



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

MINUTES | Region VII Behavioral Health Board Meeting

Friday, January 16, 2026 | 11: 30 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Eastern Idaho Public Health Conference Room
1250 Hollipark Dr. 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	X, In-Person
Dustin Park, Secretary	X, In-person	Stephanie Taylor-Thompson	X, Virtual
Ashley Stallings	X, Virtual	Teriann Ness, CMH Subcommittee Chair	X, In-Person
Chris Brayton	X, Virtual	Tim Thompson	Excused
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	X, Virtual	Vacant – School Representative	
Judge Michael Whyte	X, In-person	Vacant – Parent of a Child with a SUD	
Melissa Thyberg	Excused	Vacant - Family Member of Substance Use Disorder Consumer	

Other In-Person Attendees: Mallory Johnson, Wayne Goodworth, Alison Cruz, Bryon Reed, Kim Jardine-Dickerson, John Hart

Other Virtual Attendees: Sean Waldron, Ken Asay, Megan Sluser, Lauren Francois, Tasha Baker, Shasha Sheng, 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 comment**
 Approval of November 2025 Meeting Minutes | **ACTION ITEM**

- **Commissioner Eric Jackson motions to approve the November 2025 meeting minutes. Donna Johnsons seconds. No further discussion. Motion carries.**

- 11:35 AM 2. Financial Report Donna Johnson
Financial Report can be found on the R7BHB webpage
- 11:40 AM 3. Subcommittee Reports/Announcements Teriann Ness
- Children's Mental Health Subcommittee
 - Meeting minutes can be found on the R7BHB webpage
 - January 22nd Idaho Network of Children Advocacy Centers is presenting the Minimal Facts Interviews at Fremont County Annex building
 - Prevention Subcommittee Ashley Stallings
 - Meeting minutes can be found on the R7BHB webpage
 - Working on hosting one more virtual training(s) for QPR, more details to come
- 11:50 AM 4. Behavioral Health Crisis Center Data Report James McLain
- Ended the month of December with 295 submissions, averaging 8 to 9 clients per day
 - 2025 they saw an increase of individuals at their Crisis Center
 - Region 6 is seeing an increase population usage in their crisis center mainly focused on substance use
 - Have 988 referrals to the crisis center
 - Montana and Wyoming are utilizing the crisis center
- 12:00 PM 5. Board Business | **ACTION ITEMS** Darin Burrell
- Board Member Appreciation
 - Commissioner Reed was thanked for his efforts and work on the Reion 7 Behavioral Health Board and presented with an appreciation plaque.
 - Board Member Attendance
 - Darin talked about the importance of meeting quorum at the R7BHB meetings
 - Thank you to Jerilyn Talyor for her service to the board, her board term ended in 2025 and no interest was expressed to renew it, her board seat is now open
 - Reviewed Alicia Oakes Board Member Application, will be voted on next month
 - Talked about the current vacant board seats
 - Darin encouraged board members who are in Idaho Falls to come in-person
 - Grant Review Subcommittee
 - Suggestion to create a grant review subcommittee that would make recommendations about the grant requests to the board at board meetings
 - Gaps and Needs
 - Formal R7BHB Letter about the recent Behavioral Health Funding Cuts
 - Funding Gaps in FY27
 - ➔ Shared a Microsoft Form to ask board members for suggestions on how to utilize funds in the next fiscal year
- 12:30 PM 6. R7BHB 2025 Gaps and Needs Report Mallory Jonhson
- Shared the 2025 R7BHB Gaps and Needs Report
 - There was a mention that the ranking of the needs may look different now than they looked a few months ago
- 12:50 PM 7. Community Reports/Announcements Darin Burrell
- Pearl Health is starting an Intensive Outpatient Program for Adult Substance Use in February

- ACT Team → With recent round of cuts, funding was lost for Assertive Community Treatment as it went to billable hours, have 50 clients that they are still maintaining, they will still take referrals for individuals who are severely mentally ill

12:55 PM

8. Public Comment

Darin Burrell

- John Hart mentioned that there is a youth centered agency called Headwaters coming to the community next month, will be located on Energy Drive, will have 49 beds, co-ed
- The story of the starfish was shared → making a difference for the one
- Brick House Recovery is looking for two counselors – Master’s Level Clinician and a CADC
- Sheriff’s Office is hiring deputies for the Bonneville County Jail

1:00 PM

9. Adjourn

Darin Burrell

- Meeting adjourned at 12:57pm.

Next R7BHB Meeting: Friday, February 20th, 2026, at 11:30 AM

At Eastern Idaho Public Health Conference Room: 1250 Hollipark Drive Idaho Falls, ID 83401

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.