

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

WEDNESDAY

2:00 P.M

OCTOBER 1, 2008

Board members present: Chairman Mark McClain; Vice-Chairman Alan Crankovich and Commissioner Linda Huber.

Others: Mandy Robinson, Deputy Clerk of the Board; Rick Weaver, CEO Comprehensive Mental Health.

SPECIAL MEETING RSN PROPOSED AMENDMENTS COMMISSIONERS

At 2:00 p.m. Commissioner McClain opened a special meeting to meet with Rick Weaver, CEO of Central Washington Comprehensive Mental Health to discuss proposed amendments to the RSN Interlocal Agreement.

Rick Weaver, CEO of Central Washington Comprehensive handed out materials for the Commissioners review. He explained what Regional Support Network (RSN) is and what it does. He explained that RSN is essentially an insurance fund to manage mental health dollars. He explained that they have been doing so since 1989 and that it consists of eleven other counties to make the group. He reviewed that Comprehensive Mental Health is currently made of three counties.

Mr. Weaver explained how other counties use the program. He reviewed the expired agreement and indicated that if it is not adopted then the agreement will default back to the way the agreement was prior to the proposed changes. He indicated that Yakima County at this time sees no reason to change the agreement. He explained his purpose for requesting the meeting and to make sure the Commissioners were on the same page so that he could represent Kittitas County appropriately at the next meeting.

Commissioner McClain requested clarification of the agreement. He reviewed his understanding and indicated that is was for Yakima Nation to have a Board seat if needed in the future. He questioned where the funding comes from.

Mr. Weaver explained the three types of funding and explained how it comes in and out as well as how it is used. He indicated

that funding is available through the State funds, Medicaid dollars, and Federal dollars. He explained that Kittitas County consists of about three percent of the funds.

Commissioner McClain questioned drug court funding concerns for individuals going through the program. He indicated he is faced with that question a lot. Mr. Weaver indicated he has also been faced with that question and concern and sees the issue. He explained that there is a sliding fee schedule available for low-income individuals. He also explained the requirements that a user has to meet to access the sliding fee schedule. He indicated that this issue comes up regularly and is revisited at the legislative level frequently.

Mr. Weaver thanked the Commissioners for their support with the Yakima Nation clause in the proposed agreements and encouraged them to call him anytime.

The meeting adjourned at 2:20 p.m.

DEPUTY CLERK OF THE BOARD

**KITTITAS COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
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Mandy Robinson

Mark McClain, Chairman