**Region 7 Behavioral Health Board Activities Report**

**Reporting Agency: Eastern Idaho Public Health Report Period: December 2019**

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| **Dates:** | **Activity** |
| Ongoing | Participated in regular monthly activities including minutes (writing, reviewing, and disseminating) from November’s meeting, preparing for January’s meeting (coordinating guest speakers, working on agenda items, updating sign-in sheets, etc.), and forwarding emails from partners to R7BHB email distribution list, etc.  Participants: Mimi Taylor-EIPH Liaison, Geri Rackow-EIPH Director, and Cheryl O’Connell-EIPH employee and R7BHB member (Parent of a Child with a SUD) |
| Ongoing | Worked on recruiting new members for soon-to-be-vacant Board seats. One of our county commissioners was not re-elected this year so his seat is open starting January 1 and our judicial representative was recently appointed to serve on the Idaho Supreme Court so that seat will also become available January 1.  Worked on informational packets for our new Board members to help them become better educated about the Board and its role in the community.  Participants: Mimi Taylor-EIPH Liaison, Sam Hulse-R7BHB Chair, and Randy Rodriquez-Board Treasurer and member of the Appointing Authority |
| Ongoing | With Judge Moeller’s appointment to the Idaho Supreme Court, the Board wanted to get him a small token of appreciation for his service on the Board. Worked on getting the item purchased and delivered along with a thank you note.  Participants: Mimi Taylor-EIPH Liaison and Sam Hulse-R7BHB Chair |
| Ongoing | Offered Marco Erickson the job as the coordinator of the Partnership for Success (PFS) grant. Worked on various aspects of the PFS grant including the roll out at our January R7BHB meeting.    Participants: Mimi Taylor-EIPH Liaison and Geri Rackow-EIPH Director |
| December 6 | Attended the SPAN, SE Idaho Chapter meeting. The R7BHB is particularly interested in the direction this group will be taking as the State organization, SPAN Idaho, is disbanding in March 2019. The Board and SPAN (both at the local and state level) have collaborated on a variety of projects in recent years. We are excited to learn that the local chapter will continue their great work, just under a new name.    Participants: Mimi Taylor- EIPH Liaison and Russ Wheatley-R7BHB Adult Corrections Representative |
| December 20 | Met with Lezhai Gulbransen, Director of the Bonneville Youth Development Council (BYDC) to discuss substance use prevention work in the community. Discussed how BYDC can assist the Board with the upcoming PFS Grant and coordinate all of our efforts in prevention education to better serve our community. BYDC also receives funding for prevention work through ODP. Ashley Billman, R7BHB Prevention Specialist, was going to join us but she was ill and could not attend. Ashley works at BYDC with Lezhai.  Participants: Mimi Taylor-EIPH Liaison and Lezhai Gulbransen-BYDC |
| December 20 | Met with Sam Hulse, Board Chair, and discussed our vacant Board seats and getting them filled in 2019, the PFS grant rollout to the Board, and coordinating efforts with all other organizations in the region doing prevention work so we can all be on the same page.  Participants: Mimi Taylor- EIPH Liaison and Sam Hulse-R7BHB Chair |