

**Division of Public and Behavioral Health**  
**Substance Abuse Prevention and Treatment Agency (SAPTA)**  
Multidisciplinary Prevention Advisory Committee (MPAC)

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**MINUTES**

**DATE:** November 8, 2018

**TIME:** 9:00 am

	<i>Meeting</i>	<i>Videoconference</i>
<b>LOCATION:</b>	4126 Technology Way 2nd Floor, Conf. Room 201 Carson City, NV 89706	4220 S. Maryland Parkway Building D, Suite 810 Las Vegas, NV 89119

**TELECONFERENCE:** (888) 363-4734 / Access Code 3865799#

**BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT**

Stephanie Asteriadis Pyle, Center for the Application of Substance Abuse Technologies (CASAT)  
Carol O'Hare, Nevada Council on Problem Gambling  
Heidi Gustafson, Foundation for Recovery  
Jamie Ross, PACT Coalition  
Karla Wagner, University of Nevada, Reno (UNR) School of Community Health Sciences  
Keith Carter, Nevada High Intensity Drug Trafficking Area Program (HIDTA)  
Linda Lang, Nevada Statewide Coalition Partnership

**BOARD MEMBERS**

**ABSENT**

Dr. Mel Pohl, Las Vegas Recovery Center  
Jennifer DeLett-Snyder, Join Together Northern Nevada  
Kristen Rivas, Division of Child and Family Services (DCFS)  
Patrick Bozarth, Community Counseling Center of Southern Nevada

**OTHERS PRESENT**

Lea Cartwright, Nevada Psychiatric Association  
Natalie Howell, CASAT

**SAPTA/STATE STAFF**

**PRESENT**

Brook Adie, Division of Public and Behavioral Health (DPBH)  
Marco Erickson, DPBH  
Andrea Rivers, Office of Analytics  
Stephen Wood, Substance Abuse Prevention and Treatment Agency (SAPTA)  
Joan Waldock, SAPTA

1. Roll Call, Introductions, and Announcements  
Ms. Pyle called the meeting to order at 9:06 a.m. She determined a quorum was present. There were no announcements.
2. Public Comment  
There was no public comment.

3. Approval of Minutes from the July 12, 2018 Meeting

Ms. O'Hare noted she served on the Nevada Council on Problem Gambling, not Gaming and requested it be changed. She moved to approve the minutes with the change. Ms. Gustafson seconded the motion. The motion passed.

4. Report from Nomination Subcommittee:

- Review Membership Vacancies and Nominees' Résumés and/or Curriculum Vitae (CV) and Vote for Three New Members

The Subcommittee was made up of Ms. Pyle, Ms. Gustafson, Ms. Ross, and Ms. Lang. It was charged with recommending nominees to replace the chair and fill three vacant seats. After careful consideration, the Subcommittee voted to bring forward the following names: Alyssa O'Hair, [Terry Kerns](#), [Stacy Ward](#), [Rosa O'Bannon](#), and Sarah Beers. Ms. Gustafson said she did not remember the Subcommittee agreeing to nominate Ms. Ward or Ms. O'Bannon. Ms. O'Hare concurred, pointing out that members of MPAC received only three CVs. Ms. Pyle said they did not receive CVs or résumés for all of the nominees. Ms. Gustafson asked if they should presume the other nominees were not interested in becoming members. Ms. Pyle replied CVs were not required as long as the individuals agreed to serve. Ms. Lang agreed. She added the Subcommittee had asked the ones who brought the names forward to ask nominees to send their CVs. Ms. Pyle stated a motion was made to nominate the five mentioned, with three of them being added to the Committee at this time.

