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

**Date: April 8, 2020 Time: 9:00 a.m. to Adjournment**

This meeting is being held in compliance with Declaration of Emergency Directive 006.

1. Roll Call, Introductions, and Announcements

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

**Member Absent:** WestCare Nevada, Leo Magridician

**Staff and Guests Present:** April Bazwell; Michelle Guerra, Health Plan of Nevada; Devon Lane, Bridge Counseling Associates; Sean O'Donnell, Foundation for Recovery; Elyse Monroy, Overdose Data to Action; Linda Lang, Statewide Coalition Partnership; Michelle Padden, Mark Disselkoen, Amanda Hankins, Nick Tangeman, Stephanie Asteriadis Pyle, CASAT; Tracy Palmer, Bureau of Health Wellness and Prevention; Garrett Hade, Recovery Advocacy Project; Brook Adie, Bill Kirby, Kim Garcia, Kim Riggs, Stephen Wood, Joan Waldock, Division of Public and Behavioral Health (DPBH); Danny Berg, Behavioral Health Options; Tenea Smith and Walter Saunders, Rural Nevada Counseling

2. Public comment

Ms. Tillman reported a Ridge House clinician tested positive for COVID-19. Their administrative offices are closed, and they have moved to telehealth. The residential program remains open, but they are only taking admissions directly from locations where clients have been quarantined for 14 days and have tested negative for the virus. She pointed out their clinician had tested negative March 27, but tested positive on April 6. She cautioned providers to maintain quarantine even if they have negative test results.

Ms. Guerra thanked SAPTA providers for being available for clients.

3. Standing Information Items [This agenda item was taken out of order.]

- Co-Chair's Report

Mr. Robeck stated he knew how hard it was to keep operations functioning and how proud he was of Nevada providers. Because of Nevada's drug overdose and suicide rates, agencies still need to be on the front lines. He encouraged agencies to reach out if they need help as peers could provide telehealth for them. Ms.

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Robards agreed. She added her agency has formulated new ideas she is willing to share with others.

- Substance Abuse Prevention and Treatment Agency (SAPTA) Report

- Update on Consumer Surveys

Ms. Adie reported DPBH has not made progress on the consumer surveys. Mr. Humphrey continues to process surveys from the initial certified community behavioral health clinics (CCBHCs), but other providers do not need to submit them.

- Web Infrastructure for Treatment Services (WITS) Update

Ms. Adie stated that all funded providers except one are successfully uploading data. The WITS team is working to help the one agency that is having trouble with their electronic health records provider. In addition, all prevention coalitions are using WITS.

The [nvhealthresponse.nv.gov](https://nvhealthresponse.nv.gov) site has up-to-date COVID-19 information. It is the best resource on the virus. In addition, the information is being sent out on ListServ. Ms. Adie is available by email for guidance and to answer questions about COVID-19.

Ms. Adie asked that providers continue to communicate with the Division. The Division is pushing subgrant amendments through for telehealth equipment. As needs in communities change, she asked that DPBH be notified. If an agency needs to close or to cut services, she asked they notify DPBH.

The Division has been asked by Governor Sisolak to reduce the general funds budget for this fiscal year and next fiscal year. Ms. Adie reported the Division was asked to create several scenarios about what cuts could look based on percentages they gave. Those are now with Director's Office. No decisions have been yet about what percentages or which scenarios they will accept, but there will be budget cuts related to general funds monies, not medical marijuana and liquor tax funds. The priority is to make cuts without impacting direct services.

If SAPTA Block Grant (SABG) awardees have dollars that will need to be deobligated, Ms. Adie asked them to inform the Division immediately. She stated they are not looking at SABG funding cuts.

Ms. Quilici asked for clarification regarding service contracts versus subgrants. Ms. Adie replied they are working on a request for application (RFA) for the treatment portion of the SABG. They had hoped to have that out in March, but are in the process of applying for COVID-19 funding. She explained that the Division has specific service contracts for different categories. An agency must apply through the Department of Purchasing to qualify to perform these services. Whether they are funded through service agreements or subgrants impacts how services are monitored. With subgrants, they are monitored through scopes of work. She does not know which

direction the Division is going; they may both be options in the RFA. If a provider is operating under a service agreement, it cannot have a line-item subgrant under the same funding source, so this could be a problem for providers with multiple funding streams. Ms. Quilici asked if the Division would let providers know which method would be better for agencies. Ms. Adie said they would