

**COMMISSIONERS' MINUTES
KITTITAS COUNTY, WASHINGTON
COMMISSIONER'S CONFERENCE ROOM
SPECIAL MEETING**

MONDAY

3:00 P.M.

NOVEMBER 7, 2016

Board members present: Chairman Obie O'Brien; Vice-Chairman Paul Jewell and Commissioner Laura Osiadacz.

Others: Mandy Buchholz, Deputy Clerk of the Board; Dave Wilson, MERIT; Robin Read, Public Health Administrator; Joann Schaan, DD Coordinator & members of the County Behavioral Health and Recovery Advisory Board: Sharon Wings & Jackie Herum.

SPECIAL MEETING

BEHAVIORAL HEALTH SERV.-UPDATE

COMMISSIONERS

At 3:00 p.m. Chairman O'Brien opened a Special Meeting to receive an update from Dave Wilson, MERIT, regarding Behavioral Health Services in Kittitas County.

Dave Wilson, MERIT gave a summary of updates since the last meeting with the BoCC. He also announced that although they had been under the impression that BARTH was closing, he has since learned that is not the case and that BARTH will remain open in Ellensburg. He noted that they are not open fulltime but do have office hours at their location in town. He gave an update on Medicaid changes that will be implemented on July 1, 2017. Mr. Wilson provided an update on the assessment populations and an update on transport services for U/C residents. He announced that they now offer childcare so when parents are in treatment they can drop off their child and not have that to interfere with the success of their treatment.

The Board expressed their appreciation for Mr. Wilson's time and expressed how beneficial they felt the updates have been.

Meeting adjourned at 3:37 p.m.

DEPUTY CLERK OF THE BOARD

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Mandy Buchholz



Obie O'Brien, Chairman