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**Spokane County Regional Behavioral Health  
 (Administrative Services Organization) Division, SCR BH (ASO)  
 Behavioral Health Advisory Board (BHAB) Meeting**

Meeting Date: <b>March 25, 2024</b>	Location: <b>Zoom meeting/Conference Call/ In person</b>	Start Time: <b>3:00 p.m.</b> Adjourn Time: <b>3:45 p.m.</b>	
<b>Attendance:</b>	<b>X=Present</b>	<b>E=Excused</b>	<b>U=Unexcused</b>
<b>Name</b>		<b>Representing</b>	
<b>BOARD</b>			
Andrew Van Winkle	X	Spokane County (Chair)	
Kim Taylor	U	Spokane County (Vice-Chair)	
Craig Davenport	X	Spokane County	
Gail Kogle	X	Office of Behavioral Health Advocacy (OBHA)	
Jill Burkholder	U	Spokane County	
Khrist Thompson	E	Spokane County Sheriff's Department	
Lauri Moon	U	Spokane County	
Leta Phillips	X	Ferry County At-Large Rep.	
Dr. Michael Lemberger	X	Spokane County	
Michael Lindsly	X	Spokane County	
<b>OTHERS</b>			
Cat Nichols	E	Spokane County Community Affairs	
Ashley Magee	X	CSD SCR BH	
Jessica Thompson	X	CSD SCR BH	
Justin Johnson	E	CSD SCR BH	
Kalen Roy	X	CSD SCR BH	
Kateryna Rice	X	CSD SCR BH	
Khrystal Kenyon	X	CSD SCR BH	
Nancy Locke	X	CSD SCR BH	
Tom Gose	X	Consumer Consultation Panel (CCP)	
<b>MCOs – Guests</b>			
Liz Perez	X	Community Health Plan of Washington (CHPW)	

## AGENDA / MINUTES:

### 1. Welcome and Introductions – Andrew Van Winkle, Chair

- a. Roll Call (Board (confirmed Quorum) then Other Attendees)
- b. The January 2024 minutes were approved as written.
- c. Board Member Updates: Board term expiring April 2024 – Dr. Michael Lemberger and Jill Burkholder.

### 2. Presentation – SCR BH Behavioral Health Disaster Response – Kalen Roy, CSD SCR BH (ASO):

- An overview of the SCR BH Behavioral Health Disaster Response team and their recent response efforts was provided. After local behavioral health providers responded to the Freeman School shooting in 2017, the BH-ASO saw a need for a response team and created the Behavioral Health Disaster Response. The team consists of forty (40) local trained volunteers that work in the behavioral health field. Each volunteer must complete six (6) hours of psychological first aid and two Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) courses. The team works closely with local community agencies holding regular meetings and recruiting behavioral health volunteers to aid in an event of a disaster or mass casualty. In the last two (2) years, Spokane County Emergency Management created a county-wide disaster response plan. Two (2) years ago, a mock disaster exercise was hosted at Mead High School, this allowed multiple agencies to come together and practice disaster response. This mock disaster helped last August with the Gray and Oregon road fires. The SCR BH Behavioral Health Disaster Response team volunteered within the last two weeks to help the victims of the fires with behavioral health assistance at the FEMA Disaster Resource Center in Medical Lake. With large community events occurring this coming spring and summer, the SCR BH Behavioral Health Disaster Response team has created a plan to assist if a disaster occurs. The SCR BH Behavioral Health Disaster Response team has a meeting before large events to create a plan in the case a response needs to be set up quickly.

