

GREATER COLUMBIA BEHAVIORAL HEALTH, LLC. BH-ASO

Executive Committee Meeting – Minutes - **DRAFT**

JUNE 4, 2026 – 9:00 A.M. – GCBH OFFICE, 101 N. EDISON – KENNEWICK, WASHINGTON

CHAIRMAN: LADON LINDE

ATTENDANCE IN PERSON: CAMERON FORDMEIR; FAWN WAGNER; GORDON CABLE; KAREN RICHARDSON; LADON LINDE; MICHAEL ALVAREZ; QUINN BELL; RENE
LEGLER; ROCKY MULLEN; SALOMON CARRASCO; SINDI SAUNDERS

ATTENDANCE VIA ZOOM: BERTHA CLAYTON; BRETT WACHSMITH; CHUCK WHITMAN; CICILY ZORNES; CODY NESBITT; CONNIE MOM-CHHING; JUSTIN DIXON; KATHLEEN
STEWARDSON; KATIE HAMMEKE; KYLE SULLIVAN; SUNDIE WOODBURY; JARMYN KRAMLICH

Item	TYPE	Description	Discussion Leader	ACTION
Call to Order		LaDon Linde called the meeting to order at 9:01am	LaDon Linde	
Introductions		Fawn Wagner called roll	LaDon Linde	
Agenda Changes		No changes	LaDon Linde	
Previous Executive Committee Minutes	ACTION	Approval of May 7, 2026, Executive Committee Minutes	LaDon Linde	Commissioner Clayton moved to approve May 7, 2026, Executive Committee Minutes as presented; Commissioner Dixon seconded; Motion approved.
Warrants/ Vouchers	ACTION	ASO –Warrants and Vouchers: May 2026: \$3,716,732.45	LaDon Linde	Commissioner Mullen moved to approve the May 2026 Warrants and Vouchers in the amount of \$3,716,732.45; Commissioner Clayton seconded; Motion approved
ASO Updates		Fiscal & Administrative Updates – Karen Richardson discussed: - May 2026 financials are in line with where we need to be with the end of the fiscal year - July 2026 meeting will have contracts – ASO to HCA, ASO to MCO (4 of them), ASO to DOC, and ASO to appropriate providers. The contracts have language clean up and the addition of the HB 1813 (Crisis Stabilization billing). No new providers, just amendments adding to their current contracts. - Revising agendas, they will have a new appearance starting July 2026. Clinical, QM, Compliance & State Meetings Update Sindi Saunders discussed: - No Compliance, No Critical Incidents reported. (the only critical incidents required to be reported to the		

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		ASO are the non-Medicaid population) The MCO's are required to report the Medicaid populations. - Doesn't appear that there are any Behavioral Health Bills going forward as a priority this session. ASO and State Updates: - GCBH completed all the readiness reviews with the MCO's, passed all audits to go live July 1st. - Supposed to go live July 1st with the new requirements for the ASO's managing CSU's and CRCs. We currently have some drafts of the contracts, the MCO's still need the contracts approved by OIC before the ASO receives a final copy. Working with providers on expanding their current contract to include Crisis Stabilization. The Committees have had to change to meet some of the national standards the MCO's have to meet. This has led to agenda and topic changes for some of our committee meetings. - We turned in our state audit from HCA; on-site audit will be in July. - WA state has been approved for a Rural Health Grant. The state would like us to look at our most rural counties to see where we could use that extra funding. Benton and Yakima Counties are not considered rural enough. This is to help find creative ways to help our communities. - Next week is the WA state Behavioral Healthcare Conference in Kennewick. GCBH-ASO's Medical Director, Dr. Stacey will be in town for that. Crisis Reports: - Crisis Log contacts had 1,977 contacts. - Mobile Outreach services 923 - Average DCR response time was 104 minutes - ITA investigations had 604 - Percentage of calls answered within 30 seconds, 93.6% - Calls abandoned 2.7% (VOA is working on this, transitioning staff to cover 988 and Regional Crisis Line)		

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		Of the 604 ITA investigations, 132 individuals were detained on a Mental Health ITA; 8 individuals were detained on a substance use ITA; 163 were referred to outpatient treatment; 13 were referred to voluntary in-patient treatment; 33 were referred to the community or medical; and 185 required no further follow up.		
Legal Updates		None	Quinn Bell	
Committee Reports/Info		No meetings were held this month	LaDon Linde	
Public Comments		Sundee Woodbury who works with Greater Health Now, she requested Sindi or someone to join discussions. Sindi Saunders will reach out.	LaDon Linde	
Other Business		LaDon Linde questioned the tribal DCR's; Sindi Saunders explained that North Sound ASO had Tribal DRC training in their county and another in Yakima County. Had a very good turnout. LaDon would like to be included in coordination discussions that Sindi has with the Tribe. Karen Richardson suggested that the Executive Committee Meeting happens in person only on the even months and do virtual during the odd months. LaDon agreed to try it out.	LaDon Linde	
Executive Session		None	LaDon Linde	
Adjournment		Meeting adjourned at 9:28am	LaDon Linde	Commissioner Clayton moved to adjourn the meeting; Commissioner Mullen seconded; motion approved.