

**MULTIDISCIPLINARY PREVENTION ADVISORY COMMITTEE (MPAC)  
DRAFT MINUTES**

**DATE:** December 15, 2016  
**TIME:** 1:00 p.m.  
**LOCATION:** Div. of Public and Behavioral Health  
4126 Technology Way  
Second Floor Conference Room  
Carson City, Nevada 89706

**Video-Conference**  
Southern Nevada Adult Mental Health Services  
6161 W. Charleston Blvd.  
Building 1, East Hall Conference Room  
Las Vegas, Nevada 89146

**Teleconference:** Dial: (775) 887-5619, Passcode: 2000#, Pin: 1215  
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**MPAC Committee Members Present**

Cesar Melgarejo  
Cheryl Bricker  
Dena Schmidt, Chair  
Heidi Gustafson  
Karla Wagner  
Linda Lang  
Dr. Mel Pohl  
Patrick Bozarth  
Scott Shick  
Dr. Mel Pohl

Office of the Governor  
Partnership of Community Resources  
Department of Health and Human Services  
Foundation for Recovery  
University of Nevada, Reno  
Nevada Statewide Coalition Partnership  
Las Vegas Recovery Center  
Foundation for Recovery  
Chief Juvenile Probation Officer, Douglas County  
Las Vegas Recovery Center

**MPAC Committee Members Absent**

Carol O'Hare  
Joseph Joshua Livernois  
Keith Carter  
Dr. Kori Singleton  
Kristen Rivas  
Justice Michael Douglas  
Stephanie Asteriadis Pyle, Vice Chair

Nevada Council on Problem Gambling  
Northern Nevada HOPES  
Las Vegas Metro Police Department  
Primary Care Physician  
CPP- Children, Youth & Family  
Supreme Court of Nevada  
Nevada Prevention Resource Center, UNR

**Others Present**

Dave Wusby  
Yehn Lang  
Marco Erickson  
Jennifer Snyder  
Kyra Morgan  
Laura Valentine

Board of Pharmacy  
Board of Pharmacy  
NDE  
JTNN  
Division of Public and Behavioral Health  
Division of Public and Behavioral Health

**Staff Present**

J'Amie Frederick  
Janeen Silva  
Larry Davis  
Martie Washington

Administrative Assistant  
Administrative Assistant  
Grants and Projects Analyst  
Health Program Manager

**1. Welcome and Introductions**

Dena Schmidt called meeting to order at 1:00 p.m. Ms. Schmidt introduced Dr. John Dimuro. She stated Dr. Dimuro was in private practice for 12 years as a pain specialist and had accepted the Chief Medical Officer position with the Division of Public and Behavioral Health as of July 1.

**2. Public Comment**

There were no public comments.

**3. Approval of the May 25, 2016, and October 14, 2016, Meeting Minutes**

Mr. Melgarejo motioned to approve the minutes. Ms. Asteriadis Pyle seconded the motion. The minutes were approved unanimously.

**4. Announcements**

There were no announcements.

**5. SAPTA Update (Approval of Work Plan for Coordination of MPAC, SEW and EBP)**

Ms. Washington gave a presentation entitled, "Substance Abuse Prevention and Treatment Agency (SAPTA) Plan for Integration of the Multi-Disciplinary Prevention Advisory Committee (MPAC), Evidence-Based Practices Workgroup (EBP) and the State Epidemiological Workgroup (SEW)." Ms. Washington's presentation can be found at the following link:

<http://dpbh.nv.gov/Programs/ClinicalSAPTA/Meetings/MPACAgendasMinutes/>

Ms. Washington addressed the State Targeted Response to the Opioid Crisis Grant. She stated it was a formula grant available for all states. She stated that 80 percent was to be used for treatment, 15 percent could be used for the prevention of opioid misuse and overdose, with the remaining 5 percent for administration. Ms. Washington stated there was \$5.6 million slated for Nevada over the next 2 years. She added that if not all states apply, the amount of the grant could increase. She stated the application was due in February. A needs assessment and complete epidemiological profile was needed for the grant application.

