

MINUTES

Behavioral Health Advisory Board
Clallam County Courthouse
Virtual via Zoom
January 11, 2022
3:00 pm-5:00 pm

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

Non-voting members present: Kevin LoPiccolo, Stephanie Lewis, Wendy Sisk, Kirsten Poole, Jody Jacobsen

Absent: Amy Bundy, Kristina Bullington

General Attendance: Kenneth Reandeau, Bill Benedict, Christine Dunn, Mark Ozias, Michael D'Alessandro, Mike Mathews, Morgan Hannah, Kate Ingram, Jenny Oppelt, Lyndsey Kellum, Don Wenzel

1. **Welcome and Introductions** – The meeting was called to order at 3:02pm.
2. **Agenda** – Majority approved the agenda with rearranging the order. The presentation from Olympic Angels will be heard prior to old business.
3. **Minutes** – Majority approved the minutes from November 9, 2021 with two modifications. Changed to reflect that Don Lawley was absent and Don Wenzel appeared on the minutes twice and this was noted as corrected.
4. **Old Business**
 - Nominations for Board Chair to serve 2022/2023. After discussion of various candidates, a nomination was made for Jody Jacobson to serve as board chair for 2022/2023.
5. **New Business**
 - Vote for Board Chair. Jody Jacobson accepted the nomination and was elected to Board Chair for 2022/2023 by majority vote.
 - Presentations:
 - Community Paramedic Program presentation was not heard and will be rescheduled for a later meeting due to unpredicted unavailability.

- Transformations by Olympic Angels. A presentation was made by Michael D'Alessandro, Executive Director, Mike Mathews, Board Advisor, and Morgan Hanna, Founder and Board Member. Olympic Angels is a community support organization that provides individualized support for fostering families and mentorships for youth in care through the Love Box and Dare to Dream programs. Their mission is to walk alongside children, youth and families in foster care by offering consistent support through intentional giving, relationship building, and mentorship. The program is available for both short term and long term circumstances. Generally volunteers stay with families engaged in the program for about one year or longer. The programs' goal is to become a permanent fixture of support in children and families lives. The Love Box program can continue to serve the child regardless of change in placement or reunification with family. Discussion between board members and presenters ensued. For agency connections contact Michael D'Alessandro at michael@olympicangels.org. See attached presentation.
- Position Vacancy. There are three vacancies: Tribal Representative, Services for Homeless, and At Large. Jenny asked for volunteers from the board to assist with interviewing applicants for the vacancies. Three members volunteered: Helen Kenoyer, John DeBoer, and Bruce Fernie. Jenny will contact the members to schedule interview time pending appropriate applications for the vacancies listed above.

6. Future Meeting Agendas:

- February 8th Meeting:
 - By Law review of voting and non-voting members with Mark Ozias and Elizabeth Stanley attending. Discussion of meeting frequency: monthly, bi-monthly, quarterly.
- March 8th Meeting:
 - Olympic Peninsula Community Clinic presentation
 - Re-schedule of the Community Paramedic presentation

7. Public Comment

- None

8. Announcements

- Wendy Sisk: Upcoming PBH annual fundraiser on April 29th in featuring the Port Townsend native Stephanie Lamb; the author of "Maid".
- Wendy Sisk: Encouraging reaching out to the legislature while in session regarding behavioral health funding.
- Amy Miller: Spoke regarding her resignation from the At Large position. She reported willingness to extend her resignation to the following month if needed. She reported her ability to advocate for her programs would better be served by not being a member of the BHAB. She intends to apply for the Homelessness Task Force.
- Grace Bell: Expressed appreciation to Stephanie Lewis for her service as the board chair over the past 2 years.

9. Adjourn: Meeting adjourned at 4:33 pm

Next meeting: February 8, 2022
Virtual

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