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Regional Behavioral Health Board		
6.20.2017	11:30am	Southeastern Idaho Public Health
Meeting called by	Regional Behavioral Health Board	
Facilitator	Mark Gunning	
Note taker	Laurie Brenchley	
Attendees	Maggie Mann, Dave Sorensen, Brad Baker, Chris Freeburne, Kim Thomas, Cathy Heggenberger, Stace Gearhart, Shantal Laulu, Lynda Shiflet, Fran Lands, Melissa Syria, Donna Honena, Bob Gehrke, Barry Jones, Mark Gunning, Laurie Brenchley, Charlie Aasand,	
Meeting Minute Approval		
Discussion	Barry Jones motioned to approve May's Regional Behavioral Health Board minutes as written. Brad Baker seconded the motion. All in favor; motion passed.	
Gaps and needs document discussion		
	All Members	
Discussion	<p>Transitional and permanent housing - This document is due to the state in September. It was presented to the Crisis Center Committee. Barry Jones questioned where people have the option to go when released from the State Hospital. Brad Baker answered that it is usually taken on a case by case basis. Chris Freeburne states that State Hospital has navigators that specifically help with discharge planning.</p> <p>Supported employment - Kimberly Thomas from the Department of Corrections are working to put people back into the workforce. Unfortunately they are working at very low income difficult jobs. The DOC is trying to get them to be working for a while before the even leave the department of corrections. Fran Lands informed the group about a waiver that has been around for almost two years. Case workers can help clients fill out this criminal background waiver. This helps those with non-violent felonies to pass background checks. This waiver is found at the Division of Behavioral Health – background waiver</p> <p>Transportation – Veyo is the contracted transportation for Medicaid and many providers feel that this is not an effective partner for transportation. This was brought up at the last legislative hearing, but it was determined that it is not easy to make a change. Providers need to continually advocate for those they serve. Rhonda D'Amico suggested that providers or the RBHB get in touch with Dave Doran, Director of SIECCA. He has a lot of expertise and is very passionate about making sure people have transportation for clinical and supportive services.</p> <p>Access to care continuum - Fran discussed that it is difficult for providers to know what kind of case management to provide to clients. Dave Sorensen states that substance use case management is great and they can help people find different treatments. Mental health case management is a different story. There is no reimbursement for this case work for providers. The main problem is that the definition of mental health case management doesn't meet the definition of case management. Providers cannot advocate for clients. Providers do hours of unfunded work. Maggie Mann asked if we need a specific statement about advocating an expansion of, or defining case management. It would be great if the scope of case management was more consisted and Idaho followed the national standards.</p> <p>Collaboration – Brad Baker informed the group that CANS is part of the Jeff D. settlement. It is a tool that is designed to disseminate information among all stakeholders. There are people working on different plans, but the function of CANS is to get people working together to identify needs and strength. It stands for Child Adolescent Need Strength. They are trying to use this tool to make care more transparent. This tool will also be looking at patterns in the big system to try to start helping families better. CANS is an assessment too that can be put into a database for meta-analysis. Of course this does not eliminate the need of a good clinical interview, but it's a start to letting the systems communicate with each other.</p> <p>Parent education/support – Parents and school personnel are unaware of services and resources available. Barry asked if schools don't know about mental health resources or just don't want to get involved with this area. Stace stated that from his experience, schools very much want to get involved. Schools biggest needs are mental health needs. Rural areas, especially, need access to mental health education and resources. Brad feels that schools want to help, however there is fear of the stigma that if things are identified, they are liable for those things. The school district was named in the Jeff D lawsuit, so they are very interested in being proactive.</p>	

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Discussion	<p>There is a group called Parent Voice that advocates that parents have a voice in every level of treatment. This piece has been somewhat lacking to a degree in child case management. There are parents that have navigated the system so we can utilize these parents and learn from their experience.</p> <p>CHANGE SINCE 6.20: Laurie Brenchley will be the new chair of the Region 6 SPAN chapter. Any and all support will be appreciated. She will be keeping the RBHB apprised of any and all developments.</p> <p>Southeastern Idaho Public Health SHIP grant is putting on a Suicide Preventions Symposium on September 14 and 15. Fort Hall is offering two days evidence based training that is open to everyone. Contact Melissa Syria to set up this training.</p>		
Discussion	<p>The ad hoc crisis center committee will be meeting on the 23rd and biweekly after that. They will be splitting into two subcommittees. They are looking at a proposal to tie it into a bond for a jail expansion. The bond would mean sustainability for the crisis center. They also want to include a jail diversion piece. There are many people in jail because of mental health issues. This committee is on a very tight time frame and will need to have a plan written up by the end of July. Please contact Laurie if you would like to be included on meeting minutes or invites.</p>		
Action Items		Person Responsible	Deadline
No RBHB meeting in July – Meet again on August 15 th			
Bob Gehrke moved to approve gaps and needs document. Lynda Shiflet seconded the motion. All approved; motion passed			
Updates			
Discussion	<p>CMH update – Dave Sorensen told the board that the CMH Subcommittee had gone over the gaps and needs document from a CMH perspective.</p> <p>Dave also discussed the current situation with the proposed repeal and replace of ACA. If the AHCA goes through as written, we will be seeing significant cuts in services for substance use, mental health, and developmental disabilities. There will be a large impact on parents who will no longer be able to receive services for their children. This bill has passed in the House, however the Senate will still vote. Dave has information on the “Medicaid Matters in Idaho”. Please contact Senator Crapo to voice your opinion on this bill.</p>		
Discussion	<p>Recovery Support update – RSS will be discussing the gaps and needs document. Linda Shiflet will be giving a short presentation about NAMI here in Pocatello. It is a support group for families; however it needs to be built back up in this area. There is a 6 week training for NAMI that is very important for anyone who deals with mental illness. The NAMI meetings are on Tuesdays at 7pm in the Life Inc. building on 640 Pershing, behind the KFC building. The group needs people to build it up and advocate it as a resource. This can also serve as a place where people can network and discover other resources. It also provides a place for people with mental illnesses to meet with each other.</p>		
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