



Behavioral Health Board – Region 3

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Region 3 Behavioral Health Board Executive Committee Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, August 10, 2021

9:00 – 10:00

<https://swdh.zoom.us/j/98727597097?pwd=YnRSTUtudm5zL3JZL21rRTBaU2YzZz09>

Executive Committee Board Member Attendees:

Christopher Partridge	Heather Taylor	Joy Husmann	Marc Shigeta	Mark Rekow
Melissa Mezo	Penny Jones			

Agenda:

Topic	Discussion	Motion	Action
Discussion of COVID-19 Emergency Response Grant Action Item: Vote on proposal submission	Meeting called to order at 9:09 am. Quorum was not met. EC members reviewed the Emergency COVID-19 Response Grant Proposal Guidance. Potential funding ideas included: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Counseling services in Grand View and Owyhee County: School counselors in that area mainly do college preparatory guidance. Penny would like to see a youth mental health counselor in that area. Melissa asked Rosie if there was an age restriction to utilize the funding. Rosie stated that she doesn't feel comfortable answering that question because it needs to be submitted to Anne Bloxham who will then send that answer out to all the potential bidders. Rosie did clarify if there was an age restriction, it would be listed in the application. Rosie dismissed herself 		Heather and Melissa to reach out to Recovery Center contacts to see if there is any interest in the BHB applying on their behalf, and what type of funding/ services do they need. Melissa to reach out to Darren Gere with Desert Sage to see if they are applying for the funding.

	<p>from the meeting at 9:15 am. There are two concerns with Penny’s proposed idea of using the funds to hire a youth mental health counselor: the struggle of recruitment and hiring, and if the youth meet the requirement listed in the target population definition. Given the small number of students in Owyhee County, it may not meet the target population definition. EC members also discussed the advantage of utilizing telehealth instead of having a provider onsite within the school district. Members also discussed the concern with certain services not eligible for Medicaid and meeting the Medicaid requirements as outlined in the proposal.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Crisis Center and Recovery Centers: Heather and Aaron St. George submitted a proposal for \$10,000 for transportation to the Recovery Centers in Canyon and Owyhee County. The Recovery Centers are not eligible to bill for Medicaid services. EC members discussed what linkages the Crisis Center offers when a patient leaves the facility, e.g., food service, transportation, childcare support. EC members are unsure what support, if any, the Crisis and Recovery Centers need. If the Board decided to move forward with applying for funding to support the Recovery Centers, SWDH would assist with creating an RFP so that they could apply. Another idea is to have the funding support the infrastructure of Recovery Centers, such as marketing. • ED Services: The funding could be used to support an ED-PTC model, but this service might not meet the requirements outlined in the proposal. • Vocational services: Eligible to individuals who are on probation and parole. • CHW: If the BHB decided to use the funding to hire a CHW, Charlene explained that it would most likely need to be in the form of a subgrant with an outside agency and that agency would hire the CHW. EC members discussed their concerns of not getting a CHW hired in time to meet 		
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	<p>the start date and the sustainability of hiring a CHW within a short grant cycle.</p> <p>Charlene shared that she is concerned with the limited timeframe of compiling together all the necessary information to submit the proposal, and meeting SWDH's internal process of routing the document to be submitted on August 30th. The application would need to be submitted through SWDH's internal routing process by the 25th for review and approval, so Emily would need all necessary documents by Friday, the 20th. Charlene and EC members discussed the involvement of SWDH's time and billing, as well as assistance with writing components of the proposal. If SWDH BoH chooses to terminate the contact with DBH, SWDH would not accept the funds.</p> <p>Quorum was not met among EC BHB members; therefore, they could not vote on the action item. Melissa and Heather to reach out to Stacey and Aaron.</p>		
Adjourn	Meeting adjourned at 10:38 am.		