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Behavioral Health and Wellness Council

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Action Minutes
Tuesday, March 25, 2014, 9:00 a.m.

Meeting Location:

Grant Sawyer State Office Building
555 East Washington Avenue, Room 4401
Las Vegas, NV 89101

Videoconference Location

Legislative Building
401 South Carson Street, Room 2134
Carson City, NV 89701

Members Present

Joel Dvoskin, Chair
Jackie Glass, Vice-Chair
Dr. Dale Carrison
Tim Burch
Sue Gaines
Marilyn Kirkpatrick
Karla Perez
Michael Roberson
Dick Steinberg
Randolph Townsend
Richard Whitley
Michael Willden
Steven Wolfson
Monte Miller
Doug Gillespie
Debbie Smith

Carson City:

Pat Hickey
Katherine Miller

Members Absent

Susan Roske
Michael Kelley-Babbitt

Assisting Staff

Melissa Slayden (Las Vegas)
Christina Griffith (Carson City)

- I. Call to order, Welcome, Roll Call, Announcements
The Chair, Dr. Joel Dvoskin called the meeting to order at 9:07 AM. Melissa Slayden called roll. A quorum was noted.
- II. Public Comment
Michael Howie, Director of Mojave Mental Health (Washoe County, Clark County)
Director Howie explained the relationship of Mojave to the State of Nevada, owned by Nevada System of Higher Education controlled by the University of Nevada School of Medicine and Medicaid. They

treat only patients with disabilities and psychiatric conditions, these patients therefore receive Social Security Income and Medicaid. 50% of their services are reimbursable. Mr. Howie came to inform the Council that Mojave is able to help. The facility has expertise and data. He identified the difference between behavioral health and mental illness treatment. Those with psychiatric disabilities cannot have rationed services. The Council had a brief discussion on the Club House Model.

III. Approval of February 26, 2014 Meeting Minutes

Motion to Approve: Senator Smith

2nd: Judge Glass

Unanimously approved.

IV. Approval of February 27, 2014 Meeting Minutes

Motion to Approve: Senator Smith

2nd: Judge Glass

Unanimously approved.

V. Presentation regarding Southern Nevada Legislative Forum, Healthcare Subcommittee

George Ross, Southern Nevada Forum, Healthcare Subcommittee

Sara Chohagian, Southern Nevada Forum, Healthcare Subcommittee

Dr. Andy Eisen, Assemblyman, Southern Nevada Forum, Healthcare Subcommittee

The members of the Southern Nevada Legislative Forum brought their short-term recommendations to the Council. They gave a brief overview of the Forum and its legislative focus. They presented the following summarized recommendations:

- Expand and improve crisis response and stabilization services through augmenting Metro's Crisis Intervention Teams and establishing outreach teams in the community.
- Establish strategically located mental health triage centers
- Restore funding to mental health courts
- Increase mechanisms to clear Legal 2000 (i.e., paramedics in the field, CIT clinicians, other hospital professionals)
- Establish Regional Mental Health Authority
- Centralized, accessible mental health information system
- Encourage team-based care
- Housing options and support for patients stepping down therapy intensity
- Increase provider supply across all disciplines

Sarah McCrea, Las Vegas Fire and Rescue, EMS QIC

Ms. McCrea presented on the combined agency approach to mental health authority response model, which included:

- Current response model program
- Proposed Outreach/Crisis Response Model Diagram
- Proposed Crisis Response Team Staffing
- Proposed Mental Health Triage Center Construct and Location

Ms. McCrea explained that much of the time EMS is being used for non-emergency transport of people with mental health issues. Of the 110,000 calls received about one third are for transport only.

Reimbursement is only received for transport not for paramedic services. She asked the Council to look to alternative forms of transport. She discussed the information first responders have access to when responding to a call. The Chair summarized what he had learned from the presentation: there need to be alternative placements, paramedics should be allowed to make different decisions, and reimbursement needs to be checked on (to avoid making an expensive service mandatory when other options are available).

- VI. Discussion regarding Southern Nevada Legislative Forum, Healthcare Subcommittee
Clarifying discussion was held primarily during the presentation.
- VII. Presentation regarding Criminal Justice/Sex Offender Registry
Dr. Joel Dvoskin, Behavioral Health and Wellness Council Chair presented on the duties of psychiatric providers to seek and share information about criminal and sex offense histories of patients. He discussed the following:
- Hospitals do not appear to have a duty or a right to seek criminal history
 - Hospitals do not appear to have a duty, right, or ability to seek a patient's status as a sex offender
 - It appears that if a hospital becomes aware, the information is protected health information
 - The hospital is responsible for mitigating risk to other patients
 - Discharge plans must include relevant information
 - The hospital appears to have a duty to encourage and assist the patient in complying with the law
- VIII. Discussion regarding Criminal Justice/Sex Offender Registry
Karla Perez noted that there is no known duty to report. Detective Justin Terry came to the table to explain that it may be required depending on the nature of the individual's crime. It is in the best interest of the Police Department to help the sex offender with compliance to the law. Marilyn Kirkpatrick suggested that a formal opinion be requested from the Attorney General's Office. Sheriff Gillespie cautioned the Council to be aware about checks and balances that are already in place to protect private information.
- IX. Discussion, drafting, and possible approval of recommendations to the Governor
The Council determined the following are priorities to make recommendations by the May 31st deadline:
1. Intensive case management/PAC Teams/MH Court (low case load and housing)
 2. Increase Crisis capacity (include Medicaid reimbursement)
 3. Medicaid rate if general hospital chooses to open psychiatric ward (Mike)
 4. Improve psychiatric salaries for state employees
 5. School mental health capacity
 6. L2k
 7. Lack of training for clinicians – increase training for co-occurring disorders
 8. Consider liability cap (now applies to state employees, extend to medical docs)
 9. Infrastructure to sign people up
 10. Lack of IT infrastructure (TIRs)(Mike)
 11. Public info campaign against stigma
 12. ½ psychotropic meds are prescribed by general practitioners. Create consultative call-in line for medication (med school)
 13. Peer to Peer enhancements (Sue & Michael)
 14. Re-creation of Urgent Care services
 15. Discharge Planning (RW)
 16. Create a different licensure category (RW)
 17. MH Services in prison system
 18. Advanced directives – crisis plan
 19. Medical advanced directives, and all in one place like the 'regular' advanced directives (lockbox)
 20. SAPTA providers billing for Medicaid. Need a higher-tiered provider.
 21. Need strong recommendation on suspending v. ending benefits during incarceration
 22. Creation of a one-way portal for families to send confidential information to the hospital
- Recommendations for these priorities will be drafted during the April meetings. The Chair asked to begin

drafting some recommendations before the next meeting. Motion: Senator Townsend, 2nd: Marilyn Kirkpatrick. Unanimously approved.

X. Public Comment

There were no public comments.

XI. Adjournment

The Chair thanked the Council and Public for attending. The meeting was adjourned at 3:20 PM.