

GREATER COLUMBIA BEHAVIORAL HEALTH, LLC. BH-ASO

Clinical Crisis Providers Meeting Minutes - **DRAFT**

APRIL 16, 2026 – 10:30 A.M.

GCBH OFFICE, 101 N. EDISON -- KENNEWICK, WASHINGTON - CHAIRPERSON: RON GENGLER

ATTENDANCE VIA ZOOM: ANN MARIE RIDINGER; CAMERON FORDMEIR; CODY NESBIT; DANIKA GWINN; FAWN WAGNER; GORDON CABLE; KRIS BROWN; ROBERTA ELLIS; SARAH GILLARD; SINDI SAUNDERS; ZACHARY RODDY; JENNIFER DANIEL

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1.	Call to Order		Kris Brown called the meeting to order at 10:32am	Kris Brown for Ron Gengler
2.	Introductions		Fawn Wagner called roll	Fawn Wagner
3.	Agenda Changes		Sindi will give the ASO report; Kris Brown for Ron Gengler	Kris Brown for Ron Gengler
4.	Review Previous Minutes	ACTION	March 19, 2026, meeting minutes No quorum, meeting minutes were not approved.	Kris Brown for Ron Gengler
5.	ASO/Provider Updates		Sindi Saunders discussed: - Working on delegation agreements and audit tools for HB 1318 – Crisis Stabilization Units. Starting May 1, 2026 there will be 3 in our region. - ASO's need to meet NCQA standards. To meet them, we will be changing the committee structure to be changed. New name, new agenda layout, more community members to be invited, new topics of discussion. One member from each county's crisis team will be asked to attend. Will be contracting with 2 new facilities; Lourdes Counseling Center and Columbia Valley Center for Recovery. New structure to start July 1, 2026. A lot more information will be shared; number of denials, number of authorizations etc. - Kris, Cody Sarah working on provider audits – no concerns - BH Core – 2026 Field Base Mobile Crisis Response & Co-response Survey was sent out; due by April 30th. - Working on TEAMonitoring	Sindi Saunders
6.	Crisis System Dashboard		Cody Nesbitt discussed: - Reviewed Crisis Dashboard for March 2026; meeting all metrics; no concerns. 2019 crisis contacts 1949 Hotline calls – answered in 30 percentile is over the 90% requirement.	Cody Nesbitt
7.	ESH/Long Term Beds		Kris Brown discussed: GCBH is continuing to provide care coordination and discharge planning with ESH and LTCC's by participating in multiple weekly care coordination and discharge	Kris Brown

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			planning meetings that include ESH, DSHS, MCO's, and ASO's. Civil transfers from WSH to ESH have begun again. Discussed concerns with individuals being discharged into rural communities.	
8.	Children's Long Term Inpatient (CLIP)		In Meredith's absence Fawn discussed: 9 CLIP referrals in 2026, 3 of which were ITA CLIP admits, 1 State-Only admit is pending right now. - In the process of finding a family or youth peer to join the CLIP Committee from our region. Please contact me if there is someone you recommend that would be able to fit CLIP meetings into their schedule. Our meetings are scheduled for the 2nd and 4th Wednesday of the month on Zoom from 1:30-3pm. If we don't receive a referral, we will cancel the meeting. There is a referral so we will be meeting next week on April 22nd via Zoom. Waitlist update: - At present there are approximately 25 youths waiting for admission. - Ketron cottage at CSTC has a lower census at this time due to construction; Pearl Street has 5 admissions scheduled with multiple youth waiting for admission. Tamarack has 4 open beds; Two Rivers has 4 open beds. Not all youth are able to be served at all CLIP facilities due to behaviors, acuity, and programming. Wait times may be longer (90+ days possibly) for now, depending on the treatment needs of youth and what program they are accepted to.	Meredith Piehowski
9.	Family Youth System Partner Round Table (FYSPRT)		In Salomon's absence Introducing a new quarterly meeting for the youth and family tri-leads.	Salomon Carrasco
10.	Endorsement Teams		Salomon's absence Electric van can be electric SUV with 6 seats – needs to be all electric. NO HYBRID, needs to be all electric.	Salomon Carrasco
11.	Youth Access and Resource Program (YARP)		Zach Roddy for Gordon Cable discussed: - YTD has had 31 referrals; 5 have gone to MDTs 13 care coordination meetings - Recently received first referrals from Whitman and Asotin counties - Find a provider tab has been cleaned up a bit from having "not taking client" listed providers. - Tracking WISE requests for Kids - Ochoa Middle School This evening - Yakima for resource fair	Gordon Cable

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			If there are events in your area that you would like GCBH/YARP/FYSPRT to table, please let us know	
12.	Community Behavioral Health Rental Assistance Program (CBRA)		Gordon Cable discussed: - Spending down; close to 100% of funding will be spent. - DHS in Benton and Franklin will split and only take on Benton County; Comprehensive may take on subsidies for Franklin County, waiting on that.	Gordon Cable
13.	Recovery Navigator Program (RNP)		Cameron Fordmeir discussed: - Quarterly report for 1st quarter of 2026 is due; all providers made the deadline and they have been submitted. No corrections yet. - Updated service plan for uniform standards. Waiting to hear on that. - Waiting to hear how the 10% reduction would be split-up.	Cameron Fordmeir
14.	Assisted Outpatient Treatment (AOT)		Cameron Fordmeir discussed: - HCA hired a consulting firm to meet with the ASO's to determine how they can apply AOT or reduce barriers to implement AOT. TSG is the group; they will compile all the data and get back to us. - No petitions for AOT	Cameron Fordmeir
15.	Regional Behavioral Health Advocate: Ad Hoc or Quarterly Report		In Alyssa Cruz's absence Fawn Wagner discussed: - There is an increase in high-risk presentations (suicidality, psychosis, severe agitation) - Individuals are staying in crisis longer likely due to lack of step-down options - There is a high turnover among crisis clinicians, peer counselors, and support staff, most likely due to emotional fatigue from repeated exposure to trauma and high-risk cases - There is an increase in crises among adolescents and young adults, likely due to social media, isolation, and school-related stress as contributing factors	Alyssa Cruz
16.	Provider Comments/Issues		Ann Marie Ridinger discussed: - Next DCR Boot camp June 1-5, 2026 - Goal to have the academy in-person in 2027 Danika Gwinn discussed: - Concerns for staff that have yet to receive payment for milestones they have hit on Enhancement funds. - Sindi S. explained that Kelly Nortrom is looking into the data part as HCA has stated they haven't received adequate data. She will get back to Danika on this	Various
17.	Adjournment		Meeting adjourned at 11:02am	Kris Brown for Ron Gengler