

Division of Public and Behavioral Health
Substance Abuse Prevention and Treatment Agency (SAPTA)
Advisory Board

MINUTES

DATE: June 17, 2015

TIME: 9:30 a.m.

Meeting

LOCATION: NNAMHS
408 Galletti Way
Building 2A
Sparks, NV

DPBH
4126 Technology Way
Suite 200
Carson City, NV

Videoconference

HCQC
4220 S. Maryland Pkwy.
Building D
Las Vegas, NV

DCFS
1010 Ruby Vista Dr.
Suite 101
Elko, NV

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT

Steve Burt
Michelle Berry
Debra Ridenour
Denise Everett
Mashal Rivadeneyra
Jennifer Snyder
Jamie Ross
Frank Parenti
Debra Reed
Ron Lawrence
Diaz Dixon
Tammara Pearce
David Robeck
Jeff Munk
Michele Watkins

Ridge House
CASAT
New Frontier
Quest Counseling
WestCare
Join Together Northern Nevada
PACT Coalition
HELP
Las Vegas Indian Center
Community Counseling Center
Step 2
Bristlecone
Bridge Counseling
Frontier Community Coalition
Central Lyon Youth Connections

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT

Ester Quilici

Vitality Unlimited

OTHERS PRESENT

Christopher Croft
Kim West
Lori Hoffman
Sheila Leslie
Tenea Smith

Tahoe Youth Family Services
Quantum Mark
Quantum Mark
Rural Nevada Counseling

SAPTA/STATE STAFF PRESENT

Kevin Quint
Martie Washington
Kendra Furlong
Auralie Jensen
Sneha Ravikumar
Stephanie Robbins
Melanie Harrill
Cathy Wright
Sara Weaver
Agata Gawronski

Bureau Chief
Health Program Manager
Health Program Specialist
Health Program Specialist
Health Program Specialist
Health Program Specialist
Administrative Assistant
Administrative Assistant
Administrative Assistant
Board of Examiners

1. Welcome and Introductions:

Steve Burt called the meeting to order at 9:48 a.m. Mr. Burt noted there was a quorum present.

2. Public Comment:

Mr. Burt noted there was no public comment.

3. Approval of Minutes from the April 15 and May 20 Meetings:

David Robeck advised that Yolanda Correa was listed under “Board Members Absent” on the May 20 minutes. He indicated that Ms. Correa was no longer affiliated with Bridge Counseling.

Diaz Dixon moved that the minutes be approved following the revisions. Denise Everett seconded the motion. The motion carried.

4. Standing Informational Items:

Kevin Quint presented the SAPTA report.

Mr. Quint advised attendees that Richard Whitley had been named the Director of the Department of Health and Human Services. Mr. Quint also advised attendees that Deputy Administrator Mary Wherry would be retiring in October 2015.

Mr. Quint introduced Martie Washington as the new SAPTA Health Program Manager. Ms. Washington gave a synopsis of her experience in the grants management and substance abuse prevention and treatment fields.

Mr. Quint introduced Lori Hoffman of Quantum Mark. Ms. Hoffman will provide technical assistance to programs related to billing practices as well as issues with MCOs [Managed Care Organizations] and Medicaid.

Mr. Quint indicated he attended the NASADAD [National Association of State Alcohol and Drug Abuse Directors] meeting in early June 2015. Mr. Quint stated that one of the main themes of the meeting was “Behavioral Health Care Integration.” There was emphasis on the integration of primary health care. In addition, Medicaid-assisted treatment was also discussed. There were representatives from states across the nation; representatives from states that expanded Medicaid are grappling with the same issues that Nevada faces.

Mr. Quint advised attendees that the integrated Mental Health and SAPTA Block Grant is due on September 1. Mr. Quint stated there would be an open meeting to discuss the Block Grant.

Mr. Quint advised attendees that he prepared a whitepaper outlining his vision for SAPTA. Mr. Quint indicated the whitepaper addresses the six SAMHSA initiatives including:

- Prevention, Substance Abuse, and Mental Illness
- Health Care and Health Systems Integration
- Trauma and Justice
- Recovery Support
- Health Information Technology
- Workforce Development

Ms. Washington reminded grantees that the new State Fiscal Year would begin July 1 and that grants would be expiring on that day. Ms. Washington advised members that SAPTA Block Grant dollars would be moved to the federal fiscal year (October 1 through September 30). As a result, providers would be receiving an amendment to the original agreement. The amendment would cover July 1 through September 30. State dollars will be moved to the State Fiscal Year (July 1 through June 30). Ms. Washington indicated that this process would be performed in two stages. In stage one, the timeframe for the agreement would be amended. In stage two, dollars would be added to the timeframe.

Mr. Quint advised attendees that September is “Recovery Month” and there would be a march in Washington, D.C. to commemorate the event.

Kendra Furlong gave an update on Avatar. She indicated that SAPTA is in the process of training Carson Community Counseling, Ridge House, and Bristlecone so they can go on Avatar July 20. Ms. Furlong indicated SAPTA has an aggressive schedule so that providers could be on Avatar by October 1 because NHIPPS will then be read only. This will allow SAPTA to make updates to DSM-5 and ICD-10 codes in Avatar only. Ms. Furlong stated that there are three providers using Avatar: Quest, Vitality, and New Frontier. Providers expressed concern about the challenges of moving to Avatar.

Michelle Berry presented the CASAT [Center for the Application of Substance Abuse Technologies] report.

Ms. Berry advised that CASAT would be offering training free of charge to SAPTA Providers in July and August. Ms. Berry recommended that providers sign up for the training sessions via the CASAT website.

Ms. Berry stated the peer review process was complete. Ms. Berry stated that CASAT was developing the training series pertaining to the prevention of counselor burnout. In addition, Ms. Berry indicated that the Nevada Fact Sheet was being updated and she requested additional provider input.

5. Legislative Update:

Mr. Quint provided an update on bills of the 2015 Legislative Session:

- Senate Bill (SB) 500 –The bill was passed and was signed by Governor Sandoval.
- SB 49 – This bill pertained to the peer support-worker agency model. This bill did not pass.
- SB 459 – This was an omnibus bill pertaining prescription drugs. The bill was passed and was signed by Governor Sandoval.
- Assembly Bill 81 – This bill pertained to individuals in court-ordered treatment programs and stated they are not required to go to a Division-approved program. The bill was passed and was signed by Governor Sandoval.

6. SAPTA Federal Block Grant Update:

Mr. Quint encouraged SAPTA Advisory Board members to attend the Behavioral Health Planning and Advisory Council (BHPAC) meeting July 14 during which there would be discussion of the integrated SAPTA and Mental Health Block Grants.

7. Discussion of the SAPTA Advisory Board Makeup:

Mr. Quint stated that one of the roles of the Advisory Board is to improve the SAPTA Block Grant. He advised members that the Mental Health Block Grant is overseen by the BHPAC. The BHPAC is

comprised of consumers. Mr. Quint advised members that it has been suggested that the SAPTA Advisory Board and the BHPAC be combined into one. Mr. Burt stated this would be an opportunity for the Board and Council to be a singular, cohesive unit in which meetings could be held in the north and south. Mr. Burt and Mr. Quint agreed that, in the event the Board and the Council were combined, the bylaws would need to be integrated.

8. Review Possible Agenda Items for the Next SAPTA Advisory Board Meeting:

Mr. Burt requested agenda items for the next Board meeting. No items were put forth.

9. Public Comment:

Mr. Burt requested public comment. There were no public comments.

10. Adjourn:

Mr. Burt adjourned the meeting at 11:24 a.m.