

**REGION IV MENTAL HEALTH BOARD MINUTES**

**September 14, 2010 - 12:00 TO 2:00 PM**

**Ada County Sheriff's Office**

**7200 W Barrister, Boise, ID**

**CHAIR: Greg Dickerson**

**VICE CHAIR: Sharon Ullman**

**Attendees:** Mary Rong, Scott Armentrout, Kate Pape, Shelly Retter, Connie Crusier, Greg Dickerson, Gina Westcott, Mechelle Wilson, Sharon Ullman, Elizabeth Baker, Frank Eld, Courtney Santillan, Gayle Larson

**Excused Absences:** Martha Ekhoft, Linda Zimmer, Vern Garrett, Judi Corlett

<u>Agenda</u>	<u>Presenter</u>	<u>Discussion</u>	<u>Action/Next Steps</u>
Introductions and Attendance	Greg Dickerson	Greg welcomed everyone to the meeting.	
Review Agenda Approval of last meeting's minutes	Greg Dickerson	Last meeting's minutes were reviewed with one correction. The correction was made and sent out to all Board Members. Shelley motioned the minutes be approved as corrected and Sharon seconded. The motion passed.	
Report on State Planning Council's meeting held on 8/17-8-18 and Region 4 Needs Assessment	Greg Dickerson	<p>Greg attended the August SPC meeting in place of Courtney. The Council sent out a letter to all regional Boards as to what information they want regarding the Needs Assessment. The Council doesn't have many more resources than we do. Dr. Hatzenbuchler said they need data. They want our regional needs on prevention, intervention, treatment, recovery, and crisis by January 2011. The question of "how do we approach this" was mentioned.</p> <p>Gina stated the WICHE survey done two years ago talked about system issues. Maybe better to use a Web based survey rather than one sent out in the mail. Greg suggested we form a sub-committee to work on it. Those volunteering are Greg, Beth, Gina, Mary, and Courtney. Greg stated he will communicate better with the other six regional boards.</p> <p>The question, can WITS provide the information was raised. Basically, information can be pulled out based on what is put in. Tracking outcomes is a problem. Length of stay is one example. What does a shorter LOS really mean? Why is there shorter lengths of stay and how many people return? Region 4 helped shorten LOS and the waiting time to get in to a state hospital dropped significantly.</p>	

		<p>Kate suggested getting the seven Board chairs together to brain storm to come up with a standard template.</p> <p>General frustration was expressed by all with the relationships with the State Planning Council and the Department.</p>	
BHTWG Presentation		<p>The question the Board wondered about the most was how the Department will implement the changes. Gina stated that the region is aligning itself to be more quality assurance, to work more in crisis response and those with Medicaid. As crisis response gets bigger, voluntary treatment will get smaller with people being sent to private providers. Greg commented that much of what the department does, private agencies cannot because insurance does not pay. Greg went to the last BHTWG meeting and said the work group really was trying to grasp on to what is really needed.</p>	
Mental Health Web Page	Laura Thomas	<p>First, Laura reported that on 9/25/10 the DEA will be operating a Drug Take-back Day, where anyone can bring in their expired medications for proper disposal. Sites are in McCall, Cascade, Glenns Ferry and at the Eagle Albertson's.</p> <p>Laura showed the Board the web page for the Region 4 Mental Health Board, showing how the space would be put to better use. There are items taking up space that could be eliminated. Greg said he would send an email to all Board members asking them to email Laura directly on what they want on the web site.</p>	
Member reports and Updates CMH Subcommittee Update RAC Update	All	<p>Gina reported the Department hired a new Division of Behavior Health Bureau Chief, Ross Mason, who has a history in Children's Mental Health. Gina will report to him until they hire a HUB Administrator. There will be a combined intake with Adult and Children's Mental Health called the Intake and Assessment unit. Gina, Mechelle and the Mobile Crisis supervisor have been working together. The new unit will do assessments, crisis response, DE's and court related cases. There are two clinician openings in Region 4, one in CMH and one in the Intake and Assessment unit. Gina has started brown bag lunches every Wednesday with private providers to discuss their services with staff.</p> <p>Mechelle reported that PLL (Parenting with Love and Limits) classes are starting and that Staff attended SPAN training. CMH is referring out clients with Medicaid to private providers, talking to the courts about financial repercussions of those who have insurance or Medicaid.</p> <p>Courtney reported the Interstate Compact meeting is in Boise this week. They</p>	

		<p>created WICHE. Her office just renewed their contract with the Department. They will be increasing training of consumers on how to be better consumers. September 16<sup>th</sup> will be the first time-banking meeting. Courtney received ;a three-year grant plus an additional \$10,000 for youth involvement. She submitted eight different grants to BARGE, but was not awarded any.</p> <p>Sharon handed out several pages of data from Terry Reilly Health Services regarding Allumbaugh House statistics. This information is attached at the end of these minutes. Sharon reported resolution with the Allumbaugh House/Boise City issue. Negotiating court room use is in progress with Boise City, Meridian and Garden City.</p> <p>Beth reported that over \$5,000 was raised from Jazz in the Park.</p> <p>Frank reported Valley County has one of the highest unemployment rates in the state. The Tamarac trials have started. Everything has come to a halt until the Tamarac issues have been resolved on bankruptcy.</p> <p>Kate reported that since Mobile Crisis cannot come to the jail any more to determine is holds should be done, the officers and clinical personnel are finding different perspectives on whether a 24 hour hold is appropriate or not. They are working together to resolve.</p> <p>Shelley reported the school districts are trying to figure out how they will be affected by the Medicaid/PSR changes. Rule changes in IDAPA about seclusion and restraint. The numbers are down in this district for those needing special Education.</p> <p>Connie reported that Elmore County is starting their specialty court.</p> <p>Greg reported that the Mental Health Provider Association of Idaho is proposing the state adopt a PSR licensure status. It came very close to passing last year and hopefully will pass this year.</p>	
Other Board Items			
		Meeting adjourned.	

Next meeting is October 12, 2010 at the Ada County Sheriff's Department.