

**SOUTHWEST BEHAVIORAL HEALTH CENTER
AUTHORITY BOARD
AGENDA**

for
March 8, 2023
Festival Hall
96 N Main St. Suite 100 Room #6
Cedar City, UT
10:00 a.m.

AGENDA ITEMS	DESIRED OUTCOME	RESPONSIBLE PERSON
1. CALL TO ORDER		Commissioner Taylor
2. ACTION		
2.1 Approval of January 2023 Minutes	Approval	Commissioner Taylor
2.2 Bi-Monthly Operations Reports	Approval	Mike Deal
2.3 Bi-Monthly Financial Report	Approval	Mike Deal
2.4 Proposed Board Membership Change	Action	Mike Deal
3. DISCUSSION/INFORMATION		
3.1 Clinical Report	Discussion	Shari Lindsey
3.2 Legislative Wrap-up/Summary	Discussion	Mike Deal
3.3 Division Site Visit	Discussion	Mike Deal
3.4 National Council Conference	Information	Mike Deal
3.5 County Behavioral Health Discussion	Discussion	Mike Deal/Board
3.6 Directors Report	Information	Mike Deal
4. ADJOURNMENT		

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**SOUTHWEST BEHAVIORAL HEALTH CENTER
AUTHORITY BOARD MEETING MINUTES**

**March 8, 2023
Cedar City, Utah**

COMMISSIONERS PRESENT:

Commissioner Gil Almquist
Commissioner Paul Cozzens
Commissioner Wade Hollingshead
Commissioner Celeste Meyeres

STAFF MEMBERS:

Mike Deal, Executive Director
Ruth Miller, Executive Assistant
Shari Lindsey, Clinical Director

EXCUSED:

Commissioner Jerry Taylor
Devin Snow, Washington County Attorney's Office

CALL TO ORDER/ INTRODUCTIONS

The meeting was called to order by Commissioner Cozzens, Vice Chairperson of the Authority Board, who welcomed all those in attendance. Commissioner Cozzens excused the Chairman, Commissioner Jerry Taylor.

APPROVAL OF JANUARY MINUTES

Commissioner Cozzens asked for a motion to approve the January 2023 Authority Board minutes. Commissioner Hollingshead moved to adopt the minutes and Commissioner Almquist seconded the motion. The minutes were unanimously approved.

BI-MONTHLY OPERATIONS REPORT

Mike Deal reminded the Commissioners of the Bi-Monthly reports sent out to the Board for the time period January-February 2023 which included Personnel Changes, Major Expenditures, Risk Management, Director's Travel and Public Use of Center Facilities. Mr. Deal spent a few minutes talking about personnel actions, specifically, the reckless driving and termination of a particular staff member. Discussion ensued on different sections of the reports. Mr. Deal noted there were two client deaths in Cedar City. Both were in our outpatient program but were under natural causes. Commissioner Meyeres moved to accept the Bi-Monthly operations report and Commissioner Hollingshead seconded the motion. The voting was unanimous in favor.

MONTHLY FINANCIAL REPORT

Mike Deal distributed the Bi-monthly Financial Report and explained to the Board the different revenues and expenses as of January 31, 2023. At 58.33% into the year the revenues were at 57.99% and expenses which were at 51.80%. Following discussion of the variances of actual to budget, Mr. Deal asked if there were any questions. There were none. Commissioner Hollingshead moved to approve the report and Commissioner Cozzens seconded the motion. The voting was unanimous in favor.

