
**Substance Abuse Prevention and Treatment Agency Advisory Board Bimonthly
Meeting
DRAFT MINUTES**

DATE: February 12, 2020 TIME: 9:00 a.m.

Meeting Locations:

Division of Public and Behavioral Health
Bureau of Behavioral Health Wellness
and Prevention
Conference Room 201, 2nd Floor
4126 Technology Way, Suite 200
Carson City, NV

Bureau of Health Care Quality and
Compliance
Large Conference Room
4220 Maryland Parkway, Building D,
Suite 810
Las Vegas, NV

Members Present: Bridge Counseling Associates, David Robeck; New Frontier Treatment Center, Lana Robards; Ridge House, Denise Everett and Dani Tillman; Vitality Unlimited, Betti Magney; PACT, Jamie Ross; HELP of Southern Nevada, Jasmine Troop; Quest Counseling and Consulting, Jolene Dalluhn; Join Together Northern Nevada, Jennifer DeLett-Snyder; WestCare Nevada, Leo Magridician; Step 2, Mari Hutchinson; Center for the Application of Substance Abuse Technologies (CASAT), University of Nevada, Reno (UNR), Michelle Berry; Frontier Community Coalition, Wendy Nelson; Community Counseling Center, Patrick Bozarth; and Bristlecone Family Resources, Rikki Hensley-Ricker

Members Absent: Churchill Community Coalition

Others Present: Devon Lane, Bridge Counseling Associates; Brook Adie, Tracy Palmer, Kim Riggs, and Kim Garcia, Division of Public and Behavioral Health (DPBH); Raul Martinez and Joan Waldock, Substance Abuse Prevention and Treatment Agency (SAPTA); Roxanne DeCarlo, The Empowerment Center; Dorothy Edwards, Washoe Regional Behavioral Health Policy Board; Jesse Frederickson, The Life Change Center; Stephanie Asteriadis Pyle and Michelle Padden, CASAT; Lea Cartwright, Nevada Psychiatric Association; Robert Paisano, Star Counseling/Consultant LLC; Danny Berg, Behavioral Health Options

1. Roll Call, Introductions, and Announcements
Ms. Robards determined a quorum was present.
2. Public Comment
There was no public comment.
3. Approval of Minutes from the Bimonthly Meeting on December 11, 2019
Ms. Magney requested that Vitality's Dayton Certified Community Behavioral Health Clinic (CCBHC) location be added to the list of CCBHCs. Ms. Tillman moved to approve the minutes with the addition. Ms. DeLett-Snyder seconded the motion. The motion passed without abstention or opposition.
4. Standing Informational Items
 - Co-Chair's Report
Mr. Robeck recognized that Mr. Magridician was named vice president of WestCare.

Ms. Robards reported they would not be electing officers at this meeting. It will be on the agenda for the next meeting.

- Substance Abuse Prevention and Treatment Agency (SAPTA) Report

- Funding

Ms. Adie said SAPTA requested spend plans from all providers as they are more than halfway through the grant cycle for general fund and past the first quarter for block grant funding. With that information, SAPTA will reevaluate the budget to determine if there are funds that can be reobligated. They met with Meyers and Stauffer to discuss their rate study so SAPTA can understand their methodology for setting rates. In March, a request for application (RFA) will be released for treatment services for fee-for-service, outpatient, residential, adolescent, and women's services. They are working on identifying eligibility. The RFA for the new block grant that starts October 1, 2020, will identify their initiatives and explain eligibility. They are evaluating whether to do service contracts and/or subawards.

Mr. Magridician asked for an update on the women's set aside funding. Ms. Adie said the women's set aside funding has been obligated for this year. As SAPTA goes through the spend plans, they may reobligate funds. The email requesting the spend plans went out on February 11; it should be returned by February 18 so evaluation can begin the following week.

The RFA will include women's services starting October 1. Agencies currently not receiving funds and wishing to apply for those funds will do so through the RFA. Mr. Robeck asked if SAPTA had made changes or improvements since the last RFA. Ms. Adie replied that SAPTA did a prevention RFA through which they learned a lot of lessons. They may hire someone to facilitate doing RFAs. Mr. Robeck said his grant writer would be available for whoever that person is.

Ms. Dalluhn asked if the Meyers and Stauffer rate study done in 2016 was being used for the RFA. Ms. Adie answered they are meeting to understand how the rates were established for residential, transitional housing, and detoxification services. She said with the Substance Abuse Block Grant for treatment, they are shifting where money is focused. In 2016, money was not available to support a rate increase for residential services because so many outpatient services were being billed. Not as many outpatient services are being reimbursed, so the shift will allow discussions about residential rates.

