

Region 5 Behavioral Health Community Board

Meeting Minutes

11:30 ~ 2:30

May 7, 2014

Present:

Sally Bryan, Janelle Johnson, Brian Pike, Helen Edwards, Rick Huber, Mindy Hoskovic, Frank Knight, Lela Patteson, Kevin Pettus, Rita Ruhter, Dawn Anderson, Elara Smith, Eric Jones, Lee Wilson, Janice Kroeger, Kim Dopson, Scott Rasmussen, Debbie Thomas, Carmen Babb, Mary Christy (phone), Jami Stroud, Tom Hanson (phone), Angenie McCleary (phone), Audrey Palmer (phone), Isaiah Sarault (phone)

Excused:

Mick Hodges

Next meeting:

June 4, 2014

I. Announcements

Children's Mental Health re-broadcast of panel discussion in Boise at the 823 Harrison building on Friday, May 9th.

May 14th Mental Health Awareness Open House 2:00 – 4:00 at the Stone House at 330 4th Ave. S., Twin Falls.

May 30th is a training opportunity with 6 CEU's at the Herrett Center featuring Dr. Kenneth Carter talking about the DSM 5 "in Plain English". This promises to be a great training opportunity. The fee is \$45. Contact Sharyn Justus at justuss@dhw.idaho.gov or call 732-1630.

II. Business

Approval of Minutes:

Motion to approve minutes – Deborah Thomas

Motion seconded – Angenie McCleary

Minutes unanimously approved

Legislative/Central Office updates – Rosie Andueza

Action Items from last meeting:

III. Discussion:

Legislative/BH Budget update: Rosie Andueza and Ross Edmunds –

Reimbursement for Recovery Coaches – If the client is within the DHW population it can be reimbursed. **Rosie will forward information about billing for Recovery Coaches to Kim Dopson.**

Budget – The budget is 2% overspent and it is near the end of the fiscal year. Certain populations are overspent (Child Protection & Pregnant Women with Children “PWWC”) and we will hold off on referrals until mid-June.

Transformation Legislation was passed after several years of trying to get it through. Decisions need to be made on what we want the Region 5 board to look like.

Below are the three options:

- 1) State advisory board without funding
- 2) Stand up as a quasi-governmental entity
- 3) Partner with an existing governmental entity

The main challenges to standing up as a quasi-governmental entity are the need for policies regarding fiscal, personnel, HR etc. in addition to agreements with other agencies.

The main challenge to partnering with an existing governmental entity would be that our board would have to work within that agencies rules and regulations.

Readiness Criteria: In order for our board to stand up as its own entity we would be required to work with the State Planning Council to meet the criteria they develop. Meeting those criteria would show that we are ready to receive moneys from the State.

Kathy Skippen is putting together a tool kit for the BH Boards to utilize if they would like.

Membership – this can be done all at once or over the course of a year.

Interim Executive Committee – Our Interim Executive Committee has met and we are anxious to see the tool kit.

Rosie will find out from Kathy Skippen when we can expect to see the tool kit.

Base funding – This funding is for operations etc. and would be \$45,000/year, which is basically administrative funding. More funding would come through grants that the Board could apply for on their own. As the Board decides that they want to take on more responsibility, more money would come. The Board may even be able to contract with the State to provide some services, ex. Recovery Support, PATH housing or Respite Care. There is a lot of untapped potential for some of these programs which could be utilized by the Regional Behavioral Health Board.

Crisis Center update – We only received the appropriations to start one crisis center. An RFI has been sent out. Having a Crisis Center would be beneficial to counties because it could avoid some expenses that occur when a person is taken to the emergency room by a police officer. The data that is gathered will hopefully give future Centers credibility. There is an appropriation of 1.5 million of on-going funds to operate a facility with \$600,000 for one-time start-up.

Membership- Rita Ruhter

There are 22 voting member positions in the legislation. The Board is welcome to look at the membership positions that are needed and send nominations to either Sally or Rita.

Membership need:

We are in need a parent of a child with an SED. There has been a parent in that role for quite some time however this person hasn't attended these meetings in several months and Rita was not successful at contacting that parent.

Family member of an adult SUD consumer is needed for membership.

A suggestion was made that Jami Stroud represent a physician or licensed health practitioner.

The Education representative has been Mary Christy, however she represents higher education and the legislation states that this representative should be from primary or secondary education. This will be a membership that needs to be discussed. Mary Christy is willing to serve in any way needed.

Dawn Anderson is willing to serve as the representative of Adult Corrections.

Bev Ashton is willing to continue to serve as Juvenile Justice representative.

Judge Bevin approved Judge Hodges as the Judiciary representative.

Everyone is welcome to be an active participant even though there may not be a position available.

Debbie Thomas has contacted a few family members of adult SUD consumer and is waiting to hear from them.

The memberships will be staggered for the first membership list. There will be a 2 year, 3 year and 4 year membership. After the first term the following terms will be 4 year terms.

The Interim Executive Meeting decided a membership application would not work well for our region; at least not at this point. After the 22 membership is decided the membership/application process can be established under the by-laws.

Money would be available to assist the board in becoming established; for example, by-laws have been established and they need to be looked at by an attorney, the attorney's fees can be paid for via a request to Scott Rasmussen who would access the funds available.

Current board members represent six of the eight counties in our region.

The goal of the Region 5 Behavioral Health Board is to have a 22 member board by July 1st.

Partnering with another governmental agency is discussed below:

If we chose to use a partner we would need to find a partner that was represented in the various communities.

A service agreement could be written so that the partner is just a “pass-through” for the funding.

The organization would be asked to have the policies and procedures but wouldn't necessarily need to have representation in every county since they are not being utilized in that fashion.

The state or government agency is very open. The possible agencies might include the Health District, County Sherriff's association, etc.

Research would need to be done to determine which governmental agencies might be possible.

The advantages to having a “stand alone” entity:

- There is no agency to control what we do
- More flexibility

The disadvantages to having a “stand alone” entity:

The speed of having the agency up and running

Could we utilize the funding available to try to establish our board as a stand-alone entity and if we find along the way that it is too difficult can we then decide to partner with another agency?

- There would be a portion of the funding available to get some of the pieces in place.

If we continue to operate as we are currently why is there no funding available?

Angenie McCleary will further discuss this with Ross Edmunds.

If we want to be able to apply for a grant we would need to be an entity. If we partner with another agency that agency would take a portion of any grant money we were able to access.

We would not be able to apply for grants that were designed for non-profit agencies because the board would not be able to be considered a non-profit agency, they would be considered a quasi-governmental agency.

If we chose to partner with another agency it would be important to have a good relationship with the agency and have similar goals.

This board has several members that are successful business people which would be helpful in the process of becoming an entity.

Who makes the decision regarding what direction the board takes?

Once the membership is established the five executive committee members could meet to recommend a direction which would then be brought before the full board for a vote.

A straw poll was conducted at this meeting and the results were that the majority of members attending the meeting vote to be a stand-alone entity.

The board agreed to meet the first Wednesday of every month starting at 9:00 AM.

Frank Knight will look at ways the board could begin as a stand-alone entity.

Members will send suggestions for vacant positions to Sally or Rita.

Subcommittees will need to be established at a later date when the larger group has a better vision of where they are going.

Deborah Thomas moves to adjourn the meeting.

Next Meeting: June 4, 2014