Ms. Ross reported that Ms. Beers ran the Parenting Project for the Clark County Division of Family Services. She has been an institution in Clark County as a direct service provider of prevention services for over 15 years. She is funded by PACT Coalition and has been funded by every coalition that has existed in Clark County. Ms. Beers oversees part-time staff that provide parenting classes. She not only works with SAPTA, she works with the Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention—so she is familiar with working with grants. She has agreed to serve. At the Nomination Subcommittee meeting, it was noted there were members working at the community level or higher-level community stakeholders or coalition people, but there were no direct service providers. Ms. Pyle pointed out that Ms. Beers had many years' experience in that area. Ms. Gustafson vouched for Ms. Beers. The Foundation for Recovery has supplied space for Parenting Project meetings for more than five years. There have been no issues or problems.

Ms. Lang reported the Nomination Subcommittee matched the sectors recommended in the bylaws with current membership on the Committee, then tried to fill the gaps. Stacy Ward's name came up because of her involvement with law enforcement, which the bylaws say should be represented. She is the Drug Abuse Prevention Coordinator for the Reno Police Department (PD) and works for the Nevada State Board of Pharmacy with the Prescription Monitoring Program (PMP). She was the program coordinator for the Smart Policing Initiative and for the COPS Methamphetamine Initiative. Most of her experience has been in the prevention field with law enforcement, but she has been involved in northern Nevada prevention efforts. Ms. Ward will be leaving the PD in the spring. She may be staying with the Board of Pharmacy on a contract basis.

Ms. Pyle said Ms. O'Hair has been part of the Center for the Application of Prevention Technologies (CAPT) and with CASAT for many years. In a regional position, she has worked in substance use disorder prevention, providing her with a great deal of experience and background. While the CAPT grants will be phasing out, CASAT received a new prevention grant, so Ms. O'Hair will still be working in prevention at CASAT. She has her finger on regional and national trends, providing technical assistance to state agencies.

Ms. Ross said that Rosa O'Bannon has run the Office of Safe and Drug-Free Schools for the Clark County School District for approximately three years. She runs all of the

prevention programming, as well as managing referrals for students who are caught on campus with drug paraphernalia or drugs. She has a great understanding of what is happening in the schools. She is on the direct service prevention side of things and has been a school counselor. She was enthusiastic about being nominated for this Committee.

Ms. Gustafson asked how many MPAC members were from UNR or CASAT. She wondered if there was a conflict of interest with CASAT navigating the grants for SAPTA and receiving grants from SAPTA. Ms. Pyle said she was the only member from CASAT. She added that Karla Wagner was from the UNR School of Community Health Sciences. Ms. Gustafson asked if it made sense to have two members from one organization. Ms. Wagner replied that CASAT was really big, made up of different units. She said she had a relationship with CASAT but did not work closely with them in other ways. Ms. Gustafson pointed out Ms. O'Hair's resume said that she supported CASAT management and function, so she has been integrated in the system since 1999. Ms. Gustafson expressed concern about the interaction with SAPTA funding and their management of programming. Ms. Pyle asked where the conflict of interest was. Ms. Gustafson was concerned about a major recipient of funding making recommendations on funding and managing some grants. Ms. O'Hare said the bylaws did not prohibit having two people from one agency on the Committee. Regarding Ms. Gustafson's concerns about influence and the issues related to funding, she pointed out MPAC had 15 members, so it should not be an issue. She said she was on the Advisory Committee for Problem Gambling and was also a grantee. She added that it was the nature of the business to be limited in the number of people who had experience and were willing to serve. She thought that as long as the appropriate disclosures were made, there should be no concern—if there appeared to be a problem, it could be addressed by the Committee. Ms. Pyle said CASAT was an umbrella organization with state and federal grants and contracts; some staff were not directly involved with Nevada funding. Ms. O'Hare asked if Committee seats were filled by agencies or by individuals. She found the bylaws ambiguous. She thought the priority for choosing someone to serve could be an individual's experience and ability to participate. Mr. Erickson pointed out that about two-thirds of the people who have been on this Committee in the past and are members currently have been from agencies funded by SAPTA. The Committee was not making funding decisions; the State did. The Committee made decisions about setting priorities for prevention. Ms. O'Hare said that was the distinction for her serving on the Advisory Committee on Problem Gambling—an advisory committee could make any recommendations it chose, but the State made all funding decisions. That provided a firewall against the risk of influence.

