

# R7BHB Children's Mental Health Subcommittee

October 20, 2017

10:00 a.m. – 11:15 a.m.

Eastern Idaho Public Health  
1250 Hollipark Drive, Idaho Falls, ID

**Attendees:** Robert DeHart, Amber Gray, Crista Henderson, Cheryl O'Connell, Teriann Parker, Dave Peters, Megan Slusher, Mimi Taylor, Shawna Tobin, and Laura Wallis

**Via Phone:** None

## Minutes

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**Agenda item:** Welcome & Roll Call **Presenter:** Teriann Parker

Attendees were asked to introduce themselves and describe their role for the agencies they represent.

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**Agenda item:** Additional Agenda Items **Presenter:** Teriann Parker

None

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**Agenda item:** Approval of 9/8/2017 meeting minutes **Presenter:** Teriann Parker

Teriann asked for any changes to the September 8, 2017 meeting minutes. No changes were proposed.

**MOTION:** **Dave Peters made a motion to approve the September 8, 2017 CMH Committee meeting minutes. Motion seconded by Crista Henderson. Passed with unanimous approval.**

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**Agenda item:** Children's Mental Health Awareness Week 2018 **Presenter:** Teriann Parker

Teriann reports that she has had zero responses from anyone about ideas for CMH Awareness Week 2018 so she has decided that for 2018, the committee is going to do the following:

- Ethics training (In the Moment training with a children's mental health focus).
- Collaborate with Pat Martell and revisit the six Road Show communities presenting information about YES. This will provide accountability to the BlueCross grant. Laura Wallis reminded the Committee that when the state is doing trainings, YES encourages them to have a parent present.
- Idaho Federation of Families activities including the poster contest.

Robert DeHart brought up the fact that Dr. Henry has given two trainings and that maybe the third training would be of value. Teriann said that Dr. Henry contacted her and said that for an additional \$6000.00-\$8000.00, he would be willing to come back and provide the last part of his training. He will only train 20 individuals, of his selection and the length of the training is three days. This cost does not include his travel or a venue. Teriann feels it would be closer to \$10,000.00-\$12,000.00.

The value of having 20 highly trained individuals in the community was discussed. Dave Peters feels it is a start and 20-trained individuals is better than none. Laura Wallis feels that participating agencies could share in the cost and the training could be held in the EIPH conference room for no cost.

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**Agenda item:** Youth Empowerment Services (YES) **Presenter:** Dave Peters

Dave Peters reported on YES:

- Respite is becoming a billable service through Medicaid and through Optum as of January 1, 2018. Income limits will increase to 300% of the Federal Poverty Guidelines. The contracts for group respite currently in place in the community will remain effective until June 30, 2018. This will ensure a smooth transition as clients will have to be pre-approved through Medicaid for respite care. Idaho will have an independent assessor in place whose responsibility will be to determine up front clinical eligibility. Information from Optum will be coming out soon and training will be provided before the first of the year. The Idaho Department of Health and Welfare is currently working with agencies to collect a roster of all of the children who have received respite in order to help with the transition. Shawna Tobin expressed concern on the timeliness of an independent assessment. Dave provided information on the 1915I amendment and the process. An RFP has gone out for the independent assessor. Dave said there is a lot of information being discussed in Boise and he is cautious not to share it until

everything has been finalized. He learned of the RFP, for independent assessments, only 3 weeks ago. Laura will take the committee's concerns back to Pat Martell for discussion.

- The ICANS (Idaho Child and Adolescent Needs and Strengths) pilot started in September in our region. Dave reported that Josie feels it really ties in well with the family centered model and wrap around.
- YES outreach for stakeholders in the community; information will be provided soon.
- Planning is underway regarding crisis intervention and will include Behavioral Health Boards and CMH Committees.

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**Agenda item:** YES/Parent Network **Presenter:** Laura Wallis

- Laura Wallis attended the Parent Network conference in Boise last weekend. They had representation from parents in every region in the state. Region 7 is on the forefront and we need to be ready for what is coming. Regarding crisis services, Laura stated that we do not have systems in place to adequately address the need. Laura feels that as a committee, we need to collect real information to identify what really exists for crisis services. She wants to know what it would take to staff a crisis line that could dispatch crisis services in order to eliminate immediate police involvement and assess a child to determine what services were necessary. The committee agrees that a mobile crisis unit would be helpful to keep kids out of the juvenile justice system. Crisis Intervention Training (CIT) for law enforcement officers is different from a crisis unit. Laura would like the CMH committee to figure out what resources we have to move forward with improving crisis services in the region.
- The state is listening to parent's feedback and wants more.

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**Agenda item:** Idaho Federation of Families **Presenter:** Steve Graci

No report

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**Agenda item:** Announcements **Presenter:** Teriann Parker

No announcements

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**Agenda item:** Public Comment **Presenter:** Teriann Parker

No comment

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**The meeting was adjourned at 11:22 a.m.**

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**Next Meeting:** November 17, 2017 at 10:00 a.m. in the Conference Room at Eastern Idaho Public Health (1250 Hollipark Drive, Idaho Falls, ID).