



**SPOKANE COUNTY  
COMMUNITY SERVICES, HOUSING, AND  
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**Spokane County Regional Behavioral Health  
(Administrative Services Organization) Division (SCRBH)  
Behavioral Health Advisory Board (BHAB) Meeting**

Meeting Date: <b>April 22, 2019</b>	Location: <b>CSHCD Building, 5<sup>th</sup> Floor</b>	Start Time: <b>3:00 p.m.</b> Adjourn Time: <b>4:15 p.m.</b>
<b>Attendance:</b>	<b>X=Present</b>	<b>E=Excused</b>
<b>Name</b>		<b>U=Unexcused</b>
		<b>Representing</b>
Alex Knox	X	Spokane County
Brian Standow	E	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
Gail Kogle	X	Spokane County and North East Counties Ombuds
Jessica Watson	X	Spokane County and North East Counties Ombuds
John Nowels	U	Spokane County Sheriff's Office
Kathleen Torella	X	CSHCD SCR BH
Kim Taylor	X	Spokane County
Kurtis Robinson	U	Spokane County
Nancy Locke	X	CSHCD SCR BH
Ronald Bacon	X	Ferry County
Tom Gose	X	Consumer Consultation Panel (CCP)
Tonya Stern	X	CSHCD SCR BH
<b>GUESTS</b>		
Liz Perez	X	Community Health Plan of Washington (CHPW)
Misty Kunstmann	X	Molina Healthcare
Ryan Kiely	X	Excelsior Youth Center

**AGENDA / MINUTES:**

**1. Welcome and Introductions – Dr. Michael Mainer**

- The March 25, 2019 meeting minutes were approved, as written.

## **2. Presentation: Excelsior Youth Center Services and Planned New Facility under Construction – *Ryan Kiely, Chief Integration Officer***

- A PowerPoint on the Center was reviewed.
- Excelsior is a nonprofit, integrated healthcare and education organization, situated on 30 acres and located at 3754 W. Indian Trail Rd.
- A 32-bed facility is due to open in late fall, uniquely designed to include a court room, secure detox and room to include the existing residential programs.
- Through the next few years and into 2025, Excelsior is creating an Arboretum that will include a grouping of several varieties of flowering cherry trees and lilacs, along with many new species of deciduous trees. Also, on the grounds, there is a zip line and a challenge course.

## **3. Spokane County Administrative Updates**

### **a. Legislative Update – *Kathleen Torella***

- The House and Senate are currently working towards a final budget. The House budget did include the \$1.125 million Proviso used for Spokane County Evaluation and Treatment (E&T's) for eligible non-Medicaid individuals at or below the 220% federal poverty level (FPL). The Senate budget did not include this Proviso.
- Senate Bill 5432, which includes clearly defined roles and responsibilities of the Behavioral Health - Administrative Services Organizations (ASO), looks positive as being passed. Since the ASO funding is going to be limited, the County-operated ASO's included a legislative request for funding. For our specific region, \$15 million for the biennium was requested to continue services at our historical rates for eligible non-Medicaid individuals at or below the 220% FPL. However, the fiscal request for the County ASOs' funding was not considered and is not included in either budget.
- Kathleen read brief points from a letter Maryanne Lindeblad, Health Care Authority's (HCA) Medicaid Director, sent to the Senate and the House with their concerns, as the budget bill will impact Medicaid funding also. Kathleen will provide the board a copy of the letter for review.

### **b. Trueblood Settlement Summit Update – *Tonya***

- The Trueblood Settlement was approved by the Federal Court on December 11, 2018, requiring the state to move individuals facing criminal charges out of jail and into a treatment facility, within seven or fourteen days, when they are eligible for competency evaluation and restoration services.
- On April 1, 2019, State representatives from both the Department of Social Health Services (DSHS) and the HCA facilitated a summit in Spokane regarding the 15 strategies of the settlement agreement and what that will look like for the Spokane region. MCO's, judges, attorneys, prosecutors, Better Health Together (BHT), and stakeholders attended the summit.
- As of January 31, 2019, the state is still not meeting their time lines of moving individuals out of jail when they are eligible for competency evaluation and restoration services. One strategy the state is considering is building an outpatient competency restoration facility, as the restoration services currently being conducted are done inpatient. A Forensic Navigators team is being developed, made up of DSHS employees, that will work with the local courts and attorneys. Additionally, expanding the Law Enforcement Ride Along programs where mental health professionals ride along with law enforcement, is being considered.

**4. Ombuds Report - Gail Kogle and Jessica Watson**

- The March, 2019 Ombuds monthly report was reviewed.

**5. Consumer Pulse – Tom Gose** read the minutes from the March, 2019 CCP meeting.

**6. Board membership comments:**

- *Floyd Lee* advised that the Washington Behavioral Healthcare Conference (WBHC) will present three Posthumous Awards at this year's conference, and nominations are open to anyone to submit for. Floyd recommended nominating Hal Wilson for the award if the board approves. The board fully supports the nomination of Hal for the award. Floyd will write and submit Hal's nomination.

**DECISIONS:**

- The March 25, 2019 minutes were approved, as written.

**ACTIONS:**

- Nancy Locke will forward a copy of Hal Wilson's obituary to Floyd Lee to assist him to nominate Hal Wilson for a Posthumous Award being presented at the WBHC Conference in June, 2019.
- Nancy Locke will email to the board, on Kathleen Torella's behalf, the letter from Maryanne Lindeblad, HCA Medical Director.

**NEXT MEETING DATE/TIME/LOCATION:**

**June 24, 2019 - 3:00 p.m. / Inland Northwest Behavioral Health Facility**  
104 W. 5<sup>th</sup> Avenue, Spokane, WA 99204; (509) 992-1888

**Name of recorder:**

Nancy Locke