

BITTERROOT VALLEY EDUCATION COOPERATIVE MANAGEMENT BOARD

Tuesday, February 27, 2024

9:00 a.m. – Cooperative Office/Zoom

MINUTES - FINAL

1. **Call to Order** – Dr. DoBell called the meeting to order at 9:00 AM. Board members in attendance: Dr. DoBell, Mr. Fiske, and Ms. Woodard. Mr. Biesiot joined via Zoom. Board members not in attendance: Mr. Thennis. BVEC staff in attendance: Director, Ms. Rammell, Mental Health Program Manager, Mr. Hughes, Clinical Supervisor, Ms. Gillespie. Staff in attendance: Karen Gideon, Tammy Olds via Zoom.
2. **Introduce Staff Representative** - Karen Gideon, BVEC Speech Language Pathologist in Darby and at the BVEC Preschool. Karen also supervises our new SLPs in Lone Rock and Victor, and the SLP aide in Darby. Karen spoke to the caseloads and the work they have done as a group to try to cover those caseloads.
3. **Consent Agenda** – Approved by unanimous consent.
  - A. Minutes
  - B. Warrants
  - C. Financial Report
  - D. Resignations
    - a. Brynn DuBose, CSCT Mental Health Therapist, Florence Elementary
  - E. New Hires
    - a. Spencer McCarthy, CSCT Behavioral Consultant, Florence Secondary
  - F. Next Meeting: TBD
4. **Public Comment** – None.
5. **Correspondence/Communications** -
  - A. Request from Association to open bargaining. Ms. Rammell explained that by rule we need to have the first meeting within 90 days. See information and discussion.
6. **Board Action** - None
7. **Information and Discussion**
  - A. **Collective Bargaining** – Ms. Rammell explained that any content provisions for her performance evaluation will be done after bargaining is complete. Ms. Rammell and Dr. DoBell have a tentative date set for April. Ms. Rammell will send out an email with the following possible dates and times for the first meeting. The meeting will be held in the BVEC conference room.
    - a. March 4<sup>th</sup>, 4:00-5:30
    - b. March 7<sup>th</sup>, 2:00-?
    - c. March 14<sup>th</sup>, 4:00-5:30
  - B. **CSCT** – Ms. Rammell explained that the cooperative is looking at leveraging other services, such IOT-Intensive Outpatient Therapy, to make the mental health program sustainable. The decline in Medicaid clients since the health emergency was lifted is resulting in financial losses in the program. Mr. Hughes explained that these other services can be provided by current staff, but reimbursement

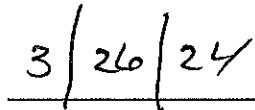
rates are higher than CSCT reimbursement rates and not subject to MATCH payments. Mr. Hughes and Ms. Gillespie will have a detailed plan for the transition very soon.

- C. Tuition Levy – general discussion on the tuition levy and how it works.
- D. March Board Meeting Date will be March 26, 2024, at 9 AM.

8. Adjourn – Meeting adjourned at 9:55 AM.



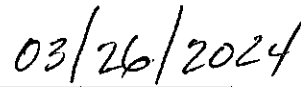
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