



Region VII Behavioral Health Board (R7BHB) Meeting Minutes

**BEHAVIORAL
HEALTH BOARD**
REGION VII - EASTERN IDAHO

May 23, 2024 | 10:00am – 11:30am

Fremont County Annex Building • ZOOM

Board Members in Attendance (marked by an X):

Sheriff Samuel Hulse, Chairman	X	Katie Dodge	X
Darin Burrell, Vice Chair	X	Rick Whittaker	Absent
Dustin Park, Treasurer	Excused, Proxy Commissioner Jackson	Sara White	X, Virtual
Commissioner Eric Jackson, Secretary	X	Shawn LaPray	Absent
Ashley Stallings	X	Stephanie Taylor-Thompson	Absent
Chris Brayton	RSVP'd Virtual	Teriann Ness-Parker, CMH Subcommittee Chair	Excused
Commissioner Brent Mendenhall	X, Excused; Proxy: Moni Havenlange	Tim Thompson	X, Virtual
Commissioner Bryon Reed	X, Excused; Proxy: Crista Henderson, Virtual	Tina Ricks	
Donna Johnson	X		
Jerilyn Taylor	X, Virtual	Vacant – Parent of a Child with a SUD	
Joseph Corey Leishman	X, Virtual	Vacant – Licensed Physician or Health Practitioner	
Judge Michael Whyte	Excused	Vacant - Family Member of Substance Use Disorder Consumer	

Others in attendance: Katie Francis, Melissa Child, James McLain, Ashley Chermak, Mary Wright, Brenda Valle, Joshuan Jackson, Sylvia Belford, Jenipher Anthony, Jade Bills, Haylie Sanders, Katie McFarland, Moni Havenlange, Olivia Sayer, Michele Watson, Becky Leatham, Shane Boyle, Alvin Weaver, Bart Quayle, James Hymas, Joel Vega, Michelle Caufield, Zach Goulding, Chad Hill, Kristen Wardell, Timalee Geisler, Donald Powell, Greg Belew, Jaxon Zohner, Alison Cruz, Wes Owens, Bert Mecham, Coryn Bennion, Bethany Deschamps, Kylie Jones, Amy Flemming, Nichole Coker, Jaren Bean, Mallory Johnson

- 10:00 AM 1. Welcome, Introductions, and Roll Call Sheriff Samuel Hulse, Chair
Agenda Review and Call for Additional Agenda Items | **ACTION ITEM**
Mallory Johnson informed that board that a grant request from Flourish Point came in after the agenda was completed for May. Mallory asked to share the grant as a non-action item.
Approval of April 19, 2024 Meeting Minutes | **ACTION ITEM**
Darin Burrell motioned to approve the April 19, 2024 meeting minutes as written. Ashley Stallings seconded. No further discussion. Motion passed.
Approval of May 8, 2024 Special Meeting Minutes | **ACTION ITEM**
Move to the next meeting.
- 10:05 AM 2. Financial Report Mallory Johnson
The Financial Report can be found on:
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- 10:10 AM 3. Board Business | **ACTION ITEMS** Sheriff Samuel Hulse
- Resilient Schools Summer Institute Grant Request Katie Francis
Katie Francis shared information regarding the grant request and answered questions from the board.
Commissioner Eric Jackson motioned to approve the grant for the United Way in Idaho Falls in Bonneville County in the amount of \$5,000. Donna Johnson seconded. Mallory mentioned that fiscal policy has to be followed. No further discussion. Motion passed.

Katie Francis agreed to come back to the board and present about the event after it is over.

Donna Johnson noticed that the grant report funds add up to \$6,000. Katie Francis mentioned that the \$5,000 will satisfy the grant request. **No additional process was needed.**
 - DVSAC Grant Request Teena McBride
Katie Francis represented the grant request from DVSAC.
There is a program for teens and for individuals affected by domestic violence. Katie has facilitated mental health programs in the past.
Darin Burrell motioned to approve the grant request as written. Ashley Stallings seconded. Mallory mentioned that fiscal policy has to be followed. Sheriff Sam Hulse asked for a report back within a few months of the program wrapping up. Katie Francis agreed. Motion passed.
 - Licensed Physician or Health Practitioner Board Seat Vote
The appointing authority needs to meet on this board seat. Moved to next month.
 - Review of 2023 R7BHB Goals, Vote on 2024 R7BHB Goals
Reviewed 2023 Goals
Sheriff Hulse shared information about overdoses and naloxone.
Darin Burrell mentioned having a fentanyl Town Hall in Fremont County in the fall.

