



### **Executive Committee Region 4 Behavioral Health Board**

December 1, 2016 3:00-4:30pm

Central District Health Department, Huckleberry Room  
707 N Armstrong Place, Boise

**Attendees:** Kim Keys, Chair; Rob Howarth, CDHD; Christina Smith, Member-at-Large; Jennifer Burlage, Treasurer; Jaime Aanensen, CDHD; Alexis Pickering, CDHD; Julie Nease, CDHD; Elizabeth Francis, Secretary; Brandi Hissong, Vice Chair; Monica Forbes, Board Member

**Meeting called to order at 3:05pm**

#### **PEER Wellness Center – Letter of Support**

Monica Forbes, Director of PEER Wellness Center and board member, presented to the Executive Committee a request for a letter of support to Director Kempf of the Idaho Department of Corrections (IDOC). The letter is to request financial resources for the 8 community centers in our region that help offenders in their recovery. IDOC has a meeting scheduled on December 12<sup>th</sup>; therefore a decision to support is needed December 5<sup>th</sup>.

#### **BHB State Call**

- Discussion was held in anticipation of the possible appeal of the ACA. No action was taken.
- Our Region 4 is the only region that has its own logo. It was discussed as to should each region have its own logo or if one logo should be used throughout all regions, possibly to adopt ours. The Executive Committee felt that if one logo were to be used, letters of support would not have their intended impact as they would all appear to come from one source. The EC agreed not to share the Region 4 logo.

#### **Contract Monitoring**

Crystal Campbell will attend the January EC meeting to conduct the quarterly contract monitoring audit process. The agenda that Crystal provided was shared with EC members.

#### **Close the Gap**

Jaime has been attending the Close the Gap meetings. With the recent political changes, expansion has been put on hold. Senator Hagedorn will be drafting legislation most likely based on a primary care only focus. There is also discussion of funding Medicaid with federal block grants with the perception that this will allow more flexibility to administer Medicaid programs. The R4BHB decided to postpone any letter of support until more information is released about possible changes to the ACA. It was discussed to possibly host a meeting with Idaho's Congressional delegates. Jaime suggested that the Board wait and see what the Close the Gap committee decides to do and collaborate with them. Kim asked Jaime to inform the Close the Gap committee that we would like to collaborate with them.

### **Outgoing & Engagement Surveys**

Alexis will be putting together surveys for current and outgoing board members in order to engage the Board more effectively. She asked the EC for ideas of what they would like to know. Suggestions were made for surveys to be developed. It was decided to hold off on an engagement survey but to go ahead with the outgoing survey.

### **BCIF Grant Update**

Alexis announced that the BCIF grant proposal was submitted today. Kendra Witt-Doyle at Blue Cross stated that we will hear back mid-December.

### **BHB Vacant Position**

A notification was sent via email to Autumn Brechwald on 11/30/16 to inform her that the Appointing Committee has selected her board application and the School Representative position was offered to her. Autumn had not responded as of yet.

### **Prescription Drug Overdose Prevention sub-grant**

Jaime announced that we received the Prescription Drug Overdose Prevention sub-grant, as did all seven public health districts. This subgrant is to start December 1 but CDHD is awaiting a signed sub-grant from IDHW. The CDC grant is for three years.

### **EC Role Discussion**

Alexis presented a synopsis of the roles of Executive Committee members based mainly from the Board Bylaws. It was recommended to have the Board create goals annually. The decision was made to address goal setting at the next regular meeting (January). Possibly have board members take on specific goals. A suggestion was made to clarify the purpose of each committee.

### **Board Appointments Tracking**

Julie presented a spreadsheet that she created to track board member appointment, terms of office dates, etc. as this information had not been compiled in one central place. Jen offered background information that will be useful in this tracking.

### **R4BHB Meeting Agenda Review**

Due to a number of factors, it was decided to cancel the December BHB meeting and resume again on January 12, 2017.

### **Miscellaneous items**

The BHB has been asked by the Office of Drug Policy (ODP) to send letter of support on the issue of marijuana legalization. The EC wants the Council to provide an example of what they are looking for as the request was too vague. Kim will reach out to Elisha Figueroa from ODP.

Members were asked to look at other possible locations to hold the regular BHB meetings. The current location at the IDHW has become inconvenient with the new security door key rules. Elizabeth Francis has some ideas and will report back.

### **Attendance Review**

Three board members missed a second meeting. Julie will email these names to Elizabeth who will issue warning notices.

Next EC meeting on January 5, 2017, at **9:00am**

**Adjourned 4:20pm**