

**Minutes of Special Meeting  
Northern Idaho Crisis Center  
October 2, 2015  
10:00 a.m.**

The Kootenai County Board of Commissioners: Chairman Dan Green, Commissioner Marc Eberlein, and Commissioner David Stewart met to discuss the following agenda item. Also present were Chief Deputy Prosecutor Barry Black, County Assistance Manager Shelly Amos, Administrative Supervisor Nancy Jones, and Deputy Clerks Theresa Atchley and Alicia Lynch. Also present were Northern Idaho Crisis Center Representatives Claudia Miewald and Don Robinson, Northwest Hospital Alliance Representative Caryl Johnston, Panhandle Health District Representative Lora Whalen, Kootenai Health Representative Casey Meza, and Coeur d' Alene Police Captain Steve Childers.

**A. Call to Order:** Chairman Dan Green called the meeting to order at 10:02 a.m.

**B. Introductions:** Attendees signed in for the record.

**C. Changes to the Agenda:** There were no changes to the agenda.

**D. New Business**

**Overview of the Northern Idaho Crisis Center**

Northern Idaho Crisis Center Representative Claudia Miewald provided a PowerPoint presentation on the new Northern Idaho Crisis Center to the Board. She said the Crisis Center would open for business on December 9, 2015, and Governor Otter was expected to attend the formal ribbon cutting ceremony. She said the Crisis Center was State funded with a start up allocation of \$200,000 and an annual expense allocation of \$1,520,000 that was approved for two years. She stated that the Crisis Center would be housed in an existing building located on the Kootenai Health campus.

Ms. Miewald explained that the Crisis Center would service individuals experiencing a mental health and/or substance use crisis. She outlined the services that would be provided:

- Triage and stabilization
- Crisis intervention and counseling
- Case management assistance
- Maximum stay – 24 hours
- Maximum capacity – 20 clients
- Adults only
- Open 24/7 with on-site security

Ms. Miewald added that she and Northern Idaho Crisis Center Representative Don Robinson were in the process of formalizing their Board of Directors.

Chairman Green said he would send an email to the Commissioners within District 1 to solicit interest regarding a board position with the Northern Idaho Crisis Center.

The Board expressed support for the Northern Idaho Crisis Center and discussed possible savings to the County by diverting patients to the center rather than jail or to the hospital.

- E. 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.

Chairman Green adjourned the meeting at 10:45 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

JIM BRANNON, CLERK

DANIEL H. GREEN, CHAIRMAN

BY: \_\_\_\_\_  
Theresa Atchley, Deputy Clerk

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