Donna Johnson shared that the Center for Hope has naloxone available: 530 E. Anderson St. in Idaho Falls as well as satellite offices have Narcan onsite as well.

Commissioner Jackson shared about Overdose Rescue Kits in Bingham County. Moni talked about youth sending inappropriate pictures in order to receive drugs. Youth are putting themselves in dangerous situations when those pictures are sent. Need for awareness especially for parents, as well as parents, teachers, and community wide. Prosecuting Attorney is working on education. Need for internet safety to go hand in hand with fentanyl public awareness. Youth are using snapchat, Instagram, Pinterest, tinder, and other apps are being used. Officer Gomez

Becky Leatham shared that Community Youth in Action is creating a video about sexting safety. Shared that if there are any resources and data to share, send to her: Becky Leatham - cya.becky@gmail.com

Goals will be reviewed at next months meeting.

Flourish point grant request

Commissioner Jackson would like to see a more itemized budget but would be open to holding a special meeting to deal with this grant request. Try for the first week of June.

10:40 AM 4. Behavioral Health Crisis Center Data Report James McLain & Ken Asay

- James shared two data reports with the group (email these out to board members).

James provided information on individuals reporting risk of homelessness as well as risk of potential suicidality and risk of self-harm. 13 patrol units approached the center bringing individuals who were in behavioral distress. 1 CIT referral – de-escalation of a behavioral health crisis. 3 individuals referred to the center after they were discharged from jail. 12 from probation and parole. 15 individuals who were at the hospital and were not appropriate for admission that were referred to the crisis center. Connection between substance use and mental health. Wellness checks around community members with severe suicidality.

James will email information to share with the newsletter.

10:45 AM 5. Fremont County Community Input, Gaps/Needs

- Bart – big concerns with vaping, marijuana, fentanyl education, education is the big key and need in Fremont County, need for programming at the county jail level and JCC (behavioral health and/or substance use education) → they have a program room built into their new facility, involvement from magistrate judges at the center for hope town hall,
- Gap: drug availability
- Homeless Liaison for Fremont County School District – McKinney Vento act Worried about rate of homelessness, 2020 number was 34 to 174 homeless students in school in the school district, don't have a lot of support for families that are coming in without many resources, they have to go in to Rexburg at this time and they do not have the capacity, gas funds and vehicle availability is a gap, struggling to support the students at the school district with the funds that

they currently have → asked for community resources. Big needs are: clothing, food, beds, mattresses, blankets, linens, hygiene products; Becky said that 2 SPARC staff live in Rexburg and speak Spanish fluently,

- Zach – Vapes, social media – trafficking concerns and nudes, gap between what kids know about social media and what their parents know about social media; educating parents on social media usage by their children; kids are on snapchat, parents are on Facebook, social media campaigns towards parents, town hall between the night between the two registration days,
- NAEMC training curriculum called Net smarts teaching healthy internet from littles to teenagers, etc. *get link from Darin; truckers against trafficking
- Belew – resources for elderly, Senior Solutions in Idaho Falls – the individual will meet individuals free of charge, *Timalee will share this information to share out with the board, etc.; insurance can pay for a short rehab stay at a skilled nursing facility;
- Share the Idaho Behavioral Health Council Website with the group

11:20 AM 6. Community Reports/Announcements Sheriff Samuel Hulse
No reports

11:25 AM 7. Public Comment Sheriff Samuel Hulse

11:30 AM 8. Adjourn Sheriff Samuel Hulse
Meeting adjourned

Next R7BHB Meeting: Friday, June 21, 2024, at 11:30 AM

In-Person location @ Eastern Idaho Public Health and via Zoom

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.