

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

**July 9, 2025  
Cedar City, Utah**

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**PRESENT:** Commissioner Celeste Meyeres  
Commissioner Paul Cozzens  
Commissioner Wade Hollingshead

**ABSENT:** Commissioner Victor Iverson  
Commissioner Jerry Taylor

**STAFF MEMBERS:** Mike Deal, Executive Director  
Crystal Stock, Executive Assistant  
Michael Sherratt, Clinical Director

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## **CALL TO ORDER/ INTRODUCTIONS**

The meeting was called to order by Commissioner Meyeres, Chairperson of the Authority Board, who welcomed all those in attendance.

## **APPROVAL OF JUNE MINUTES**

Commissioner Meyeres asked for a motion to approve the June 2025 Authority Board minutes. Commissioner Cozzens moved to adopt the minutes and Commissioner Hollingshead seconded the motion. The minutes were unanimously approved.

## **APPROVAL OF BI-MONTHLY OPERATIONS REPORT**

Mike Deal reviewed the Bi-Monthly Operation Report for March and April. Mr. Deal highlighted the key areas of personnel, monthly expenditures and risk management reporting, including any property damage, client/staff injuries or reportable deaths. Of note, licensing requires that any client deaths, whether natural, accidental or other must be reported to the State. Several minor staff injuries were mentioned. Three client deaths were noted, none of which occurred in any Center residential or other programs. As always, any incidents of concern are formally reviewed.

A motion to approve the Bi-Monthly Operations Report was made by Commissioner Hollingshead and seconded by Commissioner Cozzens. The voting was unanimous in favor. Commissioner Meyeres, Chair of the Authority Board, provided his signature.

## **APPROVAL OF BI-MONTHLY FINANCIAL REPORT**

Mr. Deal distributed the Monthly Financial Status Report as of 6/30/2025 showing total Revenues at 106.14% and Expenses 94.00% at 100% into the year. He reviewed the areas where there were special notes. Commissioner Hollingshead moved to approve

the Bi-Monthly Financial Status Report and Commissioner Cozzens seconded the motion. The voting was unanimous for approval.

### **OFFICE OF SUD/MH SITE VISIT REPORT**

Mike Deal noted all Commissioners received a copy of the report from the State Office of Substance Abuse and Mental Health. The use of the report is to ensure the Center is in compliance with state policies and procedures, state directives, state mandated services, and agreed upon practice guidelines. Mr. Deal went over the three specific non-compliance findings and the corrective actions the Center has been in place to remedy these findings.

### **SUBCONTRACTOR MONITORING**

Mike Deal discussed the concerns brought by the Office of the Legislative Inspector General in a report reviewing the governance, strategic planning, and accountability of Utah's behavioral health system. Mr. Deal addressed that the report states local authorities are inconsistently monitoring subcontractors making it difficult to measure their effectiveness. He proceeded to explain how the Center is monitored and how the Center monitors its clinical subcontractors. We will work to ensure we are meeting the monitoring expectations of the State Office of Substance Use and Mental Health (OSUMH).

### **WASHINGTON COUNTY CHIEFS' MEETING**

Mike Sherratt shared a summary of his meeting with law enforcement in Washington County. Mr. Sherratt stated the Center presented the Crisis Center, MCOT, and introduced the new Program Manager at the Crisis Center. He also stated, within this meeting, the Chiefs asked about a Diversion Program with the Center. This program would allow a police officer to provide an individual, who has been picked up on charges and presents with mental health issues, an option to be charged or be taken to the Crisis Center. If the individual chooses to be taken to the Crisis Center, an assessment will be given, and based on the assessment a treatment plan will be set in place. Mr. Sherratt addressed there are legalities needing to be worked out between the Crisis Center and law enforcement to ensure the confidentiality of patient information balanced with the safety of the individual and community.

### **IRON COUNTY ACCESS CENTER**

Mike Deal shared Iron County is discussing the possibility of a new receiving center in Cedar City. Mr. Deal continued by noting that he and Mr. Sherratt have scheduled an introductory meeting with the new hospital administrator and will incorporate the receiving center discussion into this meeting. Commissioner Cozzens shares what he has heard regarding the development of a receiving center in Iron County. The biggest concern was funding.

### **IMPACT OF FEDERAL BBB**

Mike Deal presented data information, new policies, and possible impacts the Federal Big Beautiful Bill (H.R.1) may have on Medicaid and treatment centers in our counties. The purpose of this review was to inform the Commissioners of possible changes to revenues in the future.

## **DIRECTORS REPORT**

Mr. Deal summarized the Justice Summit hosted by UAC to the Commissioners, sharing who was there and what was discussed.

## **MEETING ADJOURNMENT**

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

## **JULY MINUTES APPROVAL**

The July 9<sup>th</sup>, 2025 Board Meeting minutes were unanimously approved at the September 10<sup>th</sup>, 2025 Board Meeting.

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Southwest Behavioral Health Center Authority Board Chairperson