Ms. Gustafson said she nominated Terry Kerns for membership. Ms. Kerns is involved in law enforcement through the Office of the Attorney General and is a retired FBI agent. Ms. Ross added that Ms. Kern's position was funded through the Opioid State Targeted Response funding. She is aware of what is happening throughout the state. Her current project is the Overdose (OD) Maps—a real-time overdose mapping project for every county. Ms. O'Hare pointed out that Ms. Kerns has worked on OD Maps by driving throughout the state.

Ms. Pyle asked for ideas on the best way to vote on the nominees. Mr. Wood suggested a member make a motion for a slate of three members. The Committee could then vote on the motion. Ms. O'Hare said that could be tricky. Mr. Wood said it would be the easiest way to do it, unless the Committee wanted to vote on all nominees, with the three receiving the highest number of votes being added to the Committee. Ms. Pyle said she did not think voting for a slate of three was equitable. She preferred to consider candidates individually. There was much discussion as to how to do the voting. Ms. Lang pointed out the bylaws state MPAC could have 15 members; currently, there were 11. She suggested removing Stacy Ward from consideration due to the change in her circumstances. If the other 4 were

put forward, all 15 seats would be filled. They would have a prevention representative with the Prevention and Technology Transfer Center, a law enforcement representative, a school representative, and a direct prevention provider representative. Ms. Lang moved to remove Stacy Ward's name from the nomination, and to vote on accepting the other 4 nominees. Ms. Gustafson seconded the motion. There was no further discussion. The motion passed, with none opposed. Ms. Lang suggested Stacy Ward's nomination be revisited next year, depending on her circumstances. She is very knowledgeable and would be a valuable member. Ms. Gustafson said she would be interested in knowing about Ms. Ward's ongoing participation in the Prescription Monitoring Program.

5. Review the Revised Nevada Behavioral Health Summary ([Statewide Epidemiology Profile](#)) to Make Recommendations

Ms. Rivers said each member should have received a copy of the finalized 2017 Statewide Epidemiology (Epi) Profile that included feedback from the State Epidemiology Workgroup (SEW) and was approved by the SEW. The Office of Analytics hoped to have the report published and on the website November 9. Ms. Pyle asked if Ms. Rivers would highlight the information that was to be added to the report. She read from the minutes of the July 12 meeting that Jennifer DeLett-Snyder moved to approve adding a section on stimulants and that Jamie Ross seconded the motion. The requested data was to be divided into cocaine, methamphetamines, amphetamines, and Adderall. There was to be another bullet point or section on fentanyl because southern Nevada had seen an increase in stimulant use and opioid use complicated by use of fentanyl, purposely or inadvertently. Ms. Gustafson said the report did not break things up. Ms. Rivers said there were some issues with the transition from International Classification of Diseases (ICD)-9 to ICD-10 codes. Some drugs were not been specifically classified in ICD-10.

Ms. Pyle said they requested information on gambling disorder. Ms. O'Hare said Julia Peek was able to provide the information from Medicaid claims. The two questions on problem gambling that were added to the Behavioral Risk Factors Surveillance System were not asked until July 2018, so the data would not be available until next year. Ms. Rivers said they could try to include that data in the 2018-2019 reports. She had nothing more to add on behalf of Jen Thompson and her team, the report being based on what was done last year, plus the suggestions. They will build upon it each year. Next year, they will look for problem gambling data. As codes are added to ICD-10, they will look for a better way to tell the story. Ms. Pyle noted the MPAC provided input for the data included in the report. Ms. Rivers discovered that the recommendations regarding stimulants were taken into consideration, but when presented to the SEW, the SEW decided that something needed to be done in further editions of the report since the data could not be pulled out in a meaningful way at this time. She was told information could be presented in a different format, but the SEW felt the report was complete.

