



Behavioral Health Board – Region 3

Serving Adams, Canyon, Gem, Owyhee, Payette and Washington Counties

Region 3 Behavioral Health Board Executive Committee Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, November 17, 2021

9:30 am – 10:00 am

Executive Committee Board Member Attendees:

Christopher Partridge	Heather Taylor	Marc Shigeta	Mark Rekow	Melissa Mezo
Penny Jones	Lyndon Haines			

Agenda:

Topic	Discussion	Motion	Action
Welcome and Call to Order Action Item: Approve October EC Meeting Minutes	Meeting called to order. Quorum met. EC members reviewed October meeting minutes.	Motion made, and seconded, to approve October minutes. Motion carried unanimously.	Emily to upload approved minutes to the BHB website.
Discussion: Review of current applications Action Item: Vote on membership	Applications were not reviewed at the November EC meeting. The discussion and action item will possibly be moved to the emergency meeting.		
Heather Taylor’s Replacement	Heather shared her last day at work will be November 30 th . Jennifer Burlage will be taking Heather’s place as the Department of Health and Welfare representative. Starting December 1 st , Jennifer will be the manager over Region 3 and 4 Division of Behavioral Health. Board members shared their sentiments for the Board members that are resigning from their positions on the R3 BHB.		
Discussion: Review letter submitted to Nikki	Melissa shared that during the SWDH BoH meeting on November 16 th , the BoH will be seeking legal counsel to terminate the contract		Melissa will coordinate with EC members to

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • #2, Bullet 2 • #3 • #4 (potential of subcommittee) <p>Action Item: Written response to Nikki's questions</p>	<p>without the resignation of the BHB Board Chair and Vice- chair. Melissa opened the discussion to group. Commissioner Haines reiterated that the intent of the BoH is to terminate the contract without a BHB leadership change.</p> <p>Heather Taylor and Dr. Partridge agreed that the relationship between the BHB and SWDH is important, and if a leadership change is necessary to maintain the relationship, then it is time to look at a change. Commissioner Rekow shared that the BHB is on SWDH's terms and the BHB is limited with their options. Commissioner Shigeta had no comment.</p> <p>Melissa asked if the request of the EC is for herself and Joy to step down from their leadership positions based on the information that was shared at the BoH meeting. Melissa shared that she does not feel the EC has the information they need to decide without input from other individuals. Chuck noted that it is not an action item on the agenda, so no vote can be made. Melissa stated that the EC would convene an Emergency Meeting and seek guidance from the Attorney General's office. Melissa would also like to seek guidance from the Attorney General's office with regard to the BoH asking for her resignation. The BHB would not have an EC and Melissa would like clarity from the AG. Heather reviewed the BHB bylaws and there is information outlined with how to proceed with nominations for a new Chair and Vice- chair.</p> <p>Commissioner Haines shared that the BoH meets in December, so the Emergency Meeting would need to convene prior. Joy stated that it might be time to meet with the Department of Health and Welfare to discuss what other options are available to the BHB, including 501(c)(3) opportunities.</p> <p>Melissa shared that she feels the information presented at the BoH was untrue, one-sided, and that Nikki is not willing to preserve the relationship between SWDH and the BHB. She stated she will resign in lieu of what is best for the BHB, but she will not resign as the result of a threat.</p>		<p>convene an Emergency Meeting prior to the BoH meeting.</p>
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Attendance Review	Attendance was not reviewed during the meeting.		
Adjourn			

Next Behavioral Health Board Meeting:
Wednesday, January 26, 2022
9:30 – 10:00