

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

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**MINUTES**

**DATE:** August 22, 2018  
**TIME:** 1:30 p.m.

**TELECONFERENCE:** (888) 636-3807 / Access Code: 1961091

**BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT**

Stephanie Asteriadis Pyle, Center for the Application of Substance Abuse Technology (CASAT)  
Heidi Gustafson, Foundation for Recovery  
Jamie Ross, PACT Coalition  
Linda Lang, Nevada Statewide Coalition Partnership

**BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT**

None

**OTHERS PRESENT**

Patrick Bozarth, Community Counseling Center

**SAPTA/STATE STAFF PRESENT**

Raul Martinez, Substance Abuse Prevention and Treatment Agency (SAPTA)  
Joan Waldock, SAPTA

1. Roll Call, Introductions, and Announcements  
Roll was called. All members of the subcommittee were present. The meeting was called to order at 1:37 p.m. by Ms. Pyle.  
Ms. Pyle said she worked for CASAT through the University of Nevada, Reno (UNR). She announced their new website, <http://casatondemand.org/>. Ms. Gustafson said she represented the recovery community, working for the Foundation for Recovery. She announced that the Foundation for Recovery was celebrating National Recovery week by holding its annual recovery fair at the Historic Fifth Street School in Las Vegas on September 29, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.
2. Public Comment  
There was no public comment.
3. Approval of Minutes from October 24, 2017 Meeting  
Ms. Lang moved to approve the minutes as written. Ms. Ross seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.
4. Discuss Nominations to Replace the Chair and Fill Vacated Member Seats and Make Recommendations to the Multidisciplinary Prevention Advisory Council (MPAC)  
Ms. Pyle suggested they consider the two actions separately. She would like to discuss nominations to fill vacated member seats first. She asked if subcommittee members spoke to anyone willing to serve on the MPAC.

Ms. Gustafson said she had two recommendations, plus one who had not yet confirmed:

- Terry Kerns, the Substance Abuse/Law Enforcement Coordinator, Office of the Attorney General confirmed her willingness to serve. She has asked Patty Cafferata, the Special Assistant Attorney General for the Office of the Attorney General to confirm there was no conflict of interest. Ms. Gustafson reported Ms. Kerns was both a retired nurse and a retired Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) special agent. She would offer a medical perspective, a law enforcement perspective, and the overarching view of the state.
- Stefanie Maplethorpe, Licensed Clinical Social Worker (LCSW), has mentored people preparing for LCSW licensing. She has worked with the diversionary courts in the community in and around the treatment field, currently working for Judge Leung with the Las Vegas Municipal Court's diversionary court. Ms. Ross said Ms. Maplethorpe was a member of the Board of Social Workers. Ms. Gustafson said Ms. Maplethorpe knew the legal needs of people through her work with the diversionary court system. In addition, she would have the state overview as a member of the Board of Social Workers.
- Jeffrey Iverson, founder of Freedom House, has had a long history of involvement in the treatment community. Ms. Gustafson reported he was in the process of opening Crossroads of Southern Nevada in Las Vegas. Ms. Gustafson thought he had a good overview of what was happening in southern Nevada through his work in the community.

Ms. Pyle said she was primarily interested in their perspectives for prevention purposes. It was her belief the Council needed diversity, with people having an interest, background, or participation in prevention or experience with the coalitions. Ms. Gustafson said each of the three was known to her personally. There would not be any opposition to prevention—each believed prevention worked and there should be more of it.

Ms. Lang explained her process in choosing candidates for vacant seats. She took the current Council membership list, identifying whether members served in the north, the south, or statewide. Then she identified the discipline they represented. She said the bylaws stated that the Council must have a minimum of 15 members representing all disciplines, including mental health; tobacco control; law enforcement; primary care providers; judicial; education; juvenile justice; Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender, and Questioning (LGBTQ); military; and drug enforcement. She used those criteria to discover how closely they included those communities. She stated that current members represented treatment, prevention, Division of Child and Family Services, drug enforcement, higher education, primary care, and recovery. She had two recommendations:

- Stacy Ward, the Reno Police Department (RPD) law enforcement prevention coordinator, would bring a blend of law enforcement and primary prevention focus. She has coordinated RPD's Peace Officers Standards and Training (POST) regarding prevention, working closely with various coalitions. She has also done physician training, working closely with Larry Pinson and his staff at the Nevada State Board of Pharmacy. She agreed to have her name put forward.
- Alyson Mullen has been responsible for the Basics Program, a university-level evidence-based prevention program educating college students determined to be at-risk. These UNR students meet with a Basics coordinator to go through the program. The program focus is on freshmen so they do not start using substances. The Basics Program is funded by coalitions to do prevention through Quest Counseling, a treatment facility focusing on youth. If Alyson accepted the position, adding her to the membership would balance membership north and south. She would also add a direct service perspective.

