

GREATER COLUMBIA BEHAVIORAL HEALTH, LLC. BH-ASO

Clinical Crisis Providers Meeting – Minutes - **DRAFT**

MARCH 19, 2026 – 10:30 A.M.

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

ATTENDANCE VIA ZOOM:

ALYSSA CRUZ; AUBREE DOWNING; CAMERON FORDMEIR; CODY NESBIT; DANIKA GWINN; FAWN WAGNER; IAIN CROCKETT; JENNIFER SHAW; KRIS BROWN; MEREDITH PIEHOWSKI; ROBERTA ELLIS; RON GENGLER; SALOMON CARRASCO

#	Item	ACTION	Description	Discussion Leader	ACTION
1.	Call to Order		Ron Gengler called the meeting to order at	Ron Gengler	
2.	Introductions		Fawn Wagner called roll	Fawn Wagner	
3.	Agenda Changes		None	Ron Gengler	
4.	Review Previous Minutes	ACTION	Approval of February 19, 2026, meeting minutes	Ron Gengler	Ron Gengler moved to approve the February 19, 2026 meeting minutes as presented; Danika Gwinn seconded; motion approved.
5.	ASO/Provider Updates		In Sindi Saunder's absence, Kris Brown discussed: - GCBH got our new contract amendment from HCA and we are going through it currently to identify any changes. We will update our providers on any changes that may affect them. The final state budget included a 10% cut to RNP but no other major changes that should affect behavioral health. We have not been told yet what our portion of the 10% will be. ASO is still working on the audit tools from the MCO's to show readiness to implement HB1813 in July. - Requested that crisis providers reach out to GCBH if they are encountering transportation barriers. GCBH will be performing clinical audits of our providers beginning in April.	Sindi Saunders	

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6.	Crisis System Dashboard		Cody Nesbit discussed: Reviewed Crisis Dashboard for February 2026; meeting all metrics; no concerns.	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 planning meetings that include ESH, DSHS, MCO's, and ASO's. - Attended ESH Quarterly Consortium Meeting last week. Civil transfers from WSH to ESH will begin again in April. Discussed concerns with individuals being discharged into rural communities without awareness of crisis teams and the problems that have occurred regarding one such recent case in Whitman County.	Kris Brown	
8.	Children's Long-Term Inpatient (CLIP)		Meredith Piehowski discussed: 7 referrals for 2026 - Nicole Smith with DDCCS will be stepping back and Dr. Christine Gomes will be the DDCCS on the CLIP committee. - Continue to work on ways to support families who have kids in CLIP.	Meredith Piehowski	
9.	Family Youth System Partner Round Table (FYSPRT)		Salomon Carrasco discussed: - Lots of events throughout the region - Madrona Recovery at last meeting - Karen Kelly will present/train at the next meeting in April - Next meeting is April 2nd	Salomon Carrasco	
10.	Endorsement Teams		Salomon Carrasco discussed: No major updates	Salomon Carrasco	
11.	Youth Access and Resource Program (YARP)		In Gordon's absence, Meredith Piehowski discussed: 23 referrals in 2026 16 Care Coordination Meetings 6 MDT's - Several referrals to the 1580 team	Gordon Cable	

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			- Working with WISE and Youth mobile outreach programs throughout our region. - Youth Summit tomorrow; expecting 400 kids from across our region - May is Mental Health Awareness Month - YARP and FYSPRT tabling at April 25th Autism Awareness event at the Benton County Fairgrounds		
12.	Community Behavioral Health Rental Assistance Program (CBRA)		No report in Gordon's absence.	Gordon Cable	
13.	Recovery Navigator Program (RNP)		Cameron Fordmeir discussed: 10% cut to program. - Working on updated plans due by end of April	Cameron Fordmeir	
14.	Assisted Outpatient Treatment (AOT)		Cameron Fordmeir discussed: No petitions filed	Cameron Fordmeir	
15.	Regional Behavioral Health Advocate: Ad Hoc or Quarterly Report		Alyssa Cruz discussed: - Building connections and bridging gaps between providers and individuals being served. - Taking lots of calls regarding one in-patient facility; Lourdes in Richland - lack of understanding with the ITA process - Lots of events - Working on Community forum and Resource Fair on May 15th at Richland Library.	Alyssa Cruz	
16.	Provider Comments/Issues		None	Various	
17.	Adjournment		Meeting adjourned at 11:02am	Ron Gengler	