



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

Meeting Date:
November 25, 2019

Location:
CSHCD Building, 3rd Floor

Start Time: **3:00 p.m.**
Adjourn Time: **4:20 p.m.**

Attendance:	X=Present	E=Excused	U=Unexcused
Name		Representing	
Alex Knox	E	Spokane County	
Alicia Paschall	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	U	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 SCRBH	
Kim Taylor	X	Spokane County	
Kurtis Robinson	U	Spokane County	
Nancy Locke	X	CSHCD SCRBH	
Ronald Bacon	X	Ferry County	
Tom Gose	X	Consumer Consultation Panel (CCP)	
Tonya Stern	X	CSHCD SCRBH	
GUESTS			
Dorothy Sivanish	X	Molina Healthcare	
Blake Redding	X	Spokane Treatment and Recovery Services (STARS)	
Stacie Hatfield	X	Oxford House, Inc.	

AGENDA / MINUTES:

1. Welcome and Introductions – Dr. Michael Mainer

- The October 28, 2019 meeting minutes were approved, as written.

- 2. Presentation: Spokane Treatment and Recovery Services (STARS)** – Blake Redding, Executive Director
- In June of 2019, STARS purchased a new building on 3rd and Brown. This move created 11 more beds. It is a 24-hour stay where Individuals get motivation interviewing, case manage, and have the ability to move into a residential recovery housing if further treatment is needed.
 - STARS is looking to integrate primary care and medication assistance treatment to their services in 2020.
 - Two (2) grants were awarded to STARS from The Department of Commerce to build a new facility that will be located at 13320 E. Nora in the Spokane Valley. The 64-bed project will start in the spring of 2020.
 - There is a STARS team of Emergency Services Patrol Transportation that contract with the city and help First Responders that come across Individuals on the street with non-violent/non-medical behavioral health issues. In addition, they take calls from Deaconess, Sacred Heart, and Holy Family.
- 3. Presentation: Oxford Housing** – Stacie Hatfield, Resource Coordinator – WA & ID, Oxford House, Inc.
- Washington State has the most clean and sober Oxford houses, at 315. Currently, Spokane has 36 houses and are in good neighborhoods all around the Spokane area, including the Spokane Valley.
 - To view up-to-date vacant homes for rent, go to <https://www.oxfordvancancies.com>. The average rent is between \$400 and \$500 a month, all inclusive. The house size ranges from 200 to 400 square feet and takes at least six (6) Individuals to become an Oxford house.
 - A couple of the funding sources for the Oxford houses come from the Housing and Essential Needs (HEN), and Housing and Recovery through Peer Services (HARPS) programs.
- 4. Ombuds Report** - Gail Kogle and Jessica Watson
- The October 2019 Ombuds monthly report was reviewed.
- 5. Consumer Pulse** – Tom Gose read the minutes from the October 2019 CCP meetings.
- 6. Board membership comments** –
- Kathleen identified the top four (4) county-operated Behavioral Health - Administrative Services Organization (ASO) priorities, which include funding needs for: Involuntary Treatment Act (ITA) court costs, Non-Medicaid eligible inpatient and outpatient behavioral health (BH) services, an adequate ASO direct service support rate, and funding for BH facilities that are owned by the counties to cover building maintenance costs that are not included in the program costs. Several county-owned facilities have closed for lack of funding during 2019.

DECISIONS:

- The October 28, 2019 minutes were approved, as written.

ACTIONS:

- Motion to cancel the December 2019 meeting was approved.
- Kathleen will contact the City of Spokane to request an up-to-date number of clients seen at the Intermodal Support Center. (AKA Envision Center)

NEXT MEETING DATE/TIME/LOCATION:

January 27, 2020 - 3:00 p.m. / CSHCD

Name of recorder:

Nancy Locke