



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

Meeting Minutes October 28, 2020

Region 3 Behavioral Health Board member's attendance call:

Penny Dunham
Joy Husmann
Cynthia Mauzerall
Laura Raynor
Lina Smith
Michelle Sundquist
Alex Zamora

Chuck Christiansen
Richard Ferrara (absent)
Penny Jones
Melissa Mezo
Mark Rekow
Aaron St. George
Heather Taylor

Greg Dickerson
Jeri Gowen
Tricia Lofton
Chris Partridge
Marc Shigeta
Dahlia Stender (absent)
Susan Wiebe

Others present:

Jeff Cappe
Christopher Blackmer
Mindy Oldenkamp

Cindy Miller
Elena Ramirez
Kandy Weaver

Clarissa Grange
Megan Segers

CALL TO ORDER:

Melissa Mezo called the meeting to order at 10:03 a.m. There was enough presence for a quorum after taking an attendance call.

ACTION ITEM: REVIEW AND APPROVE 09/23/2020 BOARD MEETING MINUTES

The 09/23/2020 Behavioral Health Board (BHB) meeting minutes are not accurate.

MOTION:

The minutes for 09/23/2020 were not approved. Amended minutes will be added to the 11/18/2020 BHB meeting. Motion carried by unanimous approval.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE UPDATE

Joy Husmann presented. A code of conduct complaint was made by Alex Zamora to the chair, Melissa Mezo. The executive committee met to review the code of contact complaint and found no code of conduct violations had occurred.

Melissa Mezo presented. Executive committee met 10/22/2020. Agreed that there would not be a facilitator present for the October BHB meeting. Kandy Weaver has been invited to the meeting to discuss her services. The executive committee and board agreed to training. Agreed to not set-aside any financial amount until it has been determined what the larger group wants in terms of training. As a volunteer board, there is not authority to mandate any type of training. Executive board members approved applying for the Idaho's Response to the Opioid Crisis (IROC) grant.

Board members discussed that the training be dedicated to anti-racist work.

PRESENTATION

Kandy Weaver presented. She was referred to board by Michael Cain. Her methodology is to look at the severity and pervasiveness of the situation, along with intent and impact. When Kandy met with the board, it was agreed that an hour long zoom training wouldn't be as effective as other methods for resolving the issues that have been addressed. Advised that there be separate interviews with Kandy to better understand the situation and find resolution. At this time, Kandy's services have not been of cost to the board and if individuals choose to meet with her privately, the costs will be absorbed by the board.

Board members discussed why Kandy's proposal was selected when other options have been submitted and prices are comparable.

ACTION:

Share Kandy's proposal with the board via email. Melissa Mezo will send out. If interested, board members can set up a time with Kandy and that information will be brought back to the group for additional feedback. Emily will continue to send out information and trainings to the larger group as they sent in.

INTRODUCTION OF NEW MEMBERS

Brian Lee is a 3rd Judicial District Court Judge. He has experience interacting and managing mental health cases, both criminal and civil. Emily Straubhar is a Health Education Specialist at SWDH. She will support the BHB and also manage a suicide prevention grant.

ACTION

Send information to Emily that needs to be forwarded to the larger group.

IROC SUBGRANT REVIEW AND DISCUSSION

Melissa spoke with Jeri Gowen – 2C Kids Succeed is not applying for the grant. Lina Smith with Recovery for Life stated her organization is applying for the grant. Executive Committee is willing to write a letter of support for Recovery for Life if needed. Life Ways is not applying. Grant is due November 6, 2020. There are recovery centers in Caldwell, Homedale, and Emmett. Canyon Recovery Community Center is not applying for the grant. Board members discussed the resources that would need to go into the grant, which include data and drafting the grant based on ideas suggested to the board, ie transportation. The board granted \$10,000 to the crisis center for marketing and transportation. The IROC grant is written for \$10-50,000, with a total of \$750,000 available. Board members discussed conflict of interest between various organizations and found that there would be none. Lina Smith did not find any conflict of interest with her organization. Board agreed that transportation continued to be a barrier to access of treatment at the crisis and recovery centers. Gem and Payette County have been identified as areas that need transportation resources. Victory transportation may be willing to serve as contract member of the grant. Melissa, Joy, and Emily will submit a proposal with the amount set between \$10-50,000. Area of need identified as transportation to and from crisis centers in rural communities. Will check-in with Lina to ensure there are no conflicts and to offer support where needed. Will also check-in with Aaron and Lina to identify specific needs that can be written into the grant.

REVIEW OPEN POSITION (FAMILY MEMBER OF ADULT MENTAL HEALTH CONSUMER) AND COUNTY COMMISSIONER

Cynthia Mauzerall's position as a Family Member of Adult MH Consumer expires December 2020. Currently accepting applications and will review in the new year. Applications will go before the executive committee and will then be forwarded to the entire board. The other position open is for a county commissioner. The county commissioners in Canyon county will be shifting at the beginning of the new year. No one as accepted any position currently in Canyon County. Adams and Owyhee County will have positions open for commissioner.

ACTION: Submit applications to Emily. Will table the discussion of county commission until January 2021. Marc Shigeta and Mark Rekow will work to identify a commissioner to fill the role in one of the jurisdiction's counties.

VOTE ON CHAIR AND VICE- CHAIR

No additional nominations outside of Melissa Mezo for Chair and Joy Husmann for Vice- Chair. Melissa accepted nomination for Chair and Joy accepted nomination for Vice- Chair. Emily reviewed Linda's old emails and did not see any additional nominations. Jeri Gowen and Judge Brian Lee abstained. Alex Zamora voted no to both Melissa and Joy.

ACTION

Melissa and Joy accept their positions as Chair and Vice- Chair beginning 2021 through the end of the year.

REVIEW GAPS AND NEEDS ANALYSIS/ BOARD SURVEY

Joy presented. The board received 13 responses. There are some errors with matching the appropriate name to a response. Of the 13 responses, only Jeri and Alex's are aligned correctly. For the annual Governor's report, names will not be attributed to a response. Board members discussed responses to the survey. Joy will add additions to the needs and analysis and send it out to the board.

Board members discussed how to move forward with the ongoing concerns that have been persistent in the previous months. Melissa recommended a subcommittee be formed to address the concerns. It will be discussed in further detail at the November 18, 2020 behavioral health board meeting.

Meeting adjourned at 12:05 pm.