

**Region VI Mental Health Board**  
Meeting Minutes

*Date of Meeting:* November 9, 2011

*Present:* Ritchie Weers, John Hathaway, Becky Carrier, Amy Cunningham, Howard Manwaring, Deric Ravsten, Zina Magee, Barry Jones, Tracey Sessions, Carl Glover, and Sue Chadwick

*Absent:* John Conner, Charlie Aasand, Lewis Andrews, Mike Stayner and Linda Hatzenbuehler

*Guests:* JoAnn Martinez

*Next Meeting:* January 11, 2012

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**I. Call Meeting to Order** (*Ritchie Weers*)

Ritchie called the meeting to order. Introductions were made. Minutes from the October meeting were approved.

**II. Discussion**

**Legislative Update**

The date for the Legislative Update event has been changed to November 28 at the Bannock County Courthouse Commissioner's Chambers. The following was decided:

- The original flyer will be changed to reflect the new date and emailed to all Board members.
- Ritchie will send out letters and the flyer to the local legislators.
- Howard Manwaring will send letters out to the County Commissioners in all other counties.
- JoAnn will invite Judges Murray and Dunn.
- A request to RSVP Sue will be included in the flyer. If we haven't received a response, personal contacts will be made.
- Becky will send out an email to Board members giving them an opportunity to sign up for what they will bring to the event.
- JoAnn will pick up all utensils.
- Finger food will be served.
- The Legislative event will be considered the RMHB meeting for December.

**Children's and Adult Mental Health** (*Ritchie Weers*)

The following information was discussed:

- Ritchie distributed copies of the monthly report on statistics for the Region.

- One AMH clinician has been out since July 5 and will not likely return to work until sometime in 2012. There are currently only 2 clinicians on the Crisis Team, plus fill in from CMH.
- The ACT Team supervisor has given notice of his resignation. He will be moving out of state and his last day will be December 2.
- A new CMH clinician will begin on Monday, Nov. 14. She will be doing 19-2524 assessments for AMH for a few months.
- Copies of Corey Taule's view from the Post Register on "Idaho's Ugly New Normal" were distributed. Barry inquired about the availability of statistics on the trends in Bannock County similar to those Corey referenced in the article that he obtained for Bonneville County. Ritchie and JoAnn will work on getting information regarding our region.

### III. **Membership**

Howard Manwaring, John Hathaway and Ritchie are on the membership committee. It was proposed that Tracey Sessions fill the position for the second DHW employee member and also Carl Glover for the consumer representative position. Becky moved and Barry seconded the motion to accept these two as members of the Board. The motion passed unanimously.

### IV. **New Business**

Tracey gave a review and update on managed care, including:

- The RFP should be ready within the next few weeks.
- Pat Guidry is paramount in crafting and gathering information for it. Leslie Clements and Paul Leary are also key players.
- It is anticipated that the RAC and RMHB Boards will be combined at some time in the future.
- One year from now managed care should be up and running.
- There is some concern that there may not be enough money in the system to do what is desired. In the future, the capacity may be only to offer legally mandated services.
- The legislators have directed mental health services to be included in the new system.
- There is concern that the majority of the money will go toward administrative costs, not direct services. Questions were raised concerning whether we will come out ahead with managed care.
- Health and Welfare will not go away totally, but may become the guarantor as it is in some other states.
- The company with the winning bid does not have to be non-profit.

Meeting adjourned at 6:51 p.m. The next meeting will be held January 11, 2012, at the Human Development Center.

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