, Crystal Lish, Amy Korb, Deanna Watson, Ali Gauthier, Molly McNevin, Rebecca Sheldon, LaDessa Foster, Britany Jaramillo, Alexis Pickering, Julie Nease, Ross Edmunds

Members of the Public by Phone: Christy Sofaly

Agenda Item	Presenter	Notes
Welcome and Call To Order; Introductions and Review of Mission and Vision; Consent Agenda; Approval of Minutes	Rhea Morrison, Co-Chair	Meeting called to order at 12:07 PM by Rhea Morrison. Rhea reviewed the R4BHB mission statement and values. Board introductions were made and quorum was met. Greg Dickerson moved and Jen Burlage seconded to approve the April consent agenda; all in favor. Christina Smith moved and Greg Dickerson seconded to approve the March meeting minutes; all in favor.
Executive Committee Report (attached for review); <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Board Terms 	Rhea Morrison, Co-Chair	Julie Nease informed the Board that there have been eight applications received for the upcoming expiring terms. The nominations committee will schedule a meeting to review the applications and appoint members for the expiring seats.
Division of Behavioral Health Update	Ross Edmunds, IDHW, DBH	Ross Edmunds, Director for IDHW, Division of Behavioral Health updated the Board with the 2017 Idaho legislative session activities. Three pieces of legislation were presented that would affect the Division of Behavioral Health, two of which successfully passed. House Bill 213, which included changes for the Regional BHBs, passed through Committee and House. In the Senate no debate was held and the bill failed. Ross shared that this may have been influenced due to receiving a low grade of -3 from the Idaho Freedom Foundation. There also was a huge misunderstanding that the bill was actually giving Health & Welfare a backdoor opportunity for Family Planning activities.

House Bill 42 was presented at the legislative session to restrict County Commissioners from sending designees in their place to Behavioral Health Board meetings and other meetings. HB42 died in Committee.

Appropriations that were presented to the Joint Finance-Appropriations Committee:

1. \$11.5 million was requested to provide mental health services to the felony probation and parole population but received \$5.6 million. The information that was reviewed was based off of the number of new parolees only instead of all parolees. JFAC appeared confused about the numbers and seemed to have based their decision from the lowest of what was presented.
2. Last year funding was received to open two crisis centers, each for 6 months of the year. One center was to be built in Boise and one center in Twin Falls. The Twin Falls site opened last November. The Boise site is expected to be in contract by mid-April or early May with intentions to begin construction in August. The contracting company will be responsible for building and running the crisis center. There are currently three crisis centers in the state, each of which has completely different programs. DBH received funding to operate these two new facilities fully for this fiscal year.
3. Appropriate housing has been identified as a need. There is the question as to how to create a model that better fits the needs of those who require more support. Medicaid has changed their rule and now requires 24/7 care. Last year \$1.5 million was received and this year \$2 million was received to help support the RALPHS model. This will maintain payments to supplement Medicaid for safe and stable housing. A per day rate will cover bed and house manager expenses. Optum will be contracted with to receive a pre-service package including medication management and group therapy services so that all services can be provided in the same facility. The intent is to be a home-like setting with 50 beds across the state. Occupants will be able to live in residence as long as necessary.
4. The Youth Empowerment Services (YES) has a lot of implementation work that needs to be done. The approval of eighteen positions was received. \$15,000 was received for research and implementation efforts. Medicaid for children in the Jeff D class was expanded from 185% to 300% of the federal poverty level. Department of Health and Welfare will transfer \$1.5 million to cover the increase in children who are

