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**Spokane County Regional Behavioral Health
(Administrative Services Organization) Division, SCR BH (ASO)
Behavioral Health Advisory Board (BHAB) Meeting**

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| Meeting Date: July 26, 2021 | Location: Zoom meeting/Conference Call | Start Time: 3:00 p.m. Adjourn Time: 3:58 p.m. |
| Attendance: | X=Present | E=Excused |
| Name | | U=Unexcused |
| | | Representing |
| BOARD | | |
| Alex Knox | X | Spokane County (Chair) |
| Alicia Paschall | X | Spokane County (Vice-Chair) |
| Andrew Van Winkle | X | Spokane County |
| Craig Davenport | X | Spokane County |
| James Mires | U | Stevens County |
| Jill Burkholder | X | Spokane County |
| John Nowels | U | Spokane County Sheriff's Office |
| Kim Taylor | X | Spokane County |
| Leta Phillips | X | Ferry County At-Large Rep. |
| Mark Bullock | X | Spokane County |
| Dr. Michael Lemberger | X | Spokane County |
| Michael Lindsly | U | Spokane County |
| Ronald Bacon | E | Ferry County |
| OTHERS | | |
| Cara Reidy | X | Spokane County and North East Counties Ombuds |
| Gail Kogle | E | Spokane County and North East Counties Ombuds |
| Jessica Watson | X | CSHCD SCR BH |
| Justin Johnson | E | CSHCD SCR BH |
| Kathleen Torella | X | CSHCD SCR BH |
| Nancy Locke | X | CSHCD SCR BH |
| Tom Gose | X | Consumer Consultation Panel (CCP) |
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| MCOs – Guests | | |
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| Liz Perez | X | Community Health Plan of Washington (CHPW) |
| Kalen Roy | X | CSHCD SCR BH |
| Maureen Correia | X | Molina Healthcare |
| Ashley Nelson | X | Molina Healthcare |

AGENDA / MINUTES:

1. Welcome and Introductions – Alexander Knox, Chair

- a. The May 2021 meeting minutes were approved, as written.

2. Administrative Updates – CSHCD SCR BH

- a. Mental Health Block Grant (MHBG) and Substance Abuse Block Grant (SABG) Plan Annual Review – *Kalen Roy*

- A brief overview of the two (2) plans was provided by Kalen Roy.
- Staff requested the BHAB (board) approve the plans as required before the Spokane Board of County Commissioners (BoCC) can approve them and staff can submit them to the Washington State Health Care Authority as required by contract.
- Board member Van Winkle requested to have more time and information to discuss the plans and have the opportunity to ask questions of the staff before approving the two (2) plans.
- Director Torella stated the two (2) plans provided are what the board have requested and received in the past from staff for their review and approval for recommending them to the BoCC. Having said that, Director Torella stated the decision by the board to approve the two (2) plans could be postponed by the board to the next meeting, and staff could provide more information and answer any additional questions at that time if the board would like to make the decision to postpone.
- The board discussed the process of creating and reviewing the two (2) annual plans.
- The board made a motion and it was seconded, and a majority of the board approved both the MHBG and SABG plans as presented, with one (1) abstention.

3. Quarterly Ombuds Report – Cara Reidy

- A broad overview of the report was provided.

4. Consumer Consultation Panel (CCP) – Tom Gose read the May and June 2021 meeting minutes.

5. Board Comments

- *Mark Bullock* provided a brief overview on the Washington Behavioral Health Conference he, Board Vice-Chair Alicia Paschall, and Ombuds Gail Kogle and Cara Reidy attended.
- *Craig Davenport* shared sad news that previous board member, David Skjonsby, recently passed. David fought for social justice, legal reform, and was an advocate of the mentally ill and chemically addicted.

6. Public Comments – None.

A motion was made and seconded to adjourn the meeting.

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| DECISIONS: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• The May 2021 meeting minutes were approved, as written.• The MHBG and SABG plans were approved by a majority of the board, with one abstention. | |
| ACTIONS: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Nancy Locke will advise the board how they may extend their sympathy to David Skjonsby's family on their loss. | |
| NEXT EVERY OTHER MONTH MEETING DATE/TIME/LOCATION: September 27, 2021 - 3:00 p.m. / Zoom Meeting | Name of recorder: Nancy Locke |