



COMMUNITY SERVICES, HOUSING, AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT  
Kathleen Torella, Director

**SPOKANE COUNTY REGIONAL INTERLOCAL LEADERSHIP STRUCTURE (SCRILS)  
MEETING**

December 3, 2021 (2:30 – 4:00 p.m.)  
**Via Zoom/Conference Call Only (No In-Person Attendance)**  
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**AGENDA**

1. 2:30-2:35 Welcome – **Commissioner Josh Kerns**
2. 2:35-3:05 State Updates:
  - a) Governor’s Office – **Amber Leaders (*not available*)**
  - b) Washington State Health Care Authority (HCA) – **Michele Wilsie, Jason McGill, Megan Atkinson, and Suzanne Swadener**
    - i) United Health Care’s Request for Consideration by HCA to Expand Medicaid IMC-BH in Spokane RSA – Protocol (process), Status, Next Steps
    - ii) Workforce Shortage and Provider Rates – Continued Discussion from July & September Meetings
      - (1) How are behavioral health provider agencies’ perspectives and specific funding needs gathered and incorporated into the HCA rate setting process?
      - (2) What is HCA’s plan in the future for ensuring behavioral health provider agencies are funded sufficiently to deal with the increasing operational and staffing recruitment/retention costs to provide services to both Medicaid and eligible non-Medicaid individuals?
      - (3) What is HCA’s plan in the future for ensuring behavioral health provider agencies’ funding is sustainable in the near-term for recovering from the work force shortage as strategies are implemented across the state to address this shortage?
      - (4) How is HCA addressing the Behavioral Health work force shortage crisis in the short-term for providers across the state?
      - (5) Given the Workforce Shortage impact on existing programs, has HCA considered the impact of the various new programs being rolled out statewide currently and the necessity for ample consideration and grace on the scope, expectations, administrative burden, and implementation timeframe on the BH-ASO’s and the Behavioral Health providers?
    - iii) HCA’s Response to HB 1310 Issues
      - (1) Status Update: Advocating for Resolution with Legislators
3. 3:05-3:15 Questions/Comments on HCA Topics: **Spokane RSA Behavioral Health Provider Members & County Commissioners**
4. 3:15-3:25 SB 5476 and E2SHB 1477 Update on Implementations in the Spokane Regional Service Area – **Justin Johnson, CSHCD SCR BH (ASO)**

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5. 3:25-3:35 Update on Spokane Regional Service Center (MHCSF) – **Dan Sigler, PHS**
6. 3:35-3:45 Better Health Together Update – **Alison Poulsen**
7. 3:45-3:50 Spokane Board of County Commissioners via Resolution No. 2021-0759, approved SCRILS to continue through 12/31/2024 in accordance with Second Engrossed SHB1388, Section 4062: [1388-S.PL.pdf \(wa.gov\)](#), refer to Handout #1 – **Kathleen Torella, CSHCD SCR BH (ASO)**
  - a) Process for Signing the 2021-2024 SCRILS Amended Charter: **Joanne Napier, CSCHD SCR BH (ASO)**
    - i) Counties' Commissioners – Wet Signatures
    - ii) Other Participants – Wet or Digital (electronic) Signatures, refer to Handout #2
8. 3:50-4:00 Public Comments from Community Stakeholders
9. Next Meeting: To Be Determined (March 2022)

Handouts:

0. Agenda
1. Resolution No. 2021-0759 (SCRILS Continuation and Amended SCRILS Charter)
2. SCRILS Amended Charter 2021 for Signatures

Link to SCRILS meetings documents online: [SCRILS Quarterly Meetings | Spokane County, WA](#)

Link to SCRILS Charters online: [Spokane County Regional Interlocal Leadership Structure \(SCRILS\) | Spokane County, WA](#)

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