

In the Supreme Court of the State of Idaho

IN RE: IDAHO BEHAVIORAL)
HEALTH COUNCIL)
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ORDER and
PROCLAMATION

STATING THE FINDINGS OF THE LEGISLATURE AND JOINING WITH ALL BRANCHES OF STATE GOVERNMENT IN EXPRESSING SUPPORT FOR THE CREATION OF THE IDAHO BEHAVIORAL HEALTH COUNCIL TO ENGAGE STATE GOVERNMENT, LOCAL GOVERNMENTS, AND COMMUNITY PARTNERS IN A MEANINGFUL REVIEW OF AND, WHERE APPROPRIATE MATERIALLY REVISE, IDAHO'S BEHAVIORAL HEALTH SYSTEM.

WHEREAS: Tremendous social and economic value will inure to the people of Idaho with the strategic development of a more effective behavioral health system which is devised, implemented, and sustained statewide; and

WHEREAS: All three branches of Idaho government, local governments, and community partners play an integral role in ensuring a reliable and productive behavioral health system for the people of Idaho; and

WHEREAS: Behavioral health issues, consisting of mental health and substance use disorders, are currently both chronic and pervasive, detrimentally impacting both a significant and growing portion of Idaho's population, as well as the economy of Idaho; and

WHEREAS: Idaho has demonstrated a commitment to improving the behavioral health system and has previously made considerable improvements to the system; and

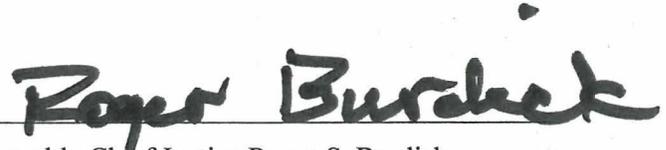
WHEREAS: Despite the state having already invested significant resources to meet the needs, the Idaho behavioral health system continues to require a more coordinated, integrated, and collaborative structure; and

WHEREAS: An organized and strategic response, developed and implemented collaboratively, provides an unprecedented opportunity for continued improvement and sustained access to effective behavioral health outcomes for Idahoans, and a better return on the investment of public resources;

THEREFORE: All three branches of Idaho Government, Local Governments, and Community Partners should collaborate to develop a statewide strategic plan to inventory, audit, assess, and materially improve Idaho's behavioral health system to the benefit of all Idahoans.

To effectuate this statewide strategic plan, the Idaho Supreme Court hereby supports the creation of the Idaho Behavioral Health Council by Governor Brad Little and appoints Administrative Director of the Courts, Sara B. Thomas, District Judge Gene Petty, and Dr. David C. Pate to participate on the Council.

Dated this 19th day of February, 2020.

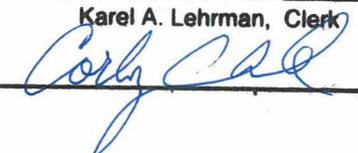


Honorable Chief Justice Roger S. Burdick

ATTEST:


Clerk

I, Karel A. Lehrman, Clerk of the Supreme Court/
Court of Appeals of the State of Idaho, do hereby
certify that the above is a true and correct copy of the
Order and Proclamation entered in the above entitled
cause and now on record in my office. WITNESS my
hand and the Seal of this Court February 19, 2020
Karel A. Lehrman, Clerk

By  Deputy