6. Proposed [Bylaws](#) Amendment to Amend "Chair and Vice Chair" to "Co-Chairs"

Ms. Pyle explained that when the members of the Nominations Subcommittee met to discuss and consider nominees for Chair of the MPAC, the Subcommittee noted that current, rather than new, MPAC members should be considered. She said the Chair position has been difficult to keep filled. During the meeting, the recent change made to the SAPTA Advisory Board bylaws—from a structure of Chair and Vice Chair to a Co-Chair—was noted. The subcommittee voted to recommend that MPAC consider changing to that structure in order to strengthen MPAC leadership and to create a more effective and efficient committee. Ms. Lang said the change worked well for the SAPTA Advisory Board. They have one person from the south and one from the north serving as Co-Chairs. Section 4.5 of the SAB bylaws states, "The members of the Board shall elect two co-chairs from the Board members. The term of office for the Co-Chairs is two years, with

a maximum of two consecutive two-year terms." She said that correlated to MPAC's Section 4.4 about electing a Chair in odd years and a Vice Chair in even years. If the group wanted to move to Co-Chairs, the language from SAB's bylaws could replace 4.4 of the MPAC bylaws. Mr. Wood said it would replace 4.4.2. Ms. Pyle pointed out they could replace MPAC's entire Section 4.4 with SAB's 4.5.

Ms. Ross reported the transition from a single chair to co-chairs on the SAPTA Advisory Board has made a huge difference in the smoothness and effectiveness of the SAPTA Advisory Board. With co-chairs, there has been more accountability. If someone had to vacate the position for any reason, there would be continuity. Ms. Lang noted the discussion at the Nomination Subcommittee meeting was outside the parameters of how this should happen. The MPAC should go through its process. If the change was made, she suggested another Nomination Subcommittee be appointed to decide on nominations. Members concurred. Ms. Pyle pointed out it would allow people more thought to be put into it. If the Committee wanted to change the bylaws, the change could be made and they would have time to discuss availability. Ms. O'Hare asked if the Co-Chairs had to come from the Committee. Ms. Pyle replied they did. Mr. Wood recommended keeping Section 4.4.3, but changing the language from "Chair and Vice Chair" to "Co-Chair positions." That would give the MPAC the ability to replace someone if one of the two seats became vacant. Ms. Pyle agreed it would provide a fail-safe clause. Ms. O'Hare asked if the new Section 4.4 could be read. Mr. Wood pointed out Section 4.5 of the SAPTA Advisory Board bylaws read by Ms. Lang would replace the entire MPAC Section, except for 4.4.3. Section 4.4.3 would read:

If one of the Co-Chair positions should become vacant for any reason, the other Co-Chair shall appoint a nomination committee at the next MPAC regular or special meeting for the purpose of nominating a replacement Co-Chair. The nomination committee, made up of at least three MPAC members, shall meet at least once between meetings and present a nominee at the subsequent regular meeting. Nominees shall also be accepted from the members at the time of the regular meeting at which there will be a vote. A vote will be taken by the majority of members. If for any reason neither of the Co-Chairs is available for the meeting, the presiding Chair of said meeting may designate a representative to preside over said meeting.

Ms. O'Hare verified that the SAB language would replace everything in Section 4.4, with the exception of what was just read. She was concerned about language concerning length of term and frequency of elections. Ms. Pyle read the SAB language of Section 4.5 Board Chairs, "4.5.1: The members of the Board shall elect two co-chairs from the Board members. 4.5.2: The term of office for the two co-chairs is two years, with a term limit of two consecutive two-year terms."

