

MINUTES

Behavioral Health Advisory Board
Clallam County Courthouse
Virtual and In Person
BOCC Meeting Room 160
June 8, 2021
3:00 pm-5:00 pm

Voting Members Present: John DeBoer, Grace Bell, Wendy Peterson, Tom Stokes, Viola Ware, Helen Kenoyer, Tayler McCrorie

Non-Voting Members Present: Kevin LoPiccolo, Kristina Bullington, Stephanie Lewis, Jody Jacobson, Kirsten Poole

Absent: Travis Hedin, Jesse Charles, Wendy Sisk, Don Lawley, Amy Miller, Bruce Fernie, Christina Miko

General Attendance: Jennifer Oppelt, Mel Melmed, Laurie Peterson, Alison Berger, G'Neil Ashley

- **WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS**

The meeting was called to order at 3:11pm.
Introductions were made by all in attendance, via phone, video, and in person.

- **AGENDA**

The agenda was approved by the majority.

- **MINUTES**

The minutes from the May 11, 2021 were approved by the majority.

- **OLD BUSINESS**

Covid-19 Impacts:

Grace Bell – Grace reported that lack of in person support groups/meetings has caused more behavioral health issues caused by isolation.

Kristina Bullington – In person services are much more beneficial.

Viola Ware – Viola reported on 'disaster cash' funds distribution, and the issues with being denied due to living in a shelter.

Jody Jacobson – Juvenile Service referrals aren't happening due to the pandemic, so they are gearing up to see what happens when restrictions are lifted.

2021 Funding Retreat Discussion:

Jenny Oppelt: 2021 Funding Retreat discussion-still searching for a facilitator. If she is not able to find one, she and Stephanie will manage. The date is July 13, 2021 from 2-5pm. The focus will be on:

Funding priorities; 1 or 2 years; Creation of an RFP committee

Stephanie suggested we make sure we have a quorum earlier than usual given the need for meaningful decision making, and the time commitment from a volunteer.

- **NEW BUSINESS**

Presentations:

Mel Melmed-Olympic Community of Health: focus group discussion reducing substance use stigma on the Olympic Peninsula - Discussion followed

- **FUTURE MEETING AGENDAS**

August: Clallam Mental Health Court - Mark Nichols

Food stamps/food benefits requirements - DSHS

September: Clallam Resilience Project

- **PUBLIC COMMENT**

No public comment

- **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Jenny Oppelt - Homeless Gaps and Needs assessment results to be presented at the June 15, 2021 Board of Health meeting, and at the July 6, 2021 Homelessness Task Force meeting.

John DeBoer announced he is running for Port Angeles City Council.

- **MEETING ADJOURNED**

4:41 pm

Next meeting: July 13, 2021

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