



**SPOKANE COUNTY  
COMMUNITY SERVICES, HOUSING, AND  
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<b>BOARD</b>		
Alex Knox	X	Spokane County (Chair)
Alicia Paschall	X	Spokane County (Vice-Chair)
Andrew Van Winkle	X	Spokane County
Craig (Administrative Services Organization) Division, SCR BH (ASO)	X	
James Mires	U	Stevens County At-Large Rep.
Jill	X	
John Nowels	X	Spokane County Sheriff's Office
Kim Taylor	U	Spokane County
Leta Phillips	X	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
<b>OTHERS</b>		
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)
<b>MCOs</b>		
Liz Perez	X	Community Health Plan of Washington (CHPW)
Maureen Correia	X	Molina Healthcare

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

Meeting Date: **May 24, 2021** Location: **Zoom meeting/Conference Call** Start Time: **3:04 p.m.**  
Adjourn Time: **4:14 p.m.**

**Attendance:** X=Present E=Excused U=Unexcused

**Name** **Representing**

- AGENDA / MINUTES:**
1. **Welcome and Introductions – Alexander Knox, Chair**
    - a. The March 2021 meeting minutes were approved, as written.
  2. **Administration – CSHCD SCR BH, Kathleen Torella and Justin Johnson**
    - a. Jill Burkholder was introduced as the newest board member.
    - b. Kathleen advised the Board of County Commissioners (BoCC) passed a resolution to transition member James Mires to the Stevens County representative position and reduced the current number of At-Large representative positions to one (1).
    - c. Legislative Updates - Justin spoke on multiple bills. He advised that House Bill 1086 to create a state-wide Ombuds office did pass.

d. Enhanced Youth Behavioral Health Text Line Update – Justin summarized that a Request For Proposal (RFP) was put out and we are waiting on individuals to submit applications for the line. The RFP will close next week and dependent on the applications received, will determine if a second RFP should be opened or to begin the process of selection. The RFP is to enhance existing text line services to engage Youth irregardless of their insurance.

**3. Consumer Consultation Panel (CCP)** – *Tom Gose* read the March and April 2021 meeting minutes.

**4. Board Comments**

- *Alicia Pashall* inquired if meetings will continue to be held via the Zoom platform. Kathleen Torella advised the BoCC have made the decision to sell the CSHCD building, and there is an interested buyer that may provide a final proposal to the BoCC sometime in June. The department is also working full time as a teleworking department. Therefore, there is not a location available to hold meetings and we do not have approval to hold in-person meetings again, based on the guidance of the CDC, yet more so in combination with the Governor’s Office orders to verify before we would schedule in-person meetings. For now, we will continue in virtual mode to potentially need to do so long term. If not, we may do some type of hybrid meeting model in the future, which would be in-person meetings with an option to attend virtually that may appeal especially to rural county attendees.
- *Mark Bullock* inquired if additional conference information will be provided. Nancy Locke will provide attendees any additional information received prior to the conference July 16, 2021 start date.
- *Jill Burkholder* would appreciate suggestions on how to get better informed on the board and how best for her to participate with being new to the board. Alex Knox will provide her his email address so they can connect to discuss information.
- *Justin Johnson* advised that Jessica Watson has returned to the department in a new position as the Integrated Behavioral Healthcare Project Coordinator, and she will assist Justin and the ASO on information, Crisis Data Dashboard Reports, and interfacing with the CCP as a liaison. Jessica is excited to be back with the department and to work with the board again.

**5. Public Comments** – None.

A motion was made and seconded to adjourn the meeting.

**DECISIONS:**

- The March 2021 meeting minutes were approved, as written.

**ACTIONS:**

- Nancy Locke will provide Board members attending the June 2021 virtual Washington Behavioral Health Conference any additional conference information received prior to June 16, 2021.

**NEXT MEETING DATE/TIME/LOCATION:**  
July 26, 2021 - 3:00 p.m. / Zoom Meeting

**Name of recorder:**  
Nancy Locke