

Region VI Mental Health Board
Meeting Minutes

Date of Meeting: October 16, 2012

Present: Liz Lovell, Ritchie Weers, Barry Jones, John Hathaway, Howard Manwaring, Tracey Sessions, Carl Glover, Amy Cunningham and Sue Chadwick

Absent: Linda Hatzenbuehler, Deric Ravsten, John Conner, Kent Hobbs, Charlie Aasand, Rick Capell, Becky Carrier and JoAnn Martinez

Guests: Betty Moore, Scotti Brownley, Lon Waford, Brenda Price, Dan Traughber, Debbie Lewis, Lin Whitworth, Bob Gehrke and Fran Lands

Next Meeting: November 20, 2012, at 11:30

I. Call Meeting to Order (*Liz Lovell*)

Liz called the meeting to order. The agenda was approved. Introductions were made. Minutes from the September meeting were approved.

II. Discussion

Ritchie reviewed the current membership appointments. Commissioner Manwaring is hopeful that the statutory positions will be filled with the new elections. Ritchie further explained the decision to bring the RAC together with the RMHB to get some dialogue going. The RAC committee will be meeting on a quarterly basis until the statute is changed and the 2 boards merge.

Legislative Update Meeting (*Liz Lovell*)

There was discussion regarding the “*Mental Health Legislative Update*” meet that will be held Wednesday, December 12 from 5:30 – 7:00 pm at the Bannock County Commissioner’s Chambers. Details include:

- At the November meeting members will select the top 3 or 4 concerns regarding substance abuse and mental health issues to present in the opening remarks. Recommended topics include:
 - + Lack of available resources in outlying counties
 - + Housing
 - + Voluntary treatment
 - + Impact of 19-2524 pilot
 - + Successes
 - + Suicide rate, prevention and new hotline
 - + How to access substance abuse treatment in Idaho
 - + Mental Health, Drug and Veteran Courts
 - + Review commitment process

- + Issues coming down the pike
 - + State Planning Council information
 - + Portneuf Healthcare Foundation (parenting program, treatment, aftercare)
 - + Affordable Care Act impact on mental health services
- Some of the other recommendations for the meeting include:
 - + Not making a long presentation at the beginning, just 15-20 minutes, then allow attendees to mingle
 - + Make a list of talking points to address when speaking one-on-one with attendees
 - + Send out “save the date” cards by the end of the week of October 26. Ritchie will compile a list and it will be sent to Howard for review. Addresses are available from the County Clerk
 - + Would like to hear from Legislators – how can we help them?
 - + Tracey offered to contact people afterwards who were unable to attend.. She would review the “talking points”
 - + Have a sign-in sheet for attendees
 - + Serve finger food. Sign-up at the November meeting what Board members would be willing to bring

Adult and Children’s Mental Health (*Ritchie Weers*)

- Ritchie distributed and reviewed the monthly statistical report. He discussed the function of Hospital Discharge Committee: following discharged patients for 30 days, track and follow to ensure they follow through with after-care.
- There have been 20 Gain referrals since June, which represents ¼ of the amount that the Region potentially could see next year when all 4 pre-sentence investigators are making referrals. Statewide it has been estimated that the Department would need 3 ½ FTEs to cover the additional workload. If able to obtain, Regions 6 and 7 would probably share one FTE.
- Amy asked for additional information regarding the Jeff D lawsuit. It was suggested at our next meeting that Linda Hatzenbuehler discuss the State Planning Council recommendations on what to monitor and how to do it.

III. New Business

Brenda Price reported that the Bannock Youth Foundation lost a grant for \$190,000. These funds were used for transitional housing and as a result they will lose 6-8 beds for young people in independent living.

John Hathaway reported that the RAC (Regional Advisory Council on Substance Abuse) in Region 6 has had a rebirth. Liz and Brenda have been working hard to get it up and going again and they now have 20 members. The RMHB members were invited to attend meetings, which will be held quarterly.

Scottie reported on a presentation that will be given by Brooks Baer, “Revolutionizing Diagnosis & Treatment Using the DSM 5”. It will be given at the new Events Center in Ft.

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Hall (237-5631) on February 1. The training will be from 8-4 and the cost will be \$85/person. Six CEUs will be available. This is sponsored by PESI, a nationally recognized company. Scottie will bring flyers to the next meeting.

Meeting adjourned at 1:20 p.m. The next meeting will be held November 20, at the Human Development Center at 11:30 a.m.

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