

MINUTES

Behavioral Health Advisory Board

Clallam County Courthouse

April 12, 2022

3:00 pm-5:00 pm

Voting Members Present: Kristine Johnson, Bruce Fernie, Christina Miko, Don Lawley, Grace Bell, Tayler McCrorie, Tom Stokes, Helen Kenoyer,

Non-voting members present: Kevin LoPiccolo, Jody Jacobsen, Kirsten Poole, Kristina Bullington

Absent: Amy Bundy, John DeBoer, Stephanie Lewis, Wendy Sisk

General Attendance: Christine Dunn, Jenny Oppelt, Miranda Burger

1. Welcome and Introductions – The meeting was called to order at 3:00 p.m.

2. Agenda – Majority approved the agenda.

3. Minutes – Majority approved the minutes from March 8, 2022.

4. Old Business

- Discussion of the bylaws: The bylaw review sub-committee presented an overview of the proposed recommended changes to the bylaws. Christine Dunn further explained the changes being proposed: All County employee held positions were moved to non-voting status; the two positions designated representative from an agency that deliver Subsidized Mental Health Services and Subsidized Substance Use Disorder Services were moved to voting positions; and that all members of the Behavioral Health Advisory Board (BHAB) reside in Clallam County. There were also some modifications around the length of time a board member could serve. The conclusion was if no suitable replacement applies for board membership, members may apply to extend their service on the board for another term. All suitable applicants, including the incumbent, may be considered for the open position. The sub-committee also described the changes to the definitions of absences, excused and unexcused absences, and modifying the number of absences that would be permissible given that the number of yearly meetings will be modified. As part of the recommend changes being proposed, the Deputy Directory of Health and Human Services will serve as Co-Chair

Also recommended was that the Regional Administrator for Salish Behavioral Health Organization position be removed and not replaced. Tom Stokes requested that the sub-

committed provide rationale behind not allowing board membership outside Clallam County. Mr. Stokes stated that he has represented his organization on the board for the last 12 years, and believes that their contribution has been beneficial to the BHAB regardless of the fact that he personally resides outside of the county. Christine Miko explained the reason behind the proposed change was that guiding the money spent in the county should be designated for the people who live in Clallam County. The director of each agency will be able to choose an appropriate representative. In this case, someone from DCYF who resides in Clallam County should be chosen. Mr. Stokes made the point that he has worked in Clallam County at DCYF for many years and that he would argue that he understands the needs of Clallam County better than most of his current staff and that the BHAB is doing itself a dis-service by excluding individuals who work in this community and have an intimate understanding of the needs of the county. Discussion followed and the group came to the consensus that the previous verbiage in the bylaws stating resides or provides services was sufficient.

Jenny Oppelt asked if a motion could be made to approve the bylaws as recommended with the exception that board membership being designated to Clallam County residents only revert back to the original verbiage that states “Voting members must be residents of Clallam County or represent services in Clallam County. A motion was made and the majority approved the bylaws with the membership verbiage remaining as originally written.

- Vacancies: Tribal Representative, Services for the Homeless and Private Provider of Mental Health Services not contracting for funding as Travis Hedin has resigned. Outreach and advertising will continue. At this time no applications have been received.

5. New Business

- Presentations: Stigma in the Olympic Region – Olympic Community of Health, Miranda Burger Program Manager - Please see link for slide show presentation <https://www.olympicch.org/stigma> After the presentation discussion followed, Jody Jacobsen inquired about presentations for youth. Miranda stated that the OCH has an RFP coming for Youth LED Projects and that provides the opportunity for intentional outreach to youth organizations and schools, like a version of the presentation above. Miranda also stated that she and her team are always available to give additional presentations if anyone would like.

6. Future Meeting Agendas

- Meetings – Jenny stated that in lieu of skipping a month and starting in June that we meet in May. Historically, BHAB has not met for a December meeting for several years, and that would make several months without a meeting and Jamestown Healing Clinic would like to present in July.
- May 10th Meeting
 - Helen Kenoyer requested a presentation and discussion on opioid overdose data.

7. Public Comment

- None

8. Announcements

9. Adjourn: Meeting adjourned at 4:25 pm

Next meeting: May 10, 2022

Voting Members: Amy Bundy, Grace Bell, John DeBoer, Bruce Fernie, Helen Kenoyer, Don Lawley,
Tayler McCrorie, Christina Miko, Tom Stokes

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Poole, Wendy Sisk