



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

MINUTES | Region VII Behavioral Health Board Meeting

Friday, August 15th, 2025 | 11: 30 a.m. to 1 p.m.

**Challis Community Event Center
411 Clinic Rd, Challis, ID 83226**

Join Zoom Meeting:

<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/83028605963?pwd=Is1edwvQBEMNoyEOQF7FXcbJkblwBW.1>

Meeting ID: 830 2860 5963 | Passcode: 111514

Board Members in Attendance (marked by an X):

Darin Burrell, Chairman	X, In-person	Rick Whittaker	X, In-Person
Commissioner Eric Jackson, Vice Chair	X, In-person	Sara White	X, Virtual
Donna Johnson, Treasurer	X, In-Person	Sheriff Samuel Hulse	Excused
Dustin Park, Secretary	X, Virtual	Stephanie Taylor-Thompson	X, Virtual
Ashley Stallings	Excused	Teriann Ness-Parker, CMH Subcommittee Chair	X, Virtual
Chris Brayton	Excused Proxy, Mallory	Tim Thompson	X, Virtual
Commissioner Brent Mendenhall	X, Virtual	Tina Ricks	
Commissioner Karl Casperson	X, Virtual		
Jerilyn Taylor		Vacant – Licensed Physician or Health Practitioner	
Joseph Corey Leishman	X, Virtual	Vacant – School Representative	
Judge Michael Whyte	X, Virtual	Vacant – Parent of a Child with a SUD	
Melissa Thyberg	X, Virtual	Vacant - Family Member of Substance Use Disorder Consumer	

Other In-Person Attendees: Lani Rembelski, Mallory Johnson, Aletia Straub-Workman, Kevin Pettis, Wesley Peterson, John Hart, Kelly Jackson, Crystal Smoley (CHAC)

Other Virtual Attendees: Sean Waldron, Brandi Daw, Sylvia Belford, Allie May, Jeremy Riddle, Megan Slusher, Sasha Sheng, Lauren Francois, Breann Green, James McLain

- 11:30 AM 1. Welcome, Introductions, and Roll Call Darin Burrell, Chair
Agenda Review and Call for Additional Agenda Items | **ACTION ITEM**
No additional agenda items.
Approval of July 2025 Meeting Minutes | **ACTION ITEM**
Commissioner Brent Mendenhall made a motion to approve the July 2025 meeting minutes as written. Donna Johnsons seconded. No further discussion. Motion carries.
- 11:35 AM 2. Financial Report Donna Johnson

The financial report can be found on the R7BHB webpage.

11:40 AM

3. Subcommittee Reports/Announcements

Teriann Ness

- Children's Mental Health Subcommittee
Teriann gave an update from the August CMH meeting. The CMH meeting minutes can be found on the R7BHB webpage.
The Suicide Prevention Conference is scheduled next month when this month is additionally held. We will cancel the R7BHB and CMH Subcommittee meeting. Move September meeting items (ICADD and Plaque). Open Martha and John Tanner grant through 9/30. Release a newsletter on this.

Prevention subcommittee QPR training August 28th at 10am in St. Anthony (Fremont County) if anyone wants to attend. Will send out flyer, light refreshments available.

11:50 AM

4. Board Business | **ACTION ITEMS**

Darin Burrell

- Grant Requests
 - Read R7BHB Mission Statement
 - Commissioner Eric Jackson read mission statement
 - City of Salmon Grant Request
 - **Commissioner Eric Jackson motioned to approve the grant request from the City of Salmon for \$5,000 as written. Seconded by Rick Whittaker. Discussion: Asked Breann how many people will directly benefit from this: All 60 freshman have been invited and they all have to bring a parent, direct impact approximately 120 people maximum. No further discussion. Motion carries.**
- Spiritual Leader Board Seat
 - Dustin Park proposed that the board consider inviting spiritual leaders from our communities to the Region 7 Behavioral Health Board meeting. Dustin mentioned the Interfaith council is a group of different spiritual leaders bridging different faiths. Commissioner Erick Jackson and Stephanie Taylor Thompson mentioned their support. James McLain talked about the religious sector not always knowing the resources available in the community and this could be a positive approach. Upon discussion with Sean Waldron, this could be a board seat or could join the meeting but would not be a voting member at this time. Dustin Parks thought would be that it would be one seat for the Interfaith council and not a specific person.
 - **Commissioner Brent Mendenhall motions to establish a non-voting seat for a Spiritual Leader and reach out to the Interfaith council to see if they have someone that they can nominate to the R7BHB. Commissioner Eric Jackson seconded the motion. Discussion: Rick Whitaker agrees with the idea of having all faiths represented and not just one sect. No further discussion. No one opposed or abstaining. Motion passes.**
 - Darin requested that Dustin spearhead this and anyone on the board who is interested in supporting Dustin, please do. Karl Casperson and Stephanie Taylor-Thompson would like to help with that. Asked that we have a nomination by the October 2025 meeting.
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12:00 PM

5. Custer County Gaps and Needs Conversation

Darin Burrell

- Lani Rembelski - School Superintendent, have a counselor in each of their buildings, CAHC and LVSS come into the schools to support students who need continued counseling, Rainbows End has supported them, graduation class this year is 33, implemented a reset room in their schools, has 2 new reset room coordinators,
- Challis Area Health Center, Crystal – share this with the CEO, they do have Medicaid clients, John Hart shared about the Mobile Response Team and 988
- Rainbows End Recovery – Awareness of resources, education about mental health and substance use disorder issues, suicide prevention, actively suicidal or in psychosis who need hospitalization – transporting is difficult, gaps for counselors with license not being able to be transferred over state lines
- Probation and Parole – updated suicide packets for family, Jimmy Roberts Bingham county Coroner created a packet for family too

- Mallory recommended to the board to create scholarships for Community Suicide Prevention conference in the future
- Sara talked about the Community Suicide Prevention resources:
<https://communitysuicidepreventionid.org/>
https://communitysuicidepreventionid.org/wp-content/uploads/2025/02/Loss_Survivor_Digital_Copy-state-website-info.pdf

Conference link:

<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/connecting-communities-to-save-lives-conference-tickets-1330608338359?aff=oddtcreator>

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| 12:45 PM | 6. Behavioral Health Crisis Center Data Report | James McLain |
| | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Mobile response team - James thanked the board - Quarterly census: April 199 clients, May 217, June 200; had 99 individuals they were able to create safety plans with – 38% of population was female, 62% was male; 50% of referrals are walk ins, 21% Law Enforcement, 13% Hospital, 16% Community Providers; Average age is 34 year old, a huge number of submissions have a co-occurring substance use and mental health disorder - Move James to earlier in the meeting | |
| 12:50 PM | 7. Community Reports/Announcements | Darin Burrell |
| | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - September 25th is the CIT awards banquet, Dustin has cordially invited everyone (Mallory will create the flyer to board members) - September 19th – Recovery Fest from 4pm to 7pm - International Overdose Awareness Day – August 31st | |
| 12:55 PM | 8. Public Comment | Darin Burrell |
| | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - No Public Comment | |
| 1:00 PM | 9. Adjourn | Darin Burrell |
| | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Commissioner Eric Jackson motions to adjourn at 1:24pm. Donna Johnson second. No further discussion. Motion carries. | |

Next R7BHB Meeting: Friday, September 19th, 2025, at 11:30 AM @ Eastern Idaho Public Health – 1250 Hollipark Drive in Idaho Falls & Virtual 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.