

**KITTITAS COUNTY
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
ARMORY - CONFERENCE ROOM B
901 E 7TH
SPECIAL MEETING**

MONDAY

8:00 A.M.

MAY 27, 2014

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

Others: Mandy Buchholz, Deputy Clerk of the Board; Robin Read, Public Health Administrator; Liz Whitaker, Community Health Supervisor; Michael Nigrey, Deputy Prosecutor; Mark Larson, County Public Health Official; Sophie Clark, Medical Intern - KVH; Brad Banks, WSALPHO Managing Director; Abby Murphy, WSAC Policy Director - Health and Human Services.

SPECIAL MEETING

MH/CD INTEGRATION

COMMISSIONERS

At 8:07 a.m. Chairman Jewell opened a Special Meeting to receive a briefing from Brad Banks, WSALPHO Managing Director; Abby Murphy, WSAC Policy Director - Health and Human Services regarding the Mental Health and Chemical Dependency Integration.

Chairman Jewell started off with introductions and gave a brief summary of the intent of the update and why he requested it. He stated that the Board needs the history of the MH/CD Integration from the beginning. He stressed the importance of the topic as they aren't overly familiar with it.

Abby Murphy, WSAC Policy Director - Health and Human Services gave the history of HB 6312 and an overview of the funding. She stated that Brad will address HB 2572. She stated that the Committee has selected 4/1/2016 as their goal date to complete the combining of contracts with MH & CD. She stated that they are working towards changing the RSN title to BHO Behavioral Health Organization. Brad Banks, WSALPHO Managing Director discussed HB 2572. He stated that the goal is to reduce the RSN (BHO) down to 9.

The Board and meeting attendees had round table discussions with Brad Banks, WSALPHO Managing Director; Abby Murphy, WSAC Policy Director - Health and Human Services regarding the patient referral patterns that they see. They discussed key issues/needs so of which were the need to integrate/consolidate the entire

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health care world; flexibility to allow local agencies to talk to providers; region size, rates and level of risk; build relationships with local hospitals and providers and to streamline. There was a ten minute recess at 10:00.

Brad Banks, WSALPHO Managing Director discussed what's next and how they intend to get there. He and Ms. Murphy informed the Board that there is a very new task force and shared how its members were compiled.

The Board thanked Ms. Murphy and Mr. Banks for the update. They stated that they would like to continue to get periodic updates as new information becomes available.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:20 a.m.

DEPUTY CLERK OF THE BOARD


Mandy Buchholz

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Chairman Paul Jewell