Ms. Washington stated there was the Partnership for Success (PFS) Cooperative Agreement that needed to be addressed. She indicated there was a disconnect between MPAC, SEW, and EBP. She stated the SEW identified where the hot spots were for opioid crisis and issues and that this information should be brought to MPAC. She stated the MPAC then would make recommendations on what the proprietaries should be regarding the PFS grant. She stated James Kuzhippala was in the process of helping Ms. Washington with the application.

Ms. Washington requested feedback from MPAC regarding submission of the application. Ms. Schmidt stated that a conference call needed to be made in early January. She added that the application was for year five of a five-year grant.

Ms. Washington suggested that SEW and EBP be a standing agenda item for MPAC. Ms. Schmidt asked the members to discuss.

Mr. Melgarejo motioned to have SEW and EBP update as a standing agenda item for MPAC. Ms. Asteriadis Pyle seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

**6. Statewide Epidemiology Workshop (SEW) Update**

Ms. Peek provided update. She stated the logic model and bylaws had been finalized for SEW. Ms. Peek stated she had prepared coalition-level behavioral health reports and that the reports would be distributed to the coalition leaders this week and would be made available on the website. Legislative health briefs would also be available on our website. Ms. Peek stated these were a great opportunity to see what was happening throughout the State in totality. Ms. Peek indicated that there was an effort to obtain data from State Corrections. Ms. Morgan stated there was an effort to work with local law enforcement so that the data could be more localized to different areas. She stated the next SEW meeting would be held December 21, and more information available at that time. In addition, she stated the SEW would be nominating a new chair along with new members.

**7. Board of Pharmacy (BOP) Update on Naloxone Regulation**

A presentation was given by Ms. Long. The presentation given by Ms. Long can be found at: <http://dpbh.nv.gov/Programs/ClinicalSAPTA/Meetings/MPACAgenendasMinutes/>

Ms. Long stated that the purpose of Senate Bill 459 of the 2015 Legislative Session established ways a patient could obtain Naloxone. She explained that Naloxone was an opioid antagonist, a drug that counteracts the effects of an opioid to prevent an opioid overdose. One of the ways this medication could be received was through a pharmacy without a prescription.

**8. Presentation on Americorps Project by Julia Peek**

Ms. Peek addressed the opioid and prescription drug program on which Americorps would work. She stated Americorps asked that we put together a state application for a program also. Ms. Peek stated she had also put in an application with CASAT for a recovery core. There was a match required. This would be accomplished by using a prescription drug grant that was received for OPHIE. She stated this was an opportunity for someone in recovery to gain job experience and be part of the community. Ms. Peek stated the Office of Veterans Services had also applied for an Americorps grant. In addition, she stated there was a grant application for SAPTA, for the Suicide Prevention Office in Las Vegas, and one for HIV/AIDS. Ms. Gustafson asked about how these individuals would be procured. Ms. Peek stated that this was still in the process so she could not speak to that issue at this time. Ms. Gustafson asked why prevention money was being used to fund this. Ms. Lang offered for anyone to contact her for an overview how the funding would be used. Ms. Lang stated that the Americorps opportunity continued to grow across the State. She added that there were now 33 members.

**9. Review and Discuss Governor Brian Sandoval's Prescription Drug Abuse Prevention Summit**

Ms. Schmidt opened the discussion regarding the summit. Ms. Bricker stated that following the summit, she was creating a four-page narrative to help people understand the issues surrounding this matter. Ms. Lang mentioned that many were waiting to see what would happen throughout the next Legislative Session. Dr. Pohl stated that many in the medical community were concerned with dosage restrictions. Dr. Pohl stated that if opioid regulations became stricter, insurance carriers and other agencies should make alternative pain management solutions easily available. These could include things such as yoga or movement exercises. Dr. Pohl stated he would gather evidence regarding mindfulness-based activities for pain management.

**10. Discussion and Approval of Agenda Items for Next Meeting**

Membership  
SEW and EBP update  
Legislative update  
Update from Pharmacy Board for progress of limitations for Naloxone furnishing

**11. Public Comment**

There were no public comments.

**12. Adjournment**

The meeting adjourned at 2:43 p.m.