



South Central Behavioral Health Board

Executive Committee Special Meeting Minutes

April 19, 2018

Board Members (P-Present, E-Excused, T-Telephone, A-Absent)

T Debbie Thomas, Chair	T Mary Christy, Co-Chair
E Renee Waite – Secretary	P James Brown, SUD Consumer
P Don Hall, Commissioner	T Rick Huber, SUD Advocate
T Sheriff Eric Snarr (LE - Minidoka Co)	

Administration:

Linda Montgomery, SCPHD BoH Chair
Nancy Andreotti – SCPHD

Guest(s):

Yvonne Humphrey, SCPHD HR Rep

I. Convene: 1:05 PM – D Thomas

III. Action Items

A. ODP Grant Participation

Discussion was held concerning joining the other six Behavioral Health Boards in supporting a grant being written by Office of Drug Policy (ODP). It is a statewide grant so all regions need to be in agreement for the grant to be written.

Per the ODP – *“Phase 2 of the Idaho Strategic Prevention Framework Grand. ODP is looking at a grant for primary prevention targeting predominately adolescents. The Regional Behavior Health Boards (RBHBs) have the opportunity to be a sub-grantee and design a prevention program specific to their region. The grant would provide (\$100k/year x4 years starting October 2019) funding for a certified Prevention Specialist who would report to the RBHB and be employed by the health district’s. ODP is awaiting response from all RBHB’s before they can write the grant application.”*

Concerns were raised as to how this position would be paid for the first year, prior to the ODP grant monies being available (Oct 2019.) Not possible for the SCBHB to come up with \$100,000 the first year.

On May 18, 2018, the South Central Public Health Board voted unanimously to serve as the fiduciary agent for this grant provided there is no cost to the district. SCPHD will be the hiring agency for the Prevention Specialist, but work will be driven by the SCBH Board Executive Committee.

Call placed to Crystal Campbell ID BH Planning Council, unable to answer questions, only involved as far as disseminating information. Recommended calling Sharlene at ODP who when called was not available.

It was discussed that there may be funds available from the current \$50,000/year that the District gets for administrative support to pay for a part-time position (Free Funds that have been awarded to the SCBHB are specifically for mini-grants and cannot be used for funding of a position.)

Yvonne Humphrey (SCPHD HR) was brought in to discuss the hiring process. If a current position can be used (Health Educator) with the title of Prevention Specialist, it would not be difficult. To create a new Prevention Specialist position through DHR would be quite cumbersome.

There is only one coalition in our region (Blaine County Drug Coalition) so we are behind in having coalitions in all counties in our region.

Debbie asked each member how they would like to proceed:

Eric Snarr – Proceed with grant application.

Debbie Thomas – Proceed with grant application.

Rick Huber – Kind of feel like we are being coerced into a decision.

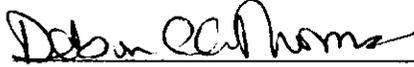
James Brown – no specific comment

Don Hall – Proceed with the addition of an opt out clause.

Mary Christy – 100% Supportive – had to leave (time not noted) but quorum was maintained.

Motion “I (Debbie Thomas, 2nd Rick Huber) move that the SCBH Board endorse and participate in the grant application (Statewide funding for a regional Prevention Specialist) with an Opt out clause should it become fiscally impossible to fund year one or the grant does not align with the SCBH Board’s Strategic Priorities.” Motion passed

IV. Meeting Adjourned 1:55 PM



Debbie Thomas
Chair, SCBHB

Mary Christy
Vice-Chair, SCBHB

EXCUSED

Attest: Melody Bowyer, SCPHD Director