

Executive Committee Region 4 Behavioral Health Board – August 4, 2015 10:40 am to 12:30 pm
Syringa Room, Central District Health Department

Chris Saunders, Chair; Jessica Wojcik, Vice Chair; Jennifer Burlage, Treasurer; Christina Smith, Member at large; Laura Thomas, DHWCRDS and Rebecca Lemmons and Barbara Gilbert, CDHD

Absent: Sabrina Swope, Secretary

Laura provided a draft agenda for the August 13 board meeting. It includes new board member appointments, the chair and secretary elections, and the status of the application (more information requested) to the state planning council and an update on the MOA. Rebecca Lemmons will provide a presentation on policies, systems and environmental changes. Teresa Shackleford and others will present on the Psychiatric Emergency Team project.

The executive committee will pursue a conference call with the state planning council after the next board meeting to include the full executive committee (pending chair and secretary elections.) Laura will provide contact information to Barbara and Rebecca.

Regarding the memorandum of agreement, the committee's consensus was to ask for approval by CDHD or the Board of Health. Rebecca will find out if it needs to go the Board of Health and if so, if it can be added to the August board meeting agenda. It may be that Russ Duke can approve it. The MOA and a copy of the signed contract should provide the state planning council will all documents needed

Discussion centered on potential goals for the next year. The first goal consensus was to have each existing board committee – Youth Behavioral Health, Recovery Wellness Oriented, and Providers – include a rural focused project in their current year plans. At the next board meeting, discussion will include determining interest in establishment of a board committee for Transportation and asking that committee to also focus on a rural project. Respite care may be a potential opportunity for funding from the Department of Health and Welfare.

Jess Wojcik will chair the August meeting and after Rebecca's presentation will give a brief overview of the goals sessions focus on rural projects and transportation committee discussion.

Barbara noted she will be out of town for the meeting.

Laura suggested that the process that board committees would follow to submit projects for possible funding be developed and presented at the September board meeting. Because the board committees were asked to present their inter-committee communication plan in September it would be timely to provide that guidance to the committees at the same time.

Jess presented Chris Saunders with a certificate of appreciate on behalf of the board and acknowledged the significant amount of work accomplished under his chairmanship.

Future meetings will most likely be on the first Thursday either at 10:30 am to noon or later in the afternoon, depending on new committee members' schedules.