

2021

Western Regional Healthcare Executive Committee Minutes

22 June 2021



Western Regional Healthcare Coalition Executive Committee Meeting

22 June 2021, 0900-1100, Zoom

Call to order 1104

Roll Call

- **Members Present:**

- RJ Nelsen, Chair, Providence Health
- Jen Phillips, St. James Healthcare
- Kelly Bilau, Brendan House
- Tammy Matt, CSKT PH
- Kyrsten Brinkley, WRHCC Coordinator
- Casey Driscoll, SRHCC Coordinator
- Kitty Songer, CRHCC Coordinator
- Robbie Kavon, ERHCC Coordinator
- Luke Fortune, MT DPHHS
- Colin Tobin MT DPHHS

- **Members Absent:**

- William Torres, Marcus Daly Memorial Hospital (excused)
- Sue Hansen, Beaverhead Co PH (excused)
- Nick Holloway, Missoula County DES (excused)
- Cindee McKee, MHA (traveling)
- Don McGiboney, MT DPHHS (excused)

- **NOTE**

- In reviewing previous meeting minutes Kyrsten discovered that RJ had not been formally recognized as moving into the Chair slot when Michelle departed
- Sue Hansen needs to be voted on
- Motion to approve these 2 items by Tammy
- Seconded by Willie
- Approved unanimously

Meeting Minutes:

- Meeting Minutes from 10 May 2021 will be available at the August meeting

Treasury Report: No changes since last meeting

- Don and Colin submitted the grant, it was returned for some clarifying questions and has been resubmitted.

New Membership

The need for additional executive committee members was discussed; Tammy Matt recommended Audrey Walleser, Western DES DFO and will reach out to local dialysis centers and CSKT nursing programs to see if there is any interest from those organizations. Discussion was had regarding the need for transparency when mixing state and local jurisdictions and that there is requirement set forth about having DES representation on the Executive Committee to meet grant guidance. RJ Asked the group to reach out to increase participation on the Regional level, including nursing schools, the VA, and private pharmacies. Kelly suggested Home Health/Hospice

- **Coordinator Update**
 - All-Coordinator work-session in Billings 03-07 May
 - EMisters have been dispersed evenly between LTC and EMS, minimum of two per county- peds equipment ordered, still has yet to arrive
 - Attended the DES DFO meeting in Bozeman- gave a presentation about the HCC's, toured the Bridger Mountain Fire
 - AAR/IP being written for the COVID response based on the HID ANnex
 - Highly Infectious Disease Annex
 - Thank you for sending signed promulgations in
 - Clinical Advisor
 - It is allowable to share a Clinical Advisor between other Montana Regional Healthcare Coalitions
 - Agreeable to providing a stipend to cover the extra time spent reviewing RHCC processes and Plans
 - RJ will reach out to acquaintances to see what the going rate would be
 - SRHCC, Casey
 - Delivering PAPRs around the Southern Region
 - Moving forward with Amateur Radio project
 - ERHCC, Robbie
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 - Delivered PAPRs
 - Pediatric equipment is on order
 - CRHCC, Kitty
 - Delivered PAPRs and pediatric equipment
 - Fire and helicopter crash in region; site visits with Great Falls Clinic and Missouri River Medical Center

Roundtable

RJ Nelsen (Providence Services): Providence is looking at a thoughtful demobilization of the IC response to COVID. Testing down, but positivity rates are up. No emergency manager at St. Pats. Would like to keep the meetings at an accelerated tempo to maintain engagement.

Tammy Matt (CSKT Tribal/Public Health): CSKT has cut back on vaccine clinics and ramping down on ICS. The vaccine is available at the pharmacy. 46% of Lake County is vaccinated; >50% of the Tribe is vaccinated

Kelly Bilau (Brendan House): Flathead County at a 10% positivity rate, Reporting vaccination rates for LTC residents and staff; possible becoming a CMS quality measure. Staffing issue for nurses and aides.

Jen Phillips (St James): Educating staff on aerosolizing measures, hospital measures more strict than those of the county, almost all ventilated inpatients in a sister hospital in Colorado suspected Delta variant. Butte has a 56% vaccination rate.

Dick Sine: EMS has adapted the new COVID personal protective standards; may become the norm.
Universal credentialing in Flathead County for emergency use; capacity could be used on a state level.

No **Public Comments** were presented

Next meeting: August 2021 Kyrsten will research some options and let everyone know, please submit any times that you will be unavailable.

Adjourn 1204

Motion: Kelly Bilau

2nd: Tammy Matt

Motion approved unanimously