

March 11, 2019

**BOARD OF THE SOUTHWEST IDAHO TREATMENT CENTER  
MINUTES  
March 11, 2019**

Board of the Southwest Idaho Treatment Center convened at:  
Southwest Idaho Treatment Center  
1660 11<sup>th</sup> Avenue North  
Nampa, Idaho 83687-3199

**BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT**

Miren Unsworth, Chairman  
Ashley Dowell, Vice-Chair  
Jamie Newton  
Honorable Dayo O. Onanubosi  
Shirley Beale  
Captain Curt Shankel  
Sheriff Kieran Donahue  
Blake Brumfield  
Brandon Smalley  
TJ Barr  
Chris Topmiller  
Michael Sandvig  
Senator David Nelson until 9:30a.m.

**OTHERS PRESENT**

Alana Minton, Deputy Attorney General  
Cameron Gilliland, Family and Community Services (FACS) Deputy Administrator  
Lori Wolff, Department of Health and Welfare Deputy Director  
Beth Kriete, Medicaid Deputy Administrator  
April Winkelman, Liaison to the Board  
Josh Ortiz, Liaison to the Board  
Stephanie Perry, FACS Project Manager  
James White, SWITC  
Geoff Putnam, SWITC  
Josie Murray May  
Emily Lowe  
Amanda Hanson

**CALL TO ORDER**

Following proper notice in accordance with Idaho Code, Section 67-2343, and pursuant to call by the Chairman, the meeting of Advisory Board of the Southwest Idaho Treatment Center was called to order by Miren Unsworth, Chairman, at 8:33a.m., March 11, 2019, at the Southwest Idaho Treatment Center, 1660 11<sup>th</sup> Avenue North, Nampa, Idaho.

## **WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS**

Miren Unsworth, Chairperson

## **APPROVAL OF MINUTES - ACTION ITEM**

- TJ Barr motioned for the minutes from 02/08/19 meeting to be approved. Blake Brumfield seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously, see attached motion form.

## **DHW RESPONSIBILITIES TO INDIVIDUALS WITH DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES BY STATUTE:**

*Cameron Gilliland, FACS Deputy Administrator*

Overarching Responsibilities: Idaho Code 39-46, Idaho Code 56

- PowerPoint presentation.

*Blake Brumfield, Crisis Prevention Court Services Program Manager*

*Alana Minton, Deputy Attorney General*

Commitment to DHW: Idaho Code 18-2, Idaho Code 20-5

- PowerPoint presentation.

*Stephanie Perry, FACS Project Manager*

Commitment numbers

- PowerPoint presentation.

*Jamie Newton, SWITC Administrator*

Commitment vs. Voluntary Placements

Questions or comments from the above presentations:

There is sometimes controversy about diagnosis of developmental disability, despite there being a clear definition. Examples were provided to demonstrate some of the difficulties: a person may experience a traumatic brain injury after the age of 21. Per the definition, a developmental disability needs to be present prior to the age of 22. However, there may have been a different developmental disability present before the age of 22. The problem, then, is how do we determine what was or was not present before the age of 22 when the person now has a traumatic brain injury as well? Also, the guideline states that a person's IQ must be below 75, but there may be cases where the person's IQ is 76 and they also have other behaviors/independent skill deficiencies.

- Discussed how 'competency' is defined in statute and the process to restore competency which – sometimes involves medication, but mostly training and education around the court process.

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- Clarified that ‘competency’ is the capacity for individuals to assist in their own defense and understand the proceedings.
- It can be challenging to treat individuals who have such a wide range of complex problems.
- Discussion about commitment vs. voluntary placement and disagreement around who is entitled to make treatment decisions. Jamie Newton described the admission agreement and ICF/ID rules that determine roles and responsibilities.

### **BOARD DISCUSSION AND RECOMMENDATION – Action item**


1. *What population falls within the responsibility of the Department to directly provide treatment?*
2. *Should the Department only provide treatment to individuals who are committed to the Department or also take voluntary placements?*
  - Board members reviewed a handout for options to consider. A recommendation was offered for ‘Option #1’ with the clarification that when dealing with voluntary admissions, SWITC makes the decisions. Sheriff Donahue motioned for #1, but it was not seconded.
  - The handout mentions a recommendation that SWITC as an ICF/ID would close. An important clarification:
    - Regardless of the Committee’s recommendation and the ultimate Department decision on a future state for serving this population, current clients will continue to live at SWITC until a new model is created and a new model/facility/licensure is developed and/or acquired.
  - There were questions and comments about what the new model would look like. Board members were reminded that it was purposeful to answer these set of questions before the others. It is hard to think of options for a new model without knowing “who” will be served. Options below were briefly discussed to try and answer questions 1 and 2 above:
    1. Training clients in a lower-level-care home-like setting
    2. Facility or multiple sites with a different license
    3. Funding maybe a concern; crisis homes operate using general funds
  - Judge Onanubosi motioned for ‘Option #4’ to be removed from option list, Sheriff Donahue seconded the motion. All voting members present said “Aye”. Without a motion to vote on the options to consider, we will hold off on a recommendation and begin the next meeting with that. Chairman Unsworth asked for a 1-hour extension for the next meeting or to add another meeting. Board agreed to extend the next meeting by 1 hour. Options for a new model will be sent out prior to the next meeting.


### **ADJOURNMENT**

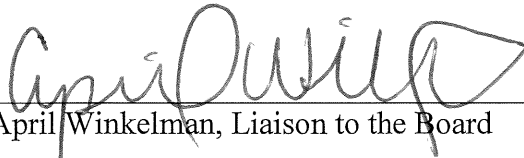
The next meeting of Board of Southwest Idaho Treatment Center is scheduled to be held April 16, 2019 8:30-11:30a.m. There being no further business to come before the Board, Chairman Unsworth adjourned the meeting at 10:43a.m.

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Respectfully signed and submitted by:

  
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Miren Unsworth, Chairman

  
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Ashley Dowell, Vice-Chair

  
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April Winkelman, Liaison to the Board

MOTIONS

By

BOARD OF SOUTHWEST IDAHO TREATMENT CENTER

MEETING DATE: 03/11/19

MOTION MADE: I move that the Board of The Southwest Idaho Treatment Center approve the minutes of the 02/08/19 Board Meeting.

MOTION BY: TJ Barr

SECONDED BY: Blake Brumfield

VOTE: Voice Vote: \_\_\_\_\_ Roll Call: \_\_\_\_\_

Table with 5 columns: Name, Aye, Nay, Absent, Abstain. Rows include Ms. Dowell, Rep. Wagoner, Hon. Onanubosi, Ms. Beale, Mr. Shankel, Mr. Donahue, Ms. Stover, Mr. Brumfield, Ms. Unsworth, Mr. Smalley, Mr. Barr, Mr. Topmiller, Mr. Sandvig, and Sen. Nelson.