

**COMMISSIONERS' MINUTES
KITTTITAS COUNTY, WASHINGTON
COMMISSIONER'S CONFERENCE ROOM
SPECIAL MEETING**

MONDAY

3:00 P.M.

FEBRUARY 29, 2016

Board members present: Chairman Obie O'Brien; Vice-Chairman Paul Jewell and Commissioner Gary Berndt.

Others: Mandy Buchholz, Deputy Clerk of the Board; Rick Weaver, Comprehensive Mental Health (CMH); Dave Wilson, MERIT.

SPECIAL MEETING

BEHAVIORAL HEALTH SERV.-UPDATE

COMMISSIONERS

At 3:10 p.m. Chairman O'Brien opened a Special Meeting to receive an update from Rick Weaver, Comprehensive Mental Health (CMH) & Dave Wilson, MERIT, regarding Behavioral Health Services in Kittitas County.

Chairman O'Brien gave introductions and questioned how Mr. Weaver and Mr. Wilson were feeling 30 days out from the April 1, 2016 deadline for full integration. Commissioner Jewell questioned what the County should see as far as impacts.

Mr. Weaver explained there should not be any impacts from a Mental Health standpoint. Mr. Wilson stated that Chemical Dependency should see more flexibility. He stated that the changes should be good all around.

There was a historical discussion on Kittitas County's Drug Court. Chairman O'Brien also announced he had been approached by "STOP" as they are still trying to obtain a Contract with the County.

There was discussion on developing a Mental Health Court, DUI Court & Veterans Court, and them being similar to Drug Court.

Commissioner Jewell requested that they start meeting quarterly to receive updates.

The next meeting was set for May 9, 2016.

Meeting adjourned at 4:00 p.m.

DEPUTY CLERK OF THE BOARD

**KITTTITAS COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
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Mandy Buchholz *Obie O'Brien*
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