Ms. O'Hare asked if 4.4.3 as just read in its edited form would be included. Ms. Pyle said MPAC's Sections 4.4.4, 4.4.5, and 4.4.6 would be deleted. Ms. O'Hare pointed out that Section 4.4.6 concerned filling an unexpired term. Ms. Pyle said the SAPTA Advisory Board bylaws had no such language. Ms. O'Hare suggested retaining what could be retained of existing bylaws, only taking SAB's language where needed. Ms. Lang recommended keeping 4.4.6, changing language to Co-Chairs. Ms. O'Hare moved to replace 4.4.1 and 4.4.2 with the SAB 4.5.1 and 4.5.2; to keep 4.4.3 with the language changes; to remove references to Vice Chair in 4.4.4 and 4.4.5; and to keep 4.4.6. Ms. Ross seconded the motion. The motion passed. Ms. O'Hare added technical corrections were needed in all places referring to a Chair or Vice Chair. She asked that the amended version be made available to the Committee. Mr. Wood said he would work with Ms. Pyle and Ms. Lang to make the changes. Ms. Lang asked if they could establish a nomination subcommittee to recommend Co-Chairs. Ms. Pyle appointed a subcommittee made up of Ms. Gustafson, Ms. O'Hare, and Mr. Carter. She said she would arrange a meeting.

Ms. Gustafson left the meeting at 10:10 a.m.

7. Make Recommendations and Approve Members to the Evidence-Based Practice (EBP) Subcommittee

Ms. Lang said she sent an email to Ms. Peek, Mr. Erickson, and Dr. Stephanie Woodard, asking about the future purpose of the MPAC. The group was established in 2002 to meet a grant requirement and morphed into advising on the Partnership for Success (PFS) opioid grant that ended on September 30. Because the Committee was grant-driven, she wanted to how it overlapped with the SAPTA Advisory Board, since one of MPAC's purposes was to advise SAPTA—which is the role of the SAPTA Advisory Board. Mr. Erickson told her MPAC ensured evidence-based prevention practices were used. He verified that the Evidence-Based Practice Workgroup was grant-driven. The previous version of the Partnership for Success grant did not fulfill the responsibility of the EBP workgroup. All of the interventions partners use are supposed to be reviewed by the EBP workgroup made up of people with expertise in prevention. They could look at evidence-based practices and decide to approve interventions. An evaluation team should be part of the process. Funding decisions have been and will be made through the request for proposal (RFP) process. Nevada will need experts to review practices and to make recommendations for changes after looking at the incoming data and reports from the evaluation team as part of the process. Dr. Woodard told him that CASAT already had an evidence-based practice workgroup. This group would need to vet interventions by looking at what the interventions were, what the program was, and if it was the best intervention for the area. Ms. Lang explained the MPAC and the SAPTA Advisory Board were related. In the past, the SAPTA Advisory Board has been treatment-heavy. If they were combined, there would need to be a prevention section and a treatment section. They would need to understand the other's scopes of work and the differences there were. Federal approval would be needed because MPAC is required by a grant.

