



IDAHO DEPARTMENT OF
HEALTH & WELFARE

**Region V Children's Mental Health
Sub-Committee Meeting
April 27, 2016 Minutes
CMH Office, Twin Falls, ID**

Present: Beth Citron, Kevin Sandau, Renee Waite, Kyle Fisher, Lee Wilson, Pam Shropshire (recorder)

Respite Care: Lee talked about the new Respite funding that will be available July 1, 2016 for children that meet the SED criteria. Access to respite will go through Lee. Several ideas are being looked at in managing this type of care and using these funds. More information will be coming as the program is developed.

Mission Statement: The Region V Board suggested adding the words "behavioral health" and promote wellness" to the sub-committee's mission statement. The CMH Sub-committee approved the following as the Mission Statement: **"Promote child/family wellness, discuss, recommend and work to resolve children's behavioral health issues in our communities."** It will be presented to the Mental Health Board for approval.

New Position: In Blaine Co. School Dist. Lorie Strand, LCSW is the new mental health and substance abuse specialist for the high school and will do some work in the middle school. A substance abuse group will be started.

Probation Reviews: May 17th there will be a site review. Discussions with juvenile corrections provide lower level of care than detention. Some of their issues are how to deal with status offenders; risk assessments and how to get training and tools for this; and how to make "charging" decisions about crimes.

Behavioral Committee: Applications close in May for the Crisis Center Manager position. Dec. 1, 2016 is the goal for opening the Crisis Center. The Crisis Center is for age 18 and over. The average stay is approx. 6 hrs.

Upcoming Dates:

NW Justice Forum is in June in Coeur d' Alene.

"Paper Tiger" movie screening will be at the Snake River Youth Center on May 12th at 9 am.

IJJA (Idaho Juvenile Justice Assn.) will be two days this year on Sept. 19-20. There are scholarships for registration.

The meeting was adjourned. The next meeting will be Wed. May 25th at the CMH office – 803 Harrison St. Twin Falls.