

**COMMISSIONERS' MINUTES
KITITAS COUNTY, WASHINGTON
COMMISSIONER'S AUDITORIUM
SPECIAL MEETING**

TUESDAY

2:00 P.M.

JULY 08, 2014

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

Others: Mandy Buchholz, Deputy Clerk of the Board; Ken Roughton, Greater Columbia Behavioral Health (GCBH); Mary Garza, (GCBH); Shereen Hunt, ADDS; Mark Larson, Public Health Official Kittitas County; Amy Kocher, DD Coordinator - Kittitas County; Rick Weaver, Comprehensive Mental Health (CMH); Harry Kramer, (CMH); Troy Wilson, (GCBH); John Raymond, HopeSource; Robin Read, Public Health Administrator - Kittitas County; Dave Wilson, ADDS.

SPECIAL MEETING

MH-CD INTEGRATION

COMMISSIONERS

At 2:00 p.m. Chairman Jewell opened a Special Meeting to discuss Mental Health - Chemical Dependency Integration.

Commissioner Jewell explained that recently the Board and others in the public health/mental health field met with Abby Murphy, WSAC Policy Director - Health and Human Services and Brad Banks, WSALPHO Managing Director to be brought up to speed on SB6312 and what the impacts of the Mental Health/Chemical Dependency Integration will be for Kittitas County as well as any potential issues.

Rick Weaver, CWCMH & Ken Roughton, GCBH reviewed how they are preparing and working on a Job Description to hire a Chemical Dependency (CD) Manager to help with the integration and to oversee CD Contracts. Mr. Weaver explained that Mental Health funding is per person and it follows the patient so if they lose the patient due to relocation then that funding no longer comes to them and is always fluctuating. He stated that they are "Managed Care Plans". Mr. Weaver stated that he thinks this is a positive move.

Dave Wilson, ADDS explained that Chemical Dependency works on the fee for service model. He explained that he has just recently taken on the caseload for Kittitas County, so he wasn't overly familiar with whether or not there were any clients that are under treatment for co-occurrence patients.

Mr. Weaver explained that the County shouldn't really see a lot of change with the integration.

Amy Kocher, DD Coordinator questioned why DD services haven't been included in the discussions until now. Mr. Weaver explained that the

State infrastructure has been very resistant to involve DD in the discussions. He expressed concerns for some areas of service GCBH is unable to assist in within Kittitas County.

Chairman Jewell questioned if the group felt they could bring the Board a solution by the end of August or early September to address the concerns of integration of crisis response, and treatment of co-occurrence patients. He stated that the Board could set another Special Meeting for two weeks out to see how things are progressing. He stated that he felt these are areas where the County could be proactive in since the rest will be a matter of time to see what the State decides.

Meeting adjourned at 4:50 p.m.

DEPUTY CLERK OF THE BOARD

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Mandy Buchholz


Paul Jewell, Chairman