Ms. Pyle asked if the EBP Committee would be part of the MPAC. Mr. Erickson said it would be its own entity, but the MPAC could recommend members. One or two members of the MPAC could be on it. The EBP committee would design the ground-level work; the SEW would look at all the data outcomes and put together a profile; the MPAC would take the data and outcomes and make recommendations on priorities for the Bureau. Each committee would work independently. Ms. O'Hare said she was struggling to understand why the agenda item called it "EBP Subcommittee." She asked if it was a subcommittee of MPAC, SAPTA Advisory Board, or SEW, or a stand-alone committee. Mr. Erickson replied the EBP Committee when formed, would be separate. This agenda was designed to create a statewide EBP workgroup for all types of prevention and all types of interventions—for alcohol, for drugs, and for education programs. The federal guidance was too broad. The federal officers (feds) want Nevada to focus on the work in the Bureau, so the committee would need to its own standing committee, not a subcommittee. Ms. O'Hare confirmed it would be a standing committee of the Bureau of Behavioral Health, Wellness, and Prevention. Mr. Erickson said it would have a Bureau staff member, but the committee would be made up of professionals who could look at EBPs. He stated that someone like Ms. O'Hair would have been a great member, with her of background in prevention and the work being done on the ground. She could make recommendations where changes were needed. The scopes of work coalition partners submit should be reviewed and approved the EBP team. Ms. O'Hare said she was stuck on structure. If this was a separate committee under the Bureau, the MPAC would not have authority to approve a member. The only action MPAC could take would be to discuss and recommend a member to those forming the committee. Mr. Erickson said he has requested more clarification from the feds. It was his understanding they wanted a committee separate from the MPAC, SEW, and SAPTA Advisory Board. But, in the past, this committee had an EBP subcommittee—it may have been for the purpose of the grant. Ms. O'Hare asked if that could be clarified because if the requirement was met by having a standalone committee, it would be redundant for the MPAC to have a subcommittee duplicating the work. Mr. Erickson said MPAC members had the expertise needed. He said he would ask for federal clarification to make sure no rules were broken. Ms. Pyle asked if there was a deadline. He replied the goal was to get the

committee in place as soon as possible. He said he would address this in the meeting he has scheduled with the federal project officer. He added that the feds wanted to get moving right away so the grant could move forward. Most recipients expect to start in January. In order to do that, scopes of work and budgets must be approved in the next month. The committee would need to be created and start doing looking at proposals in the next month. Ms. Lang said she was confused. She heard Mr. Erickson say CASAT had an evidence-based workgroup, which she had not been aware of. Mr. Erickson said he had not been aware, either. Ms. Adie said CASAT's EBP group worked on evidence-based practices for certified community behavioral health clinics (CCBHCs). Mr. Erickson had not heard of it or been a part of it. Ms. Pyle said waiting until the next MPAC meeting to get specifics would not work and wondered how members could help. Mr. Wood suggested they put forth names of potential members. Ms. Lang asked if this directly related to the role of the MPAC, or if it was a request volunteers for a completely separate committee. She also asked if this information would come back to them. Mr. Erickson replied that the evidence-based practice group would drive decisions on the kind of work being implemented on the ground. In the future, outcomes and reports would be given to the SEW; the SEW would pass the data to the MPAC for review. It would drive MPAC's decision-making for setting priorities. If a need was seen, based on what the information given was and how things were going on the ground, MPAC could decide more work should be done in an area. Those recommendations would determine implementation. Ms. O'Hare said it sounded circular. She thought the most they could do was identify who had the knowledge and expertise to be considered for membership on that committee, and they could give SAPTA those names. Mr. Erickson agreed. He said he would get clarification on whether in the future they could combine committees in order to use experts most effectively. Ms. Ross recommended Linda Lang to sit on that committee. Ms. O'Hare seconded the motion. Ms. Lang suggested another representative from this group be recommended. She thought the committee would need people related to the coalitions and the prevention field, saying evidence-based practices needed to be implemented in the community. Ms. O'Hare asked if Ms. Ross would agree to amend her motion to include herself as a recommended member of the committee when it was formed. Ms. Ross agreed. Mr. Carter seconded the motion. The motion passed.

Ms. Ross and Mr. Carter left the meeting at 10:30 a.m.

8. Make Recommendations of Agenda Items for Next Meeting

Ms. Pyle made note of Ms. O'Hare's request that the evidence-based practice committee be made an agenda item for the next meeting. Mr. Wood pointed out there was no longer a quorum. Ms. Pyle said possible agenda items could be sent to her. She stated that a presentation of the bylaws change, an update on the evidence-based practice subcommittee, and a report from the Nominations Subcommittee would be on the next agenda. She noted the next meeting had not yet been scheduled.

9. Public Comment

There was no public comment.

10. Adjourn

The meeting was adjourned at 10:32 a.m.