

RESOLUTION 2017-010

RESOLUTION CREATING THE ALBANY COUNTY COMMUNITY MENTAL HEALTH BOARD

Whereas, Wyo. Stat. § 35-1-614 authorizes the Board of County Commissioners for Albany County (County) to establish community boards for human services including services for the mentally ill.

Whereas, Wyo. Stat. § 35-1-615 provides that a County that establishes a community board may appropriate funds for human services programs.

Whereas, County desires to form a community mental health board to bring community partners together to facilitate better communication, address gaps in service of the mentally ill and ensure continuity of care for the mentally ill.

Whereas, a community mental health board would be able to seek funding from various sources and pool existing funding of community partners to form a system of care for the mentally ill in Albany County.

Whereas, Wyoming Stat. § 35-1-616 provides that such community board shall consist of not more than nine (9) members who are appointed by the County Commissioners.

Whereas, Wyoming Statutes § 35-1-618 and §35-1-619 sets forth the powers and duties of a community board.

Whereas, the County finds that it is in the best interest and the general welfare and health of the citizens of Albany County for the establishment of a community mental health board as outlined below.

NOW, THEREFORE, THE BOARD OF THE COUNTY OF ALBANY, WYOMING RESOLVES:

Section 1. That the foregoing recitals are incorporated in and made a part of this resolution by this reference.

Section 2. Board Creation. That there is hereby established the Albany County Community Mental Health Board which is an agency of the County.

Section 3. Members Appointed. That County Commissioners shall appoint nine (9) members to the Albany County Community Mental Health Board. The County Commissioners shall appoint the following community partners to the Albany County Community Mental Health Board:

1. One (1) member from the Albany County & Prosecuting Attorney's Office;
2. One (1) member from Iverson Memorial Hospital;
3. One (1) member from the Albany County Department of Family Services;
4. One (1) member from the Albany County Chapter of National Alliance on Mental Illness (NAMI);
5. One (1) member from the Laramie Police Department;
6. One (1) member from Albany County Peak Wellness Center;
7. One (1) member from the defense bar representing the mentally ill in Title 25 proceedings;
8. One (1) member from the University of Wyoming Psychology Clinic;
9. One (1) member from of the Albany County Sheriff's Office.

Section 4. Term of Appointment. That the members of the Albany County Community Mental Health Board shall serve for rotating terms of four (4) years from the date of their appointment. Of the members first appointed, one-third (1/3) shall be appointed for two (2) years, one-third (1/3) for three (3) years and one-third (1/3) for four (4) years. No member shall serve more than two (2) consecutive terms.

Section 5. Vacancies. That vacancies on the Albany County Community Mental Health Board, should they occur, shall be filled for the unexpired term of the member whose place has become vacant, and shall be made by the Albany County Board of Commissioners.

Section 6. Conduct of Meetings/Quorum. That the Albany County Community Mental Health Board shall elect from its members a chairman to preside at meetings, a secretary to maintain the records and a finance officer. All meetings shall be open to the public and duly noticed and conducted in accordance with the Open Meetings Act. The presence of five (5) members shall constitute a quorum for the conducting of business and the holding of any meeting. The Albany County Community Mental Health Board shall act only with the concurring vote of five (5) members. The Chair shall have the power to vote. The Albany County Community Mental Health Board shall keep motion minutes of its proceedings, showing the vote of each member on every question.

Section 7. Duties of the Albany County Community Mental Health Board. That the powers and duties of the Albany County Community Mental Health Board shall be as specifically set forth in Wyoming Statutes § 35-1-618 and §35-1-619 and shall act in accordance with Wyo. Stat. § 35-1-611 et seq.

Section 8. Budgeting. All grants and or expenditures will be approved by the County prior to submission or disbursal. Grant compliance shall be through the County Grant Department. All financial reporting will be through the County Treasurer or entity designated by the County. The Albany County Community Mental Health Board will develop an annual budget in compliance with County budget standards and processes. These processes must comport with the applicable provisions of Wyo. Stat. § 16-4-101 et seq. The budget will be submitted to the County for review and approval. All budget reports will be distributed to the County Treasurer. County will administer the grant funds. The Albany County Community Mental Health Board does not have the authority to incur debt of any kind, on or obligate the County in any way.


PASSED, APPROVED, AND ADOPTED, this 6th day of June, 2017.

**BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
OF ALBANY COUNTY, WYOMING**



Tim Chesnut, Chairperson

ATTEST:



Jackie R. Gonzales,
Albany County Clerk