

# CHILDREN'S MENTAL HEALTH COMMITTEE

## Meeting Minutes – September 26, 2018

### **Mission Statement:**

*“Promote child and family wellness. Discuss, recommend, and work to help create the structure to support children with mental and behavioral health issues and the systems that serve them and their families, in our communities.”*

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

P Kevin Sandau, Chair	P Alyson Christianson, DHW YES Program
P Stacy Stephens, Alliance Family Services	A Rachel DelValle, Jerome School District
P Kelsie Robinson, Valley Comm Counseling	P Renee Waite, IDJC
P Sandy Millar, Parent Network	A Lori Gidney, Parent
P Beth Citron, Blaine Co School District	T Jaci Urie, TARC
P Elizabeth 'Jo' Johnson, MD/Parent	E Honorable Mick Hodges – Cassia Co.
P Tina Lamp (CASA)	P Denise Martin, CASA
P Julie Fields, MH Advocate	P Trevor Crapo SL BH
T Chris Freeburne – DHW Regional Director	E Kyli Gough - SL Community Health Manger

### Administration:

P Melody Bowyer, SCPHD Director	P Nancy Andreotti, SCPHD AA 1
P Linda Montgomery, Chair SCPHD BoH	P EJ Poston, SCPHD Health Educator

### Guest(s):

Laurie Brenchley – Idaho Live Program	Felice Wolters, Chairman - TFOYH
Rick Webb, Director Jerome Academy	Barry Knoblich, President – Optimist Foundation
Inga Elkin, SR Juvenile Detention	Mario Umana, CJPO Jerome
Val Stotts, Safe House Director	Stephanie Callen, CSP Div Coordinator
Cindy Shotswell – OPTUM	Dixie Tate, Director - Mini-Cassia Juv Probation
Lindsay Westberg, Boys & Girls Club	Danica Cadman, Parent
	Jacquelin Cadman, Parent

### **I. Convene (10:01 a.m.) and Call to Order – Kevin Sandau**

#### **Introductions/housekeeping**

### **II. Discussion Items**

#### **A. Parent Presentation – Jacquelin Cadman (Danica)**

- Parent perspective of having a special needs child in Idaho and difference of programs offered between states.
- Programs offered are not adequate.
- EPSDT (Early and Periodic Screening, Diagnostic, and Treatment) funds are not spent correctly.
- Family participation services offered is challenging for parents who have children in facilities out of state.
- RISE program is reactive, not proactive
- No access to a therapeutic day program
- State Hospital doesn't take children under 12

#### **B. Safe House – Stacy Stephens**

- Medicaid may pay for Crisis Respite care for children, attempting to get clarification from OPTUM how crisis respite will be structured and how that might fit with the Safe House. Val Stotts and Stacy Stephens will continue to connect to see how to best meet the needs of the community.
- Located in the County West Building on the 2<sup>nd</sup> floor.

#### **C. Twin Falls Optimist Youth House – Barry Knoblich, President Optimist Foundation, Felice Wolters**

Chair TFOYH

- House rented from TF County for \$1 per year for 30 years in 5 year increments asking to increase to 10 year increments.
- Lots of improvements have been done to the house.
- Established as a 501c3
- Able to house 17 for a two-year term to train them with life skills. Boot camp to become an adult. Availability for training outside of members in the house is yet to be determined.
- Have to be impacted by foster care at some time in their life.
- Contract for house members defining responsibilities.
- Community involvement has been huge, people donating money and volunteering time.
- No boundary on who can be placed.
- Connection with CSI for education.
- Writing grants for building project.
- Grants to help pay for the needs of those in the house.
- Partnering with other community and service groups.
- Basement is ADA, has own laundry, training rooms
- Creating pathways for those aging out of the foster system to have success in life.
- Apply through Optimist website (has a link to apply) or Independent Living Program through DHW.
- <https://www.dropbox.com/s/5380u728qetc73g/Optimist%20Youth%20House%20-%20UPDATED%2020180806%20-%20Employment.pptx?dl=0>
- Open House – October 17, 2018, 3 – 7 p.m. – 239 3<sup>rd</sup> Ave. N, Twin Falls ID

D. YES Update – Alyson Christianson

- Outreach
- Adding children
- Skill Building

E. Cindy Shotswell, Danica Cadman, and Jo Johnson volunteered to follow-up on Coordination of Skills Building Training

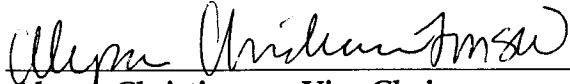
F. Concern was voiced over inability of different facilities to communicate with each other and effectively treat patients.

VI. Announcements

A. Next meeting TBD, 10 a.m., SCPHD Katz Conference Rooms A & B

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Kevin Sandau, Chair



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Alyson Christianson, Vice-Chair