



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

MINUTES | Region VII Behavioral Health Board Meeting

Friday, July 18th, 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:

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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	Absent
Dustin Park, Secretary	X, In-Person	Stephanie Taylor-Thompson	X, Virtual & Dustin Park as proxy
Ashley Stallings	X, In-Person	Teriann Ness-Parker, CMH Subcommittee Chair	X, In-Person
Chris Brayton	X, Virtual Chris left at 12:34 and asked Mallory Johnson to be his proxy	Tim Thompson	X, In-Person
Commissioner Brent Mendenhall	Absent	Tina Ricks	X, Virtual
Commissioner Karl Casperson	X, Virtual		
Jerilyn Taylor	Absent	Vacant – Licensed Physician or Health Practitioner	
Joseph Corey Leishman	Excused	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, John Hart, Sean Waldron, Alison Cruz

Other Virtual Attendees: Ken Asay, Breann Green, James McLain, Megan Slusher, Rebekah Nansel (Magellan)

- 11:30 AM 1. Welcome, Introductions, and Roll Call Darin Burrell, Chair
 Agenda Review and Call for Additional Agenda Items | **ACTION ITEM**
 - No additional items
 Approval of May 2025 Meeting Minutes | **ACTION ITEM**
 - **Commissioner Eric Jackson motions to approve the meeting minutes from May 2025. Donna Johnson seconded. No further discussion. Motion carries.**
- 11:35 AM 2. Financial Report Donna Johnson
 - The financial report can be found on the EIPH website.
- 11:40 AM 3. Subcommittee Reports/Announcements
 • Children's Mental Health Subcommittee Teriann Ness-Parker
 - Meeting minutes from the CMH Subcommittee meeting can be found on the EIPH website. Teriann shared a summary of the meeting with the board and answered questions.
 • Prevention Subcommittee Ashley Stallings
 - Meeting minutes from the Prevention Subcommittee meeting can be found on the EIPH website. Trauma training information will be in the next R7BHB newsletter. Working on some dates for QPR trainings – hoping to offer it three times.
- 11:50 AM 4. Board Member Appreciation and Awards Darin Burrell
 - Appreciation was expressed for Katie Dodge and Randall Law and certificates were made for their service on the Region 7 Behavioral Health Board.
 - Dustin Park received the physical plaque for the Mental Health Advocate Award
- 12:00 PM 5. Board Business | **ACTION ITEMS** Darin Burrell
 • Board Seats
 - Board seats that need to be renewed and/or voted on: Rick Whittaker, Donna Johnson, Dustin Park, Stephanie Taylor-Thompson, Commissioner Brent Mendenhall, Tim Thompson, Chris Brayton
 - **Commissioner Eric Jackson motions to renew Commissioner Brent Mendenhall's term on the board. Teriann Ness seconded. Commissioner Mendenhall was not in attendance. No further discussion. Motion carries.**
 - **Chris Brayton motions to renew Tim Thompsons's term on the board. Ashley Stallings seconded. Tim Thompson recused himself from the vote. No further discussion. Motion carries.**
 - **Teriann motions to renew Dustin Park's term on the board. Chris Brayton seconded. Dustin recused himself from the vote. No further discussion. Motion carries.**
 - **Chris Brayton motions to renew Donna Johnson's term on the board. Dustin Park seconded. Donna recused herself from the vote. No further discussion. Motion carries.**
 - **Ashley motions to renew Stephanie Taylor-Thompson's term on the board. Rick Whitacker seconded. Stephanie recused herself from the vote. No further discussion. Motion carries.**
 - **Donna motions to renew Rick Whitacker's term on the board. Stephanie Taylor-Thompson seconded. Rick recused himself from the vote. No further discussion. Motion carries.**
 - **Dustin Park motions to renew Chris Brayton's term on the board. Donna Johnson seconded. Chris recused himself from the vote. No further discussion. Motion carries.**
 • FY2025-2026 Budget
 - Questions arose of how the Subcommittees (CMH and Prevention) and Support groups (CIT and ICADD) need to get approval to use funds.
 - Suggested that a written request be sent to the Executive team and the EIPH liaison to confirm that the expense is within fiscal guidelines as well as the goal of the BHB and allowable.
 - An action item would be needed if there is a request to exceed the budget.
 - **Chris Brayton made a motion to approve the FY26 budget. Donna Johnson seconded.** Discussion was had whether \$3,000 is enough for the Prevention Subcommittee, Ashley Stallings said yes. Dustin Park talked about how it is great the R7BHB is being fiscally responsible but is concerned about reserves not fully being utilized. Idea of using reserve funds later on for a training Summit put on by the Region 7 Behavioral Health Board that incorporates BHB goals. Commissioner Jackson talked about the importance of Prevention. Discussion was made on spending authority for this year. Teriann talked about how they would do contracts within the fiscal years. **No further discussion. Motion carries.**

- The R7BHB wants to be sure that Holly and James know that they appreciate the work of Eastern Idaho Public Health.

• FY2025-2026 Goals

- Suggestion to renew goals on fiscal years instead of calendar year.
- **Commissioner Eric Jackson motions to align the goals at the same time as the fiscal budget year and recommends to keep the same goals that the board currently has. Rick Whittaker brought up the question to ask if Goal #5 includes all other substances or just opioids and mentioned a need to provide education and awareness on other substances such as Methamphetamine. Seconded by Donna Johnson. No further discussion. Motion carries.**

• Grant Requests

- Read R7BHB Mission Statement
- Commissioner Jackson read the mission.
- City of Salmon Grant Request
 - Breann Green and Leah Madsen shared about her grant request.
 - They shared that they are looking for a parent or family member who has lost a family member to substance use. Would love help developing a questionnaire.
 - The board asked that Breann come back at the August meeting with an exact itemization on how they will utilize the \$5,000.

12:45 PM	7. Behavioral Health Crisis Center Data Report	Ken Asay James McLain
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - James shared the Crisis Center Data on intakes - Seen an increase in Domestic Violence 	
12:50 PM	8. Community Reports/Announcements	Darin Burrell
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Reminder that Crisis Mobile Response Team (in connection with 988) teams are now 24/7 	
12:55 PM	9. Public Comment	Darin Burrell
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Tall Cop is doing a free webinar: the Dangers of Vaping in Schools, September 29th at 2pm MT - August 31st in International Overdose Awareness Day – event near the Greenbelt - September 19th – Recovery Fest at Freeman Park 	
1:00 PM	10. Adjourn	Darin Burrell
	Commissioner Jackson motions to adjourn the meeting at 1:17pm MT. Donna Johnson seconded. No further discussion. Motion carries.	

**Next R7BHB Meeting: Friday, August 15th, 2025, at 11:30 AM
in Custer County (Challis, Idaho) –
Meeting Location: 411 Clinic Rd, Challis, ID 83226**

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.