Ms. Lang said there were coalition staff who would be interested in becoming members. Ms. Pyle said she made the same approach as Ms. Lang when looking at the membership--falling back on the bylaws as the guiding document and tried to balance the membership. She said she hoped they could add a member from the judiciary or law enforcement and the rurals.

Ms. Ross proposed two candidates. She looked at the current membership and saw they were missing education and DCFS, both from the direct service provider perspective. She suggested:

- Rosa O'Bannon, a direct service provider who runs Safe and Drug-Free Schools for the Clark County School District. She reported that Ms. O'Bannon oversaw the direct service primary prevention program "All-Stars" in more than 20 middle schools. She would fill a slot for education and for a direct service provider.
- Sarah Beers, from the Parent Projecting in Clark County. She said The Parenting Project provided direct services parenting classes. Some participants in the classes sign up for them, others are mandated by the courts to attend. She would bring an institutional knowledge. She has been funded as a direct service provider for years. Ms. Ross said Ms. Beers would add the voice of a direct service provider.

Ms. Pyle offered:

- Valerie Cauhape with Carson City Health and Human Services (CCHHS) pregnancy prevention and accreditation. She has led a data workgroup. She was enthusiastic about the opportunity to serve on the Council. While not currently working in the area, she would like to get back into what she was doing with pregnancy prevention. Ms. Pyle noticed in the draft Statewide Epidemiological Profile for 2017 that pregnant women were an at-risk population, particularly with marijuana being legal and expectant mothers smoking it to alleviate morning sickness. Ms. Cauhape would provide insight into maternal and fetal issues. She has experience in both mentoring and oversight.
- Alyssa O'Hare, overseer of the Center for the Application of Prevention Technologies (CAPT) West Resource Team. Ms. Pyle said the team, with a budget over \$1 million, trained primarily in the west, but reached into the nation. Ms. O'Hare would provide a global view, statewide and nationwide. The work she has been part of, working closely with Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration Strategic Prevention Framework, has been cutting edge. She has been responsible for training, technical assistance, and program evaluation and has helped with needs assessments in the state. She would be willing to chair the MPAC.
- Natalie Powell, currently working or CASAT, has a tobacco background.

Ms. Gustafson asked if any of the people presented would represent the rurals. Ms. Pyle replied the Council seats needed to be filled and the Council needed to have a strong chair. After that was done, the Council could add more members to get more rural representation. Nominees for seats could be presented at any time.

Ms. Ross suggested that Mary Duff from NyE Community Coalition be considered for membership. She said Ms. Duff has done a lot of the work in Pahrump, Lincoln County, and Esmeralda County. Ms. Gustafson suggested considering Lana Robards of New Frontier.

Ms. Gustafson liked the idea of taking care of the immediate needs, then adding representatives from the rurals. Ms. Ross asked if all of the current members were still interested in serving on MPAC. Mr. Martinez said he had been in contact with all of those currently on the membership list and all of them wanted to remain on the Council. Ms. Lang said she would like to fill the four open slots, plus recommend a chair in order to move the slate forward. Ms. Pyle said they could present as many nominees as they wanted in order and give the MPAC a choice. Ms. Lang said the reason for the subcommittee was to vet candidates and make recommendations. Ms. Pyle said the purpose of voting was to have a choice. She pointed out that two people on the list had not agreed to serve, so they could be taken off the list. Ms. Lang asked if they were going to present the 10 names on the list to the full group or if they were going to whittle the list down and make recommendations. Ms. Pyle asked if they could discuss the ones suggested. Ms. Gustafson said it will be difficult to whittle down the list because all the people were well-qualified. Ms. Lang said she would like to

