

GREATER COLUMBIA BEHAVIORAL HEALTH, LLC. BH-ASO

Clinical Crisis Providers Meeting – Minutes

THURSDAY FEBRUARY 19, 2026 – 10:30 A.M.

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

ATTENDANCE VIA ZOOM: ALYSSA CRUZ; CAMERON FORDMEIR; CODY NESBIT; FAWN WAGNER; GORDON CABLE; IAIN CROCKETT; JENNIFER SHAW; KATIE HAMMEKE; KATHLEEN STEWARDSON; KRIS BROWN ; MEREDITH PIEHOWSKI; RAINA PEONE; ROBERTA ELLIS; RON GENGLER; SALOMON CARRASCO; SINDI SAUNDERS; ZACHARY RODDY.

#	Item	ACTION	Description	Discussion Leader	ACTION
1.	Call to Order		Ron Gengler called the meeting to order at 10:33am	Ron Gengler	
2.	Introductions		Fawn Wagner called roll	Fawn Wagner	
3.	Agenda Changes		Added November 20, 2025, and December 18, 2025, meeting minutes to be approved.	Ron Gengler	
4.	Review Previous Minutes	ACTION	January 15, 2026, meeting minutes. Add November 20, 2025, and December 18, 2025, meeting minutes to be approved.	Ron Gengler	Ron Gengler moved to approve the January 15, 2026, the November 20, 2025, and the December 18, 2025, meeting minutes as presented; Iain Crockett seconded; motion approved.
5.	ASO/Provider Updates		Sindi Saunders discussed: - No Compliance or Critical Incidents reported for the last few months. - ASO staff have done the required yearly trainings. - Staff is also working on the year-end deliverables. Sindi just submitted a year end Crisis Review of 2025 to the state - Team Monitoring is coming up in March. - Planning Provider Audits – all scheduled for the month of April. Once the audit tool has been reviewed, Sindi will get that sent out to the providers. - House Bill 1813 – MCO's to delegate Crisis Stabilization and Crisis respite to the ASO's. This has now been delegated to the ASO's by July 2026. - HB 2720 – Commercial carriers to pay for Crisis services. Targeted to start January 2027 if it passes.	Sindi Saunders	

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			- Columbia Valley Center for Recovery to open May 1st. 8 Crisis stabilization beds and 10 Crisis Respite chairs. By June 1st, 16 beds and 20 chairs. Secure withdrawal management and Co-Occurring as well. - Aristo to open a facility in Kennewick with a 16-bed, voluntary, unlocked BH facility. 16- long term beds on the other side of the building. - Yakima County Courts capping ITA cases. - Re-Procurement will be pushed off until 2028 - Our Medical director will be at GCBH in -person in June.		
6.	Crisis System Dashboard		Cody Nesbitt discussed: Reviewed Crisis Dashboard for January 2026; meeting all metrics; no concerns.	Cody Nesbitt	
7.	ESH/Long Term Beds		Kris Brown discussed: - Consortia meeting is coming up next month. - Had a statewide Liaison meeting Yesterday - Continuing to try to improve relationships around discharge planning with long-term bed facilities.	Kris Brown	
8.	Children's Long-Term Inpatient (CLIP)		Meredith Piehowski discussed: 4 Referrals in 2026 - Busy with Clip-it making documents regarding improving clip outcomes	Meredith Piehowski	
9.	Family Youth System Partner Round Table (FYSPRT)		Salomon Carrasco discussed: - Completed Q4 for CY25 - Active in community events - Involved in about 20 different events last year. - Have attended 3 events for the last 2 months; 2 more coming up next week. - Distributed 72 lock boxes, 56 med bags and 6 gun safes throughout the region in the 2nd half of 2025 . - Karen Kelly presented last month - Next month FYSPRT will have Madrona Recovery to present	Salomon Carrasco	
10.	Endorsement Teams		Salomon Carrasco discussed: - Not a lot of updates from HCA - Working with QBH on upcoming monitoring. Putting together a tool to monitor	Salomon Carrasco	

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			Went to QBH last week, met with Danika; checked out the new vehicle.		
11.	Youth Access and Resource Program (YARP)		Gordon Cable discussed: - Many events co-attended with FYSPRT - Please let YARP know if you plan to have any events in your area that would benefit by having YARP attend. 6 referrals for January; 9 care coordination meetings.	Gordon Cable	
12.	Community Behavioral Health Rental Assistance Program (CBRA)		Gordon Cable discussed: - Business as usual - Rental has overspent a bit; will make sure the providers stay within the budget by the end of the year	Gordon Cable	
13.	Recovery Navigator Program (RNP)		Cameron Fordmeir discussed: 4th Q results; 2025 round up; doing good - Cut in funding; appears to be an additional 10% - Working with provider; looking to modify even with the budget cuts	Cameron Fordmeir	
14.	Assisted Outpatient Treatment (AOT)		Cameron Fordmeir discussed: - Would like to take a look at the Columbia Valley Center for Recovery and using AOT with that facility in addition to the LRAs or with Crisis stabilization unit and out-patient services. - No petitions in our area.	Cameron Fordmeir	
15.	Regional Behavioral Health Advocate: Ad Hoc or Quarterly Report		Alyssa Cruz discussed: - The BHA is currently doing a lot of outreach and getting to know providers. - Planning a community forum; Richland Library; ½ Towne Hall ½ vendors - ITA process calls	Alyssa Cruz	
16.	Provider Comments/Issues		None	Various	
17.	Adjournment		Meeting adjourned at 11:18am	Ron Gengler	