

**Minutes of Meeting**  
**Northern Idaho Crisis Center**  
**May 7, 2019**  
**11:30 a.m.**

The Kootenai County Board of Commissioners: Chairman Chris Fillios and Commissioner Leslie Duncan met to discuss the following agenda item. Also present were Sheriff Ben Wolfinger, Chief Deputy Clerk Jennifer Locke, Finance Director Dena Darrow, BOCC Senior Business Analyst Nanci Plouffe and Deputy Clerk Ronnie Davisson. Also present was North Idaho Crisis Center Manager Don Robinson. Commissioner Bill Brooks was excused.

- A. Call to Order:** Chairman Chris Fillios called the meeting to order at 11:30 a.m.
- B. Changes to the Agenda (Action):** There were no changes to the agenda.
- C. Business:**

**Overview of Programs and Review of FY20 Funding Request with Manager Don Robinson (Discussion)**

North Idaho Crisis Center Manager Don Robinson presented a copy of their Annual Report to the Board and thanked the Board for their previous generosity and support. He explained they were only one of six Crisis Centers and the only hospital based center in the state and said their annual operating budget was \$1,520,000. Mr. Robinson then pointed out that Kootenai County was the only local government entity in Idaho that had provided any level of funding for the center.

Mr. Robinson spoke to the statistics of the center, explaining that they were averaging 160 encounters a month and an estimated 120% increase in requests for services. He informed the Board that the prior year, the center had been given \$7500, but this Fiscal Year he was requesting \$10,000 to help the center absorb costs associated with the growth. He explained there were certain items like transportation costs and personal care items that were not in their budget for the State, which was why they conducted external fundraisers. Sheriff Ben Wolfinger explained that KCSO utilized the center frequently, as they were bringing people there often and that KCSO was very happy the center was available in lieu of Kootenai Health.

Commissioner Leslie Duncan asked Mr. Robinson from where they received their funding; he explained they received funds from grants and community groups. Chairman Fillios pointed out that he had asked the County Resource Management Office to look for other grant opportunities at the State and Federal levels that may be applicable to the center. Mr. Robinson also explained he had spoken with insurance companies to inquire about funding opportunities, that he did not pay lease expenses or for maintenance to their building.

- D. **Public Comment:** This section is reserved for citizens wishing to address the Board regarding a County related issue. Idaho Law prohibits Board action on items brought under this section except in an emergency circumstance. Comments related to future public hearings should be held for that public hearing. There were no public comments.
- E. **Adjourn:** Chairman Fillios adjourned the meeting at 11:52 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

JIM BRANNON, CLERK

CHRIS FILLIOS, CHAIRMAN

BY: \_\_\_\_\_  
Ronnie Davisson, Deputy Clerk

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