

Region 5 Behavioral Health Community Board

Meeting Minutes

9:00 AM ~ 11:00 AM

July 2, 2014

Present:

Mary Christy, Helen Edwards, Dianne Clark, Aime Muntz, Autumn Barney Scott Rasmussen, Audrey Palmer, Debbie Thomas, Eric Snarr, Cindy Shotswell, Dawn Anderson, Bev Ashton, Frank Knight, Elara Smith, Rick Huber, Rita Ruhter, Janelle Johnson, Mindy Hoskovec, Jami Stroud, Michael Bezas, Lee Wilson, John Hathaway, Kim Dopson, Mike Waite, Susan Carpenter, Sally Bryan

Excused:

Eric Jones, Mick Hodges, Angenie McCleary

Next meeting:

August 13, 2014; 11:30 – 12:30

I. Announcements:

ODP scholarships available for the Northwest Alcohol Conference, application due July 3rd
Dabbing & Emerging Drug Trends class – Sept. 18th in Twin Falls
“Just One Piece of the Puzzle” – Sept. 20th, 1:00 at the Magic Valley Fellowship Hall

II. Business

Approval of Minutes:

Motion to approve minutes – Rick Huber

Motion seconded – Dawn Anderson

Minutes unanimously approved

Action Items from last meeting:

Steering Committee will meet. Members of the Steering Committee are Angenie McCleary, Frank Knight, Rita Ruhter, and Rick Huber, Mary Christy, John Hathaway

III. Discussion:

Board Membership:

A handout is provided that shows the membership as it stands. Some potential members are attending the meeting today.

Even if a person is not chosen to be on the board there is plenty of room for people to serve on subcommittees.

The Interim Executive Committee will submit a list of potential members to the County Commissioners. If the County Commissioners agree on the list we will be able to vote on membership at our August meeting.

After the membership is voted on the five Executive Committee members will be decided. Titles of the officers still need to be decided.

Membership would initially be staggered with various lengths of service so that all members don't come up for renewal at the same time.

Potential members for vacant seats spent some time at this meeting explaining their passion for wanting to be a member on the board and what vacant member position they felt best fit to represent.

Goal: January meeting will be the goal to decide how we are going to handle the fiduciary responsibilities.

Direction for the Board:

The Steering Committee is working to formulate options for the board to explore and will have further information at the next meeting.

The first Crisis Center was awarded to Idaho Falls. The intent is to have crisis centers throughout the state eventually.

Student interns are being utilized to provide services for people who can't afford services both in the private and public sector.

Learning from other agencies that have been through this process would be helpful. **Scott Rasmussen has a list of contacts that would be helpful for this purpose.**

Pyramid: The part of the pyramid that addresses the services that the Behavioral Health Board would be responsible to fill is:

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Community Consultation & Education • Housing • Employment • Prevention • Recovery & Resiliency Support • Transportation 		<p>The pyramid represents the vision for the system of care for Behavioral Health.</p>
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As we look toward our goals we should keep these identified services in mind.

Discussion on possibilities for the board:

Having goals and objectives is needed and will be looked at by the Steering Committee. Board Members are encouraged to look at the “Questions on Board Options” handout to help give the Board a better direction. See Below.

Partnering means giving up some control because the liability is now on another entity which is why if we align with another entity they need to have the same mission we have.

Public Health has a very similar vision as Behavioral Health.

Potential partners need to be included in our meetings if we become serious about partnering.

In August some of the members of the Steering Committee will be attending potential partners meetings.

The Board will have to work within the budget they are given. The Dept. of Health &

Welfare will not be there to “bail us out” if we overspend.

Note: Renovations will be happening at Canyon View in September which will reduce bed capacity for a limited time.

Questions on Board Options:

- 1) What is the true benefit of being an Independent Entity?
- 2) What are the liability costs?
- 3) Who will be responsible for audits/bookkeeping?
- 4) Who will assist with grant writing?
- 5) How do we accept grants/contracts?
- 6) How do we ensure that we comply with state law?
- 7) What are the potential funding sources?
- 8) Who writes fiscal policy?
- 9) Will funding be greater if we stand alone or partner with an existing agency?
- 10) If we partner, what percent will go to that agency?
- 11) What are the operating costs (personnel, marketing, programs, website, etc.) of each option?
- 12) How do we ensure that all counties are represented for either option?
- 13) What is an estimated timeframe for both options?
- 14) Will we have greater community support with one option vs. another?
- 15) What is the potential impact for MH/SUD depending on the option we choose?
- 16) How are decisions made if we form a partnership?
- 17) Does the partnering entity have input on the Behavioral Health Board’s decisions?
- 18) How do we resolve disagreements?
- 19) What is the organizational structure if we partner with an existing entity?

IV. Subcommittee discussion notes attached.

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