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

Meeting Date: August 1, 2022	Location: Zoom meeting/Conference Call	Start Time: 3:00 p.m. Adjourn Time: 4:30 p.m.
Attendance:	X=Present	E=Excused
Name		U=Unexcused
		Representing
BOARD		
Kim Taylor	E	Spokane County (Chair)
Andrew Van Winkle	X	Spokane County (Vice-Chair)
Craig Davenport	X	Stevens County
James Mires	X	Spokane County
Jill Burkholder	X	Spokane County
John Nowels	E	Spokane County Sheriff's Office
Leta Phillips	E	Ferry County At-Large Rep.
Mark Bullock	E	Spokane County
Dr. Michael Lemberger	X	Spokane County
Michael Lindsly	X	Spokane County
Ronald Bacon	E	Ferry County
OTHERS		
Cat Nichols	E	Spokane County Community Affairs
Gail Kogle	X	Spokane County and Northeast Counties Ombuds
Jessica Thompson	E	CSHCD SCR BH
Justin Johnson	X	CSHCD SCR BH
Kathleen Torella	X	CSHCD SCR BH
Katy Rice	X	CSHCD SCR BH
Nancy Locke	X	CSHCD SCR BH
Tom Gose	X	Consumer Consultation Panel (CCP)
Vlad Lukin	X	Spokane County and Northeast Counties Ombuds
MCOs – Guests		
Liz Perez	X	Community Health Plan of Washington (CHPW)

Ashley Nelson	X	Molina Healthcare
<p>AGENDA / MINUTES:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"><li data-bbox="110 520 998 552">1. Welcome and Introductions – Andrew Van Winkle, Vice-Chair<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li data-bbox="159 556 844 588">• The May 2022 minutes were approved as written.<li data-bbox="110 621 1414 684">2. Presentation – SCR BH Ombuds – Gail Kogle, Ombuds, and Michelle Tinkler, Director, Office of Behavioral Health Ombuds<ol style="list-style-type: none"><li data-bbox="159 688 1495 789">a. Ombuds Reports: 2021 Annual, First and Second Quarters 2022: A brief overview of the reports was provided. The three (3) most common Grievance types for 2021 and 2022 included Dignity and Respect; Physician, ARNPs and Medication; and Emergency Services.<li data-bbox="159 793 1463 894">b. Ombuds Transition Update– Gail Kogle, Ombuds, and Justin Johnson, SCR BH (ASO): Beginning October 1, 2022, the private non-profit organization, Peer Washington, will become the new statewide Behavioral Advocate service provider.<li data-bbox="110 928 1076 959">3. Administrative Updates – CSHCD SCR BH – Justin Johnson, SCR BH<ol style="list-style-type: none"><li data-bbox="159 963 1495 1556">a. SCR BH ASO SFY 2023 SABG and MHBG Plans Review: An overview and history of the SABG and MHBG plans, and budget allocations already approved by the board, as well as an increase of childcare coverage and sobering services was provided. Discussion regarding the status of the COVID SABG and MHBG funds was also provided, with a reminder that the funds are available until March 2023 and the ASO wants to use the funds effectively to target gaps in the behavioral health system.. Based on Providers’ feedback, ongoing HCA work, and the identified regional crisis workforce shortage, the ongoing investment to address workforce challenges and improve service delivery remains a high priority, with COVID SABG funding continuing to be made available to the SCR BH (ASO) provider network. The update provided a synopsis of the project goals intended for the COVID Block Grant Funds, specific to Workforce development and the needs identified in the community. Questions were answered on the impact to current providers, the need to ensure equitability across the entire contracted network, and the importance of ensuring the investment into workforce would go to improving services for Individuals receiving the services. Additional information was also provided regarding future planning for the SABG and MHBG funds based on questions from the board. Various potential projects were discussed, including funding to support Co-Responders teams in the community, enhancements to peer engagement services, and expansion of treatment services for Youth. The board made a motion, and it was seconded, to approve both the MHBG and SABG plans as presented.<li data-bbox="159 1560 1471 1623">b. SCR BH ASO Provider Bulletin July 2022: A brief overview of the SCR BH ASO Provider Bulletin was provided.<li data-bbox="159 1627 1495 1986">c. New Program Updates: SBIRT, HOST, and MRSS: A brief update of each program was provided. School Base SBIRT is out for Request For Proposal (RFP), with a planned implementation for Phase Two of the project. Phase One is currently underway with Spokane Public Schools, with significant progress reported by the West Valley School District . Homeless Outreach and Stabilization Transition (HOST) program is out for RFP. The SCR BH (ASO) is currently awaiting final notice from the HCA regarding a grant award for the Mobile Response and Stabilization Services (MRSS) from the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA). If awarded, the grant would provide for a five-year (5) fully funding program to provide enhanced mobile response and stabilization services for Spokane County. As part of the grant proposal, Frontier Behavioral Health of Spokane County was provisionally selected by the HCA to provide the service.		

d. **Board Membership Update – Nancy Locke, SCRBH (ASO):** The current status of the membership is: two (2) Spokane position members recently resigned; two (2) Spokane members have re-applied for their positions; one (1) new Individual has applied for one (1) of the open Spokane positions; and up to two (2) additional positions could be vacated within the next few months. The current membership count is eleven (11).

4. Consumer Consultation Panel (CCP) Report – Tom Gose read the minutes from the May and June 2022 meetings.

5. Board Comments – None.

A motion was made, and the board approved to adjourn the meeting.

DECISIONS:

- The board made a motion, and it was seconded, to approve both the MHBG and SABG plans as presented.

ACTIONS:

- The board requested updates on:
 1. Usage Reports of the Grant plans in the September meeting;
 2. A quarterly update for the School Base SBIRT Program; and
 3. The Homeless Outreach and Stabilization Transition Teams (HOST) and Mobile Response Stabilization Services (MRSS) once information is available next year.

NEXT EVERY OTHER MONTH MEETING DATE/TIME/LOCATION:

September 26, 2022 - 3:00 p.m. / Zoom Meeting

Name of recorder:

Nancy Locke