PROPOSED BOARD MEMBERSHIP CHANGES

Mike Deal noted that over the past couple of years there has been discussion of possible and proposed changes to the Authority Board membership. The original proposal from last year was the suggestion of an 11-member Board. This was then proposed to be a 9-member Board. In January, Mr. Deal met with the Washington County Commissioners who suggested a Board of 7-members: 5 Commissioners and 2 additional representatives from Washington County (the attorneys office and sheriff's department). If approved, the Washington County Attorney would draft a resolution that each Commissioner will take to their County for approval, then bring back to the SBHC Authority Board meeting for formal approval. The Board discussed why we are talking about changing the Board structure. Commissioner Almquist got Washington County Attorney Devin Snow on the phone to explain why this was a proposal. Mr. Snow noted this is based on funding/population which is 70% Washington County, 23% Iron County and 2 and 3% from the smaller counties. After further discussion, a motion was made by Commissioner Meyeres to table this discussion for the time being and Commissioner Hollingshead seconded the motion. The voting was unanimous in favor.

CLINICAL REPORT

Shari Lindsey updated the Commissioners on the Receiving Center (Crisis Stabilization Center) in Washington County by noting that the building will be done in the next week but the HVAC system will not be here until end of May. Ms. Lindsey added that positions have been opened and the Center will go ahead and hire and have the new employees shadow other Center positions until the building opens.

LEGISLATIVE WRAP-UP/SUMMARY

Mike Deal updated the Board on some of the legislative bills that impacted SBHC. He noted that UAC staff did a terrific job in keeping us up to date. Mr. Deal mentioned a few of the bills:

- HB66 Behavioral Health Crisis amendments where they discussed funding for additional Receiving Centers vs Mobile Crisis Teams.
- HB177, which did not pass but may come back in the future, where a move of the State Hospital was considered.

Commissioner Cozzens asked if in the future the Board could get a copy of the bills that UAC is supporting. Discussion on the number of bills that were before the Legislature.

DIVISION SITE VISIT

Mike Deal mentioned that the State Office Site Visit will be March 21st and 22nd. He expressed other Centers have been frustrated with their site visits since they are doing them all virtually. He added a report will be given to Board members at the end of the visit.

NATIONAL COUNCIL CONFERENCE

Mike Deal reminded the Board know that the National Council conference is scheduled for May 1-3 and will held at the Convention Center in Los Angeles. Ms. Miller has registered all Commissioners and made hotel reservations and asked them to please let her know whether or not it works for them to attend.

COUNTY BEHAVIORAL HEALTH DISCUSSION

Mike Deal mentioned that he would like to have an open forum with the Commissioners on a regular basis to answer any questions or concerns they may have. Commissioner Almquist asked if the Center sends help to the jail when needed. Mr. Deal responded yes; we do coordinate with the jails in all five counties. Discussion on the new sheriffs in Garfield and Beaver Counties. Mr. Deal then brought up the topic of the Opioid Settlement dollars and asked if when each County talked about their money that Southwest Behavioral Health Center was included in the discussion. Commissioner Meyeres mentioned that Kane County was going to use their dollars for drug court.

DIRECTORS REPORT

Mr. Deal updated the Board on "Medicaid Unwinding" by stating at the beginning of the COVID-19 pandemic, the federal government declared a public health emergency or PHE. During the PHE, state Medicaid agencies have been required to continue Medicaid coverage for all members, even if their eligibility changes. As a result, Utah Medicaid members have stayed covered during the PHE so they don't have to worry about their health coverage during this challenging time. On March 1, 2023 the Department of Workforce Services (DWS) will begin to review all Medicaid cases over the next 12-month unwinding period. This is being referred to as "unwinding." Members will be assigned a review month and their case will stay open until their scheduled review month. The Center has a list of our clients that we will need to review who will be coming due in March, April and May.

MEETING ADJOURNMENT

Commissioner Almquist moved to adjourn the meeting and Commissioner Meyeres seconded the motion. The voting was unanimously in favor of adjournment.

MAY 'S BOARD MEETING

May's Board meeting will be held on May 8th, 2023. The meeting will begin at 10:00 a.m. at the Festival Hall in Cedar City.

MARCH MINUTES APPROVAL

The March 8, 2023 Board Meeting minutes were unanimously approved at the May 10th, 2023 Board Meeting.



Southwest Behavioral Health Center Authority Board Chairperson