

REGION 7 BEHAVIORAL HEALTH BOARD (R7BHB) MEETING MINUTES

April 17, 2020 | 12:00 p.m. – 1:00 p.m.

Zoom Meeting

Board Members in Attendance (marked by an X):

Capt. Samuel Hulse, Chairman	X	Teriann Ness-Parker	X
Janet Goodliffe, Vice Chair	X	Commissioner Bryon Reed	X
Randy Rodriguez, Treasurer	X	Adam Rowbury	X
Michele Osmond, Secretary	X	Dr. Cristina Sanchez-Jaquez	Absent
Commissioner Rose Beverly	X	Commissioner Todd Smith	Absent
Darin Burrell	X	Elaine Sullivan	Excused
Melanie Fowers	X	John Tanner	X
Shawn LaPray	Proxy Brandi Daw	Jerilyn Taylor	Absent
Judge Michelle Mallard	X	Stephanie Taylor-Silva	Absent
Adam Moon	X	Prevention Specialist	Vacant
Cheryl O'Connell	X	Adult Corrections Representative	Vacant
		Mental Health Consumer Representative	Vacant

Others in attendance: Chrissy Bowers, Melissa Child, Chris Freeburne, Crista Henderson, Geri Rackow, and Mimi Taylor

1. WELCOME, INTRODUCTIONS, AND ROLL CALL | Samuel Hulse

2. ADDITIONAL AGENDA ITEMS | Samuel Hulse

There were no additional agenda items.

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES | Samuel Hulse

Cheryl O'Connell made a motion to approve the February 21, 2020 R7BHB meeting minutes. Seconded by Janet Goodliffe. Motion passed.

4. FINANCIAL REPORT | Randy Rodriguez

It was reported that the total FY20 year-to-date revenue is \$37,500.00 and total year-to-date expenditures are \$27,129.22. The YTD balance is \$10,370.78. With carryover dollars from previous years, the current fund balance is \$72,789.19. The total amount for grants awarded this fiscal year are \$7,419.84. The financial report can be found in the R7BHB April 17, 2020 meeting materials section on Eastern Idaho Public Health's (EIPH) website:

<https://eiph.idaho.gov/RBHB/bhbmeetings.html>.

5. MENTAL HEALTH CONSUMER REP BOARD SEAT DISCUSSION | Samuel Hulse

Chairman Hulse announced three candidates, Derek Emery, Rick Whittaker, and Melissa Child, for the Board seat of Mental Health Consumer Representative. The Appointing Authority has not yet met to make a decision. Logan Zuck has expressed an interest in the Board seat. Mimi Taylor will send him an application, if he chooses to apply, his application will be considered with the others.

6. Mental Health Advocate Award for May | Mimi Taylor

Judge Michelle Mallard nominated Sam Hulse for our region's Mental Health Advocate award. Chairman Hulse is a true advocate for mental health within law enforcement. The Board was in agreement that Chairman Hulse should receive this award.

7. COVID-19 Update and Q & A

Geri Rackow reviewed a new dashboard that will be available at www.EIPH.Idaho.gov. The dashboard includes positive and probable cases of COVID-19 and other information related to the COVID-19 cases in the region.

The Stay-at-Home Order has been extended to April 30, 2020. Changes to the order included a 14-day self-quarantine period for nonresidents traveling to the state of Idaho. The order also allows for non-essential businesses to provide services either curbside or by delivery. For the next couple of weeks, all other non-essential businesses should begin working on an operations plan so they will be able to safely re-open on May 1.

Geri asked the Board members for input regarding the effects of the Stay at Home order on the mental health of individuals they serve.

- Chairman Hulse reports increased use of alcohol and other substances resulting in an increase in daytime DUI's and accidents. There has also been an increase in calls regarding suicide threats and domestic disturbances as well as burglaries of commercial areas. Commissioner Reed is concerned with the mental health issues caused when people are unemployed. He feels the secondary results of COVID-19 could be as costly as the primary. He is advocating, cautiously, to get things open again.
- Law enforcement and EMT calls are down and hospital emergency room visits are also down. The severity of the calls has increased as people may be waiting too long to seek medical attention.
- Randy Rodriguez reports the Idaho Department of Health and Welfare, Division of Behavioral Health has a COVID-19 hotline for people who are distressed and in need of help. That number is 888-330-3010.
- Adam Rowbury reports that Brick House Recovery is offering telehealth to outpatient clients.
- Janet Goodliffe discussed the struggles that some parents are having due to school closures and suggested that we find a way to encourage them and support them in their endeavors.
- The Crisis Center is seeing a decrease in people coming to the facility. They are able to offer some of their services over the phone.

8. COMMUNITY REPORTS/ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Brandi Daw announced the construction at EIRMC's Behavioral Health Center (BHC) is complete. Adult bed capacity was increased from 28 to 37 beds and adolescent bed capacity increased from 17 to 25 beds. To accomplish this growth, they decreased the adolescent residential unit from 29 to 12 beds. Renovations were centered around safety and aesthetics. They have a new psychiatrist who started in March, inpatient and outpatient programs are open, and they are taking every precaution by following CDC guidelines to keep staff and patients safe. They also have virtual visitation and are offering telehealth services to patients for support, consultation, and medication management.
- Chrissy Bowers, Optum, provided information on the stay connected, Say Hello campaign! She will send a flyer to Mimi to share with the group.
- Mimi Taylor announced three open positions on the R7BHB. In addition to the Adult Mental Health Consumer representative, the Adult Corrections representative and the Prevention Specialist seats are available. Applications are available on the EIPH website at www.EIPH.Idaho.gov.
- Darin Burrell announced ICADD (Idaho Conference on Alcohol and Drug Dependency) has been canceled. The ICADD Board is aware that a lot of individuals are in need of continuing education credits. They are exploring some virtual opportunities and web based trainings. They are still planning to have the Southeast Idaho Conference in the fall.

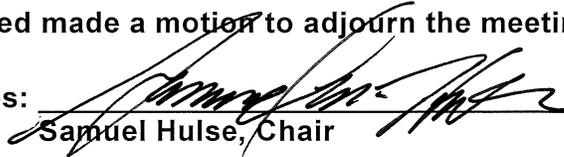
9. PUBLIC COMMENT

No public comment

10. AJOURNMENT

Bryon Reed made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 1:02 p.m.

Signatures:

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Samuel Hulse, Chair

Janet Goodliffe, Vice Chair

The next R7BHB meeting is scheduled for Friday, May 15, 2020 at 11:30 a.m.
Location is still to be determined.

Region 7 Behavioral Health Board Mission:

To improve our systems of care within Region 7 for those affected by behavioral health issues.
We will do this by evaluating gaps in services, encouraging collaboration among stakeholders, ensuring monitoring of critical statistics, and developing strategic plans based on the information.