present Terry Kerns, Stacy Ward, Rosa O'Bannon, and Sarah Beers to the Council. Ms. Pyle said she agreed on Terry Kerns, Stacy Ward, and Rosa O'Bannon or Sarah Beers. She asked Ms. Ross which of the last two was the stronger candidate. Ms. Ross said it depended on what you were looking for. If you wanted institutional knowledge, Sarah Beers could remember what happened 20 years ago. Thinking about the goal of this committee, she would recommend Ms. Beers over Ms. O'Bannon. Ms. Beers would need approval from her agency to serve on the Council. If the goal of the Council was how to work toward prevention in the future, Ms. Beers would be the stronger candidate. If it was to add someone who was aware of what was happening in K-12 education, Ms. O'Bannon would be her suggestion. Ms. Pyle said she was inclined to go with the one who had current knowledge. She said she valued experience, but she pointed out that representation of the current situation in Clark County was important. Ms. Gustafson said both would be good additions to the Council. Ms. Pyle suggested they give both names to the Council.

Ms. Pyle said it was important that the candidates they presented wanted to be on the Council and were committed to serving. She would like to present a résumé or curriculum vitae (CV) so that people who were not familiar with them could compare them. Ms. Ross said she would talk with both candidate to find out if they had time to commit to this. She asked if she could pick the one who had the most time available to commit. Ms. Pyle replied that would not be in keeping with open meeting law. She said the subcommittee could meet again before the next MPAC meeting. Ms. Gustafson pointed out that in putting four names forward for the three seats—if another member resigned, the balance of membership could be off.

Ms. Pyle asked for discussion on the people she suggested. Mr. Martinez reminded them they also needed to recommend a chair. Ms. Gustafson asked if the learning curve would be too steep for someone brand-new to the Council to act as chair. Ms. Pyle did not think it would be a problem for Alyssa O'Hare. She said Ms. O'Hare worked at UNR for years, in the western region, and at a national level. Working at the state level with CAPT, Ms. O'Hare had a global perspective, so serving as chair would not be an issue. Ms. O'Hare's background in prevention, her global perspective, and management strengths would make chairing the Council not be an issue. Ms. Pyle pointed out MPAC had not had a strong leadership for some time. She thought MPAC needed someone with good leadership skills to move in, look at the overall picture, and move everyone forward—uniting them to work together statewide for prevention. Ms. Pyle thought Ms. O'Hare would work well with the Statewide Coalition Partnership and other partners. Ms. Lang agreed to present Alyssa O'Hare, Terry Kerns, Sarah Beers, Rosa O'Bannon, and Stacy Ward to the MPAC. She did not want to move Natalie Powell forward at this time because she thought there were too many university and CASAT people already. She also stated she did not believe a new member should serve as chair. Ms. Pyle asked if Ms. Lang would be willing to serve as chair. Ms. Lang suggested they move to co-chairs to share the work. Ms. Gustafson noted that would require a change in the bylaws. She asked if Ms. Pyle would be willing to serve as chair for a few more meetings while they worked out details. Ms. Pyle said she would be willing to continue as vice chair as long as it took to change the bylaws to replace the vice chair and chair positions with co-chairs. Ms. Ross asked if they could inform the MPAC they wanted to change the bylaws. Ms. Gustafson asked how long the term was for the chair. Ms. Pyle replied that the chair served for two years, with chair and vice chair terms staggered. Ms. Gustafson suggested the co-chairs serve the same way. Ms. Pyle suggested they put it on the agenda for the next meeting. For now, the subcommittee needed to present nominees to the Council so the Council could vote and have all seats filled. Ms. Gustafson asked if the bylaws change could be written up so that it would be ready to present at the next MPCA meeting. Mr. Martinez said that it could not be done that way. The agenda for the next meeting could call for a discussion about changing the bylaws. The changes that were discussed in this meeting could be brought forward for consideration. If the committee voted for the changes, the bylaws subcommittee would need to be appointed.

Ms. Pyle moved to nominate Ms. Lang as chair and to add the five members: Alyssa O'Hare, Terry Kerns, Stacy Ward, Rosa O'Bannon, and Sarah Beers. Ms. Lang asked if she could be

recommended as temporary chair. Mr. Martinez said that position did not exist. He did not think it would be an issue for the MPAC move to having two co-chairs. He said Ms. Lang would likely only serve as chair for one meeting. Ms. Lang seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously. Ms. Pyle said she saw no reason for the nominations subcommittee to meet again. Mr. Martinez said they would need to meet after the bylaws change and if the MPAC did not elect the recommended nominees. Ms. Gustafson asked what the voting requirement was for the bylaws change. Mr. Martinez said it required a majority of the quorum present.

5. Public Comment

There was no public comment.

6. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 2:45 p.m.

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