



**Executive Committee Region 4 Behavioral Health Board**

April 5, 2018 9:00-10:30am

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

**In Attendance:** Elizabeth Francis, Secretary; Christina Smith, Co-Chair; Chris Christopher, Member at Large; Brandi Hissong, Vice Chair; Jen Burlage, Treasurer; Julie Nease; Alexis Pickering

**Absent:** Kim Keys, Co-Chair

**Members of the Public:** Rebecca Travis, Ada County Juvenile Court

Meeting called to order at 9:02 am

Elizabeth introduced Rebecca Travis. Elizabeth is resigning from the Board after the April 12, 2018 meeting. Rebecca will be considered as a replacement for Elizabeth's Juvenile Detention Representation position.

**Attendance Review**

Attendance from the March 2018 meeting was reviewed. No action is needed.

**BHB State Call**

The Office of Drug Policy (ODP) is working on a grant to focus on prevention. Nicole Fitzgerald shared that the grant would provide each regional BHB with \$100,000 per year for four years. Under the grant, each region would hire a Prevention Specialist through their respective health districts to complete the grant deliverables and to report to their BHB. Concerns were expressed with the difficulties of hiring a Prevention Specialist, employment expenses, and who they would be reporting to as the BHB is not qualified to supervise. It is unknown to the EC how many people have a Prevention Specialist certification. Questions were raised as to whether or not we can hire someone who is in the process of obtaining their certification. The ODP needs assessment shows that Valley and Boise counties often have the highest need in Region 4. The EC would like for Nicole to present to the Board at the April meeting. Julie will contact Nicole. ODP will need approval from the regional BHBs in order to finalize the grant by April 13.

**2018 Board Terms**

The Co-Chairs decided to postpone the appointing of the Adult Mental Health Family Member position and include it with all the 2018 expiring Board terms. The list of positions that are expiring are:

- Ada County Commissioner – Rick Visser
- Adult Mental Health Family Member – Vacant
- Mental Health Advocate – Kim Keys
- Dept. of Health and Welfare – Jen Burlage
- Licensed Health Professional – Winslow Gerrish
- SUDS Provider – Ken Widdick
- Law Enforcement – Carlos DeLeon

The Juvenile Justice position will also be opened for applicants with the resignation of Elizabeth Francis.

House Bill 337 has made the following changes to Title 39:

- Each regional Board will now consist of 23 members with an addition of a Prevention Specialist seat.
- County Commissioner designees will no longer be allowed.
- The Appointing Committee will now consist of the Board Chair, one representative of the Department of Health and Welfare, and a county commissioner.

Jake Wilson and Amanda Leader are commissioner designees and therefore will no longer continue their positions after June 30, 2018. Larry Maneely will no longer be a designee for Commissioner Rick Visser after June 30, 2018.

Christina will resign from the Executive Committee on June 30, 2018

### **Budget Review**

Alexis reviewed the budget which reflects that expenditures are on track. The carryover of \$7463 from fiscal year 2016 was not added to during the 2017 fiscal year. The fiscal year for the Behavioral Health Board subcontract ends on April 30. Jen will provide a budget update at April meeting. Jen and Alexis will put together projected budget for fiscal year 2019 to share with the Board in July.

### **Marketing Committee**

ICADD has provided a vendor table at no cost for all regional Boards to share at the May 22-23, 2018 event. Carlos sent out an email to the regional Boards inviting them to join together to share the display table. Christina was not aware of any responses as of yet. However, Amy Jeppesen, ICADD Chair, received a request from Region 3 in which she informed that the shared table is available.

Christina shared her concerns about having the 2019 Meet and Greet as a statewide event. The Marketing Committee will need more help from the Board as she will be stepping down from the Marketing Committee on June 30, 2018. Teri Carrigan is also resigning from the committee. Suggestions were made to keep the event within Region 4 for a couple of years in order to build up the event and to strengthen relationships with lawmakers. A Board discussion will be held before moving forward with the 2019 Meet and Greet plans.

### **Meet & Greet Survey Results**

Alexis shared that the results of the Meet & Greet survey reflected very positive feedback from all who participated. The survey feedback for when to schedule the event next year brought

mixed results, however the Marketing received many suggestions to have it in January the week before the legislation session begins. Another suggestion was to place the resource table where it could be more accessible. The Marketing Committee will be provided a list of the survey participants who stated that they are interested in becoming more involved. Sponsors had commented that they would like to support future events.

#### **R4BHB Meeting Agenda Reviews**

- April and May

Meeting adjourned 10:30