### 3. Administrative Updates – Ashley Magee, CSD SCR BH (ASO)

- **Crisis Data Dashboard** – Jessica Thompson, SCR BH (ASO): A brief overview of the Fourth Quarter Crisis Data Dashboard was provided. The data shows an average number of high utilizers, individuals served, regional crisis hotline calls and total services provided. Overall, the crisis system is staying stable and providing the individuals seeking services with the services they need.
- **Legislative Updates:** The ASO will continuously examine upcoming legislative items that can have potential impact on the services the ASO provides to the region. The below legislative items are the current legislative bills the ASO is examining:
  - House Bill 2088 extends the liability protection for responders dispatched from mobile rapid response crisis team and community-based crisis team.
  - House Bill 1877 improves the Washington state behavioral health system for better coordination and recognition with the Indian behavioral health system. This bill includes tribes, Indian health care providers, and tribal entities in processes under the Involuntary Treatment Act (ITA). House Bill 1877 incorporates tribes with notice and a limited right to intervene when a member is subject to ITA proceedings, requiring designated crisis responders (DCRs) to collaborate with tribal law enforcement. The bill also requires behavioral health service providers to accept tribal court orders from tribes in Washington.
  - Senate Bill 6251 coordinates regional behavioral crisis response and suicide prevention services. This bill allows the BH-ASO to convene regional partners to develop protocols for coordination of the behavioral health crisis response system within available resources. This bill also allows BH-ASO to recommend 988 contact hubs within each regional services area and allows the Washington State Department of Health (DOH) to designate the hubs or

provide a written explanation to the BH-ASO. This will also allow the DOH to fund a colocation partnership between 988 and the regional crisis line.

- Senate Bill 6228 concerns the treatment of substance use disorders. This bill authorizes at least fourteen (14) days of inpatient or residential substance use disorder treatment on the first utilization review, and at least seven (7) days on subsequent review. The bill also states the Washington State Health Care Authority (HCA) must conduct a feasibility study for creating a network of peer-led trauma informed nonemergency transportation providers for behavioral health services clients under Medicaid and provide it to the Legislature by December 1, 2024. The HCA must also provide a gap analysis to the Governor and Legislature by December 2, 2024, of nonemergency transportation benefits provided to Medicaid enrollees in Washington, Oregon, and other comparison states. The gap analysis must consider the costs and benefits of available alternatives and the option for an enhanced nonemergency transportation. The HCA will also contract with the Washington Association of Designated Crisis Responders (WADCR) to develop a training for emergency department social workers with responsibilities related to involuntary civil commitment by July 1, 2025, to be delivered by WADCR. All such emergency department social workers must receive this training by July 1, 2026.
  - **Youth Navigator Program (REACH) Update:** A brief update of the REACH program was provided. This state-wide program will prioritize Youth in emergency departments and other non-treatment facilities by connecting Youth with complex behavioral health needs to appropriate cross-system resources with the goal of providing symptom stabilization. This is done through a collaborative cross-system steering committee and the use of Multi-system Team (MST) Meetings. The priority action items, developed in conjunction with the steering committee, that REACH aims to address are improving access to care, access to Youth Substance Use Disorder services, caregiver respite, and prevention and early intervention resources. During the soft launch Spokane County received their first MST referral.
  - **WA Behavioral Health Conference:** The WA Behavioral Health Conference will be held on June 13 – 14, 2024. Funding is available for BHAB members interested in attending the conference. Members should contact the ASO with their request to attend the conference by April 8, 2024.
4. **Consumer Consultation Panel (CCP) Report** – Tom Gose read the minutes from the January and February 2024 meetings.
5. **Board Comments** –
- a. Dr. Michael Lamberger asked for an update on the Opiate Settlement Funds and if a timeline is known. Jessica Thompson stated that the ASO provided the Spokane County Board of Commissioners with the Public Opiate Settlement Fund Survey and the Spokane County Priority Review Committee’s feedback. At this time, a timeline isn’t available, and Spokane County is still in the planning stages on how to spend the Opiate Settlement Funds. No new updates are available at this time.
6. **Public Comments** – None.

A motion was made, and the board approved to adjourn the meeting.

**DECISIONS:** Due to the May meeting falling on the Memorial Day holiday, the decision was made to move the meeting to June 3, 2024.

**ACTIONS:** The May meeting will be rescheduled to June 3, 2024.

**NEXT EVERY OTHER MONTH MEETING DATE/TIME/LOCATION:**

**June 3, 2024 - 3:00 p.m.** / Zoom Meeting/In Person

**Name of recorder:**

Khrystal Kenyon