



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

MINUTES | Region VII Behavioral Health Board Meeting

Friday, October 17th, 2025 | 11: 30 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Eastern Idaho Public Health – Community Health Classroom
1250 Hollipark Drive, Idaho Falls, ID 83401
| ZOOM

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

Other In-Person Attendees: Mallory Johnson, Wayne Goodworth, Alison Cruz, Sean Waldron, John Hart

Other Virtual Attendees: Brenda Wilson, Rebekah Nansel (Magellan), Lauren Francois, Ken Asay, Megan Slusher, Feki Pouha, Andy Bradbury, Breann Green

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 August 2025 Meeting Minutes | **ACTION ITEM**

- **Commissioner Eric Jackson motions to approve the August 2025 meeting minutes. Donna Johnson seconded. No further discussion. Motion carries.**

- 11:35 AM 2. Financial Report Donna Johnson
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- 11:40 AM 3. Subcommittee Reports/Announcements
- Children's Mental Health Subcommittee Teriann Ness
Meeting minutes for the October 2025 Children's Mental Health Subcommittee meeting can be found on the R7BBH webpage.
 - Prevention Subcommittee Ashley Stallings
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- 11:50 AM 6. Behavioral Health Crisis Center Data Report ~~James McLain~~ Ken Asay
- **Crisis Center numbers have been steady. Are seeing a greater increase of individuals who are at the crisis center for the first time. Montana is closing down its crisis centers.**
- 11:55 AM 4. Board Member Appreciation Darin Burrell
- **Moved to a future meeting.**
- 12:00 PM 5. Board Business | **ACTION ITEMS** Darin Burrell
- Grant Requests
 - Read R7BHB Mission Statement
 - Martha and John Tanner Grant Requests
 - Dustin recuses himself from voting as he works with the Mental Health Courts.
 - **Donna Johnson motions to add to \$2,000 to the Martha and John Tanner Grant Funds for this fiscal year to fund all three grant requests (FYIdaho, Rexburg Free Clinic, D7 Mental Health Courts). Commissioners Eric Jackson Seconded. Discussion: Next fiscal year look at increasing the Martha and John Tanner Budget. Thoughts about how the FYIdaho funds would be utilized as they do not have a building in Region 7. Brenda said that she could give a detailed report and share what days they will be in Eastern Idaho. Motion carries.**
- 12:30 PM 6. Salmon Freshman Retreat Report Breann Green
- Breann gave a report on how the Salmon Freshman Retreat went. They want to do check-ins with the kids and adults next semester and want to do this for three more years.
 - [Power Through - by Monte Stiles](#)
 - Darin asked that Breann that share the surveys.
- 12:35 PM 6. Human Trafficking Presentation Kevin Beyerlin
- Kevin and Dr. Aaron Harris came and shared about Full Spectrum Psychology and talked about Human Trafficking. Have individuals at their office that focus on supporting individuals who have experienced Domestic Violence and Abuse. Work with the crisis center. Talked about debt bondage, sex trafficking, human trafficking, PTSD, and trauma.
- 12:50 PM 7. Community Reports/Announcements Darin Burrell
- **Community Conversation: November 7th even in St. Anthony**
 - **This Sunday, Recovery Fest in Salmon, Idaho**
 - **Rick talked about the adult classes that they offer at Pearl Health Clinic, call Megan Slusher for more details.**
 - **Next week is the Idaho Behavioral Health Planning Council meeting, the chairs are invited to attend from 12:15 to 1:15pm**

- At the last Behavioral Health Board Leadership meeting, Norma Jaeger asked for funds for ICADD from the behavioral health boards. Norma asked for \$2,000. R7BHB already funds \$3,500.
- Sheriff's Office is hosting a Human Trafficking training in May for Law Enforcement, Prosecutors, Analyst, etc.

12:55 PM 8. Public Comment

Darin Burrell

- No public comment

1:00 PM 9. Adjourn

Darin Burrell

- Commissioner Eric Jackson motioned to adjourn the meeting at 1:06pm MT. Rick Whitacker seconded. No further discussion. Motion carries.

**Next R7BHB Meeting: Friday, November 21st, 2025, at 11:30 AM
in Madison County (Rexburg, ID) – Meeting Location TBA**

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.