

# **BITTERROOT VALLEY EDUCATION COOPERATIVE MANAGEMENT BOARD**

March 23, 2021  
9:00 am

## **MINUTES - DRAFT**

- 1. Call to Order** – Dr. Moore called the meeting to order at 9:01. Board members in attendance: Dr. Moore, Mr. Toynbee, Mr. Pearson, and Mr. DoBell. Board members not in attendance: Mr. Rayburn. BVEC admin staff in attendance: Rammell, Hughes. BVEC staff in attendance: Tammy Olds and Liz Pepion. Board clerk: Reynolds.
- 2. Introduce Staff Representative** - Tammy Olds, CSCT Therapist Victor Secondary. Tammy spoke to the adjustment for her team moving from Hamilton schools and thanked the Victor staff for being so welcoming. She also thanked the school for allowing them to bring kids in during COVID school closures, so they could continue services. Tammy also mentioned how they continue to figure out how to best serve the kids during these times and that she hopes they can continue to provide services through the summer and into the next school year. Hughes and Rammell thanked her and the teams in Victor for the job they have done this year.
- 3. Consent Agenda** - No questions or discussions, consent agenda approved.
  - A. Minutes
  - B. Warrants
  - C. Financial Report
  - D. Next Meeting – Tuesday, April 27, 2021
- 4. Public Comment** – None.
- 5. Correspondence** – None.
- 6. Board Action** – None.
- 7. Information and Discussion**
  - A. Special Education Records-Annual Notice of Destruction** - Notice and letter attached to the agenda and e-mailed to superintendents on 3/12/21. The notice was posted in the Ravalli Republic on 3/12/21. Schools can send a letter or call families of prior students for whom they are still storing records.
  - B. Financial Audit-Denning, Downey & Associates, P.C.** - Conclusion of Governance Letter attached to the agenda. Final audit will be shared when received, minor issues were found but the cooperative will receive an Unqualified rating for the 2019-20 fiscal year.

- C. Budget 2021-22** – Rammell explained that she would like to meet with the Superintendents individually to discuss the 2021-22 Cooperative Budget Draft, either by phone or in person. After these meetings she would like to request a meeting in early April to request Board Approval on the budget.
- D. CSCT Financial Report** – Reynolds discussed the February and February YTD CSCT financial report. Total Mental Health program costs were covered in February and have been covered through February YTD. This excludes the funding received through grants and from school districts. A few teams are not covering costs, but those teams tend to have the lowest percentage of Medicaid eligible students. Private Insurance providers are generally applying dollars to deductible, not paying for services and when they do pay it takes approximately two months to receive those payments. March might be a month where we are unable to cover costs due to spring breaks in schools and we will have to see how we do in April and May.

Hughes provided an update on mental health funding legislation. Intergovernmental Transfers seem to be a viable option for replacing Match. It is less settled that it can be in place by July 1, 2021 so there still may need for gap funding. Currently gap funding seems to be less optimistic. Hughes is working on a plan B in case there is a gap in funding. Hughes met with DPHHS and other mental health program managers last week and there seems to be a high level of interest from DPHHS to sustain CSCT services and they appear to be open to flexibility with team structures, the percentage of time a therapist must provide services, expanding services, billing increments, etc.

- 8. Adjourn** – Dr. Moore adjourned the meeting at 9:19.