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**Spokane County Regional Behavioral Health
(Administrative Services Organization) Division (SCRBH)
Behavioral Health Advisory Board (BHAB) Meeting**

Meeting Date: February 25, 2019	Location: CSHCD Building, 5th Floor	Start Time: 3:00 p.m. Adjourn Time: 4:30 p.m.
Attendance: X=Present E=Excused U=Unexcused		
Name		Representing
Alex Knox	X	Spokane County
Brian Standow	X	Spokane County
Craig Davenport	X	Spokane County
Dr. Michael Lemberger	X	Spokane County
Dr. Michael Mainer	X	Spokane County
Ed Hoffing	X	Spokane County
Floyd Lee	X	Spokane County
Jessica Watson	X	Spokane County & North East Counties Ombuds
John Nowels	X	Spokane County Sheriff's Office
Kathleen Torella	X	CSHCD SCRBH
Kim Taylor	X	Spokane County
Kurtis Robinson	X	Spokane County
Nancy Locke	X	CSHCD SCRBH
Ronald Bacon	U	Ferry County Position
Tom Gose	X	Consumer Consultation Panel (CCP)
Tonya Stern	X	CSHCD SCRBH
GUESTS		
Liz Perez	X	Community Health Plan of Washington (CHPW)

- AGENDA / MINUTES:**
- Welcome and Introductions – Dr. Michael Mainer**
 - The January 28, 2019 meeting minutes were approved, as written.
 - Presentation: Spokane County Opioid Task Force – Dr. Michael Mainer and Dr. Michael Lemberger**
 - The Spokane Regional Health District has put together a Community Minded Broad-based project, pulling from as many agencies in the community that are affected by the opioids crisis to help improve the situation.

- Dr. Michael Lemberger provided an update on the progress of the project that was started early 2018. Several barriers continue to arise that need to be resolved, such as more chemical dependency professionals are needed, helping hospitals understand how to help with addiction and providing services upon discharge.
- There are several sub-groups involved in the Opioid Task Force to help educate the community and coordinate care for these individuals. A community meeting is scheduled for May 7, 2019. Anyone interested in participating on any of the sub-groups should contact either Dr. Mainer or Dr. Lemberger.

3. Spokane County Administrative Updates

a. Legislative Priorities – *Kathleen Torella*

- Kathleen provided an update on the follow-up meeting that was held last week with several of our region's Legislators. The financial impact of the five priorities were discussed. The bill outlining the roles and responsibilities of the BH-ASO, HB1393, is still alive. The expected Medicaid Institutions for Mental Diseases (IMD) inpatient costs and Involuntary Treatment Act (ITA) court costs were also discussed with Legislators. Another fiscal concern is continuing to provide vital services, which includes the Evaluation and Treatment (E&Ts) services for non-Medicaid individuals. If additional funding is not approved, potentially these vital services could be reduced or eliminated. To help with the IMD funding barrier, the State plan must be opened by the Health Care Authority (HCA) and they would need to receive a waiver for the mental health IMD rule from CMS.
- Additionally, Kathleen spoke to Legislators on the funding needed for the Assisted Living and Adult Residential treatment facilities. Spokane County has been funding these services with local funding; however, continued funding is an issue, and we are now asking the Legislators for funding for the MCO's or state agencies who are responsible for these services for Medicaid individuals with Integrated Managed Care (IMC).
- Lastly, the Regional Community Resource Center (RCRC) project which includes a mental health crisis stabilization facility, may be eligible to apply for TrueBlood funding if the settlement agreement bill is passed by the Legislature. The RCRC project is primarily for law enforcement drop off purposes for individuals with Behavioral Health stabilization needs.

b. Spokane Regional Service Area Ombuds - *Gail Kogle and Jessica Watson*

- The January Ombuds monthly report was presented. It was opened for suggestions on what additional information everyone would like to see in future reports. Suggestions were made to add additional information on what agency a specific complaint came from. Tonya will follow-up with the MCO's on what additional information is permissible in the report. In addition, a question was asked if a satisfaction statistic from each agency could be added.

4. Consumer Pulse - *Tom Gose* read the minutes from the January 2019 CCP meeting.

5. Board membership comments:

- The dedication of the 5th floor conference room to Hal Wilson is still under consideration.
- Tonya asked the board for interest on presentation topics for upcoming meetings, and suggestions should be emailed to tstern@spokanecounty.org

DECISIONS:

- The November 26, 2018 minutes were approved, as written.

ACTIONS:

- Tonya will ask the MCO's about the level of information given out in a grievance or complaint situation.
- Kathleen will send a waiver to Representative Timm Ormsby for the RCRC project funding.
- Tonya will draft a letter for the board to view on the importance of the Quality Review Team (QRT).

NEXT MEETING DATE/TIME/LOCATION:

March 25, 2019 - 3:00 p.m. / CSHCD Building, 5th Floor

Name of recorder:

Nancy Locke