Ms. Robards asked if the state plans to move ahead with the institutions for mental disease (IMD) waiver. Ms. Adie will check with Dr. Stephanie Woodard about the waiver. Currently, the focus with Medicaid has been on the 1915(i) state plan amendment for supportive housing and the CCBHC state plan amendment and ensuring the new CCBHCs are able to bill. They are also discussing budget initiatives for the next legislative session. Agency budgets are due in August. Ms. Robards asked if Dr. Woodard's plan for an IMD waiver would change what SAPTA funded. Ms. Adie reiterated that their priorities are the CCBHCs and 1915(i). Ms. Adie said she had no information regarding CCBHC funding. Ms. Tillman asked if the discussion on eligibility included the

working poor population. Ms. Adie said they were looking at that, but rates needed to be determined first. There is a need for residential beds in Nevada, so the state is looking at how many beds there are, how much it would cost to fund them, and what the rates are to determine how much money would be available to cover the high-deductible or working poor population.

- Fiscal and Contract Staffing Update and Information Regarding Length of Time to Process Grants to Be Approved Next Year

Ms. Adie recognized the lag between notification of funding and when agencies receive funds. The Division plans to hire its own internal administrative service officer to do contract reviews.

A December 10 management memo included a calendar for next year. If adjustments need to be made, they will be made. The calendar shows when an RFA would go out and when subgrants need to be returned to allow enough time for the contract unit process. Staff will review for errors to move subgrants more quickly. A management memo for the RFA process was also sent. Ms. Robards said one was for reporting requirements for prevention.

- Web Infrastructure for Treatment Services (WITS) Issues

Ms. Adie reported the number of providers able to submit files through WITS has increased. The WITS team set up individual meetings with providers to show them how to submit information and to highlight what the electronic health record agencies could fix. Many treatment providers felt the WITS team had not listened to their concerns throughout the process. Ms. Ross said there were similar frustrations on the prevention side. They are reporting for one grant. They are concerned that SAPTA has been unable to pull reports that capture their data. Prevention agencies would also like to use the reports for other projects such as grant writing but have not been able to pull the data. She asked that her concern be put on the record. Ms. DeLett-Snyder asked when they could stop doing double entry of their data. Ms. Adie said double entry during transition provides validation. Once SAPTA can pull reports and validate the data, they can determine how long this step is needed. She added that WITS staff is training Division and coalition staff on how to pull reports. Ms. Robards said her agency has been approved for live entry; it has not change the process. She added that Misty at her agency would be a good resource for people with questions.

- Center for the Application of Substance Abuse Technologies (CASAT) Report

- State Targeted Response (STR)/State Opioid Response (SOR) Grants

Year one of the SOR ended in September 2019. Ms. Berry gave a report of services provided during that year. Agencies receiving SOR funding include Bridge Counseling Associates, The Empowerment Center, FirstMed, Foundation for Recovery in Reno, Northern Nevada Hopes, Quest Counseling (2 grants), Trac-B Exchange, the continuing medical education office at UNR, Project ECHO, Washoe County Sheriff's Office, Eighth Judicial Court, Center for Behavioral Health, and Renown.

Under STR, the funded organizations are Dignity Health, Foundation for

Recovery in Las Vegas, There Is No Hero in Heroin, Ridge House, Mission High School, training services for specialty courts, and the Nevada Broadcasters Association public service announcement campaign on anti-stigma and the use of naloxone. Ms. Berry will send out the PSAs. CASAT will send out a new RFA for SRO for year 2. They want to fill gaps in the community. Ms. Berry will release a memo before the RFA is sent out. The Prescription Heroin Summit is being held in April in Nashville. Trainings for specialty courts will be held in Reno and Las Vegas. The rurals will participate by videoconference. Ms. Ross asked if prevention coalitions programs could apply for SOR funding. Ms. DeLett-Snyder said some coalitions already applied. She asked if those initial proposals would be considered or if prevention was off the table with SOR/STR. Ms. Berry said secondary and tertiary prevention are not off the table. They can be in the pool for the new RFA.

5. Social Entrepreneurs Inc. (SEI) Presentation on the Calculating and Adequate System Tool (CAST)

Ms. Edwards gave a presentation on the SEI CAST report. She referred members to the SEI report on the Division of Public and Behavior Health website at <http://dpbh.nv.gov/Programs/ClinicalSAPTA/Home> - [SAPTA](#). She said she would take the Board's questions and comments back to SEI. Mr. Robeck expressed concern about the report and using it to make funding decisions. Ms. DeLett-Snyder said two federally qualified health centers participated in the survey for Washoe County. They were more involved in mental illness and did not look at behavioral health. As a result, the Washoe County Behavioral Health Policy Board did not focus on substance abuse. She is of the opinion that the report for Washoe County is skewed. Ms. Adie said comments should be sent to dyohey@health.nv.gov or badie@health.nv.gov.

6. Public Comment

Ms. Robards announced that Denise Everett was retiring February 28. Dani Tillman will be the new Executive Director at Ridge House. Ms. Tillman invited members to a farewell open house from 12-3 p.m. on February 28.

Jasmine Troop announced that she was appointed to the Commission on Behavioral Health. She asked if a follow up to the October discussion on the consumer survey could be added to the next agenda.

Ms. DeLett-Snyder reported that Churchill County Coalition has an interim director.

Mr. Robeck reported that Bridge Counseling Associates continues to expand. They are holding an open house on Friday, February 21, from 3-6 p.m.

7. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 10:37 a.m.