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Spokane County Regional Behavioral Health (Administrative Services Organization) Division, SCR BH (ASO) Behavioral Health Advisory Board (BHAB) Meeting			
Meeting Date: March 22, 2021	Location: Zoom meeting/Conference Call	Start Time: 3:00 p.m. Adjourn Time: 4:14 p.m.	
Attendance:	X=Present	E=Excused	U=Unexcused
Name		Representing	
BOARD			
Alex Knox	X	Spokane County (Chair)	
Alicia Paschall	X	Spokane County (Vice-Chair)	
Andrew Van Winkle	X	Spokane County	
Craig Davenport	X	Spokane County	
James Mires	U	Stevens County At-Large Rep.	
John Nowels	E	Spokane County Sheriff's Office	
Kim Taylor	X	Spokane County	
Leta Phillips	U	Ferry County At-Large Rep.	
Dr. Michael Lemberger	X	Spokane County	
Mark Bullock	X	Spokane County	
Michael Lindsly	X	Spokane County	
Ronald Bacon	X	Ferry County	
OTHERS			
Cara Reidy	X	Spokane County and North East Counties Ombuds	
Gail Kogle	X	Spokane County and North East Counties Ombuds	
Justin Johnson	X	CSHCD SCR BH	
Kathleen Torella	X	CSHCD SCR BH	
Nancy Locke	X	CSHCD SCR BH	
Tom Gose	X	Consumer Consultation Panel (CCP)	
MCOs			
Liz Perez	X	Community Health Plan of Washington (CHPW)	
Maureen Correia	X	Molina Healthcare	

AGENDA / MINUTES:

1. Welcome and Introductions – Alexander Knox, Chair

- a. The January 2021 meeting minutes were approved, as written.

2. Administration – CSHCD SCR BH, Kathleen Torella and Justin Johnson

- a. Kathleen recommended the transition of one of the Board members in order to only have one (1) At-Large representative as approved in the last update to the Board's bylaws. Currently, the Board is still in compliance with two (2) At-Large representatives but Kathleen advised we should transition one (1) At-Large representative as soon as the Board determines it is appropriate to do so. James Mires lives in Stevens County and the recommendation is to transition him to the Stevens County representative position and reduce the current number of At-Large representative positions to one (1). The Board authorized both the position transition and the SCR BH ASO to submit the transition request to the Board of County Commissioners (BoCC).
- b. New Youth Pilot Project – Justin spoke on the project that will provide outpatient treatment for Youth in the Spokane County Region Service Area (RSA) for Non-Medicaid or Medicaid Youth outside their parents' insurance. A Request for Proposal (RFP) is being released to provide an enhanced Behavioral Health Youth text/call line for middle and high school age Youth in the six (6) county Spokane Regional Service Area (RSA) beginning Wednesday, May 5, 2021.
- c. Justin outlined numerous 2021 Legislative Behavioral Health Bills. House Bill 1086 is to create a state-wide Ombuds office that is unchallenged and has an overwhelming amount of support to move the Ombuds. If the Board feels strongly about the Ombuds move, a recommendation was made for the Board to write a brief letter outlining their concerns to Senator Andy Billing.
- d. Washington Behavioral Health Conference – The SCR BH ASO has funding available in the budget to cover the conference registration cost for up to 12 board members to attend the June 16-18, 2021 virtual conference. Members interested in attending the conference should email Nancy Locke at nlocke@spokanecounty.org.

3. Ombuds Report First Quarter 2021 - Gail Kogle and Cara Reidy

- Cara and Gail provided a broad overview of the newly formatted Quarterly Ombuds Report for January – March 2021.

4. Consumer Consultation Panel (CCP) – Tom Gose read the January and February 2021 meeting minutes.

5. Board Comments – None.

6. Public Comments – None.

DECISIONS:

- The January 2021 meeting minutes were approved, as written.
- The Board approved the transition of James Mires to the Stevens County Representative, and for the SCR BH ASO to submit the recommended transition request to the BoCC for approval.

ACTIONS:

- Kathleen Torella will submit a BHAB Membership Transition Request to the BoCC for approval.
- Board members interested in attending the virtual Washington Behavioral Health Conference on June 16-18, 2021 should email Nancy Locke at nlocke@spokanecounty.org.

NEXT MEETING DATE/TIME/LOCATION:

May 24 - 3:00 p.m. / Zoom Special Meeting

Name of recorder:

Nancy Locke