		<p>covered under YES. This fiscally makes sense to do. Medicaid will be the main insurer for the YES services.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 5. State hospitals have seen an increase in acuity, violence and lower restoration competency over the last 5 years. State Hospital South has 90 adult beds and 16 adolescent beds. A 16-bed unit will be built in the Treasure Valley to transfer all adolescents from State Hospital South. This will create space at SHS to create a 20-bed high risk unit for adults. 6. A 5% increase across the board was requested for substance use providers but this did not pass. It is expected that that this will be requested again next year. 7. Attempts were made to change physicians at state hospitals to non-classified positions but this was not approved. However, there was some funding provided for additional wages.
<p>Action Items:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • By-Laws Update • Call for Community Marketing Team 	<p>Rhea Morrison, Co-Chair</p>	<p>Rhea reviewed the addition to the by-laws to be adopted as follows:</p> <p>Page 4 Article V: Meetings Section 6. The Board shall hold one business meeting each year where the agenda is to review the R4BHB bylaws, code of conduct, and conflict of interest forms and open meeting law.</p> <p>Christina Smith motioned and Monica Forbes seconded to approve this addition to the by-laws. Members will receive new bylaws.</p> <p>Rhea thanked the Board for completing the member survey and providing comments as they are valuable to the direction of the Board. Many comments were made stating the need to form a community marketing committee. The purpose of the committee would be to evangelize in the community the Board’s activities, create marketing materials, and to create a social media audience. Christina Smith, Monica Forbes and Carlos De Leon volunteered to be on this committee. Jen Burlage offered help for initial implementation and creating goals for the committee. Greg Dickerson suggested for members to consider a designee to represent them if they are unable to attend.</p>
<p>Youth Behavioral Health Committee Update</p>	<p>Christy Sofaly, IDHW, Valley County</p>	<p>Christy Sofaly reported that the Youth Behavioral Health Committee has been busy working on implementing the “Youth Mental Health First Aid” trainings afforded by the Blue Cross of Idaho grant. This training is an accredited training designed to educate people who work with youth how to help youth when</p>

		<p>dealing with a mental health issue, connect them with resources, and intervene when applicable. Trainings have been scheduled for three school districts in Valley and Boise Counties. Funds were reallocated to allow for seven people, instead of three as proposed, to be trained certified trainers since those trainings will be conducted locally. Two from Valley county and three from Boise county have been signed up so far. Steve Graci informed that Glens Ferry just signed up for the training. The goal of the committee is to have all rural schools in Region 4 trained by next year.</p> <p>Steve informed the Board that the committee is working on the Children's Mental Health Wellness Week that is held May 1-7, 2017.</p> <p>There are new respite care providers in Riggins and Payette. Mechelle Wilson of IDHW is working on crisis respite services. A quarterly respite report will be provided by Jen Burlage for Julie Nease to distribute to Board.</p>
Strategic Planning Discussion	Rhea Morrison, Co-Chair	Several years ago the Board developed a strategic plan. With so many new board members Rhea would like to propose another strategic and vision planning meeting for this summer. Suggestions were made that the Board also set goals and revisit the mission and values at the same time. Rhea asked members let Julie know if they will not be available in July or August. Most members will be able to attend a meeting this summer.
Gaps & Needs	Austin Reed	The Gaps and Needs committee held their first meeting on March 30, 2017. Amy sent an email to the three committees of the Board to notify that their input is needed. The 2016 report was reviewed in order to delegate sections to the committees who will in-turn review and provide feedback on. The committee will meet again on April 27, 2017 and is open to anyone who would like to join in their efforts. Julie will send out invitation to the distribution list. The committee currently has three people working on the project and more representation is needed. The gaps and needs report is mandated by the state and is referred to frequently during state calls. The report is due the first Monday after Labor Day. A new format is being used this year which will be provided to the committee.
Announcements: Next Meeting; Agenda Items; Wrap-up	All	Alexis Pickering will be attending the Mental Health and Well-Being through Law and Policy Meeting in Minneapolis April 18-20, 2017. Alexis asked the Board for input for her to share at the meeting. Jen Burlage asked Alexis to discuss how crisis centers struggle to reach 50% sustainability and to look for ways to reach beyond that. Monica would like to increase the number of mental health centers per capita.

		<p>Steve Graci announced that there will be a press conference on April 19, 2017 held at the Joe Williams building at 12:00 PM to discuss proposals to replace the Affordable Health Care Act.</p> <p>A community conversation is regarding the assault of a young disabled student that took place in Dietrich, ID held on April 25, 2017 at the Linen Bldg. on Grove street in Boise at 7PM.</p> <p>Meeting adjourned 12:55</p>
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Next scheduled Board Meeting: May 11, 2017 – 11:00 AM – 1:00 PM Room 131 Region 4 Offices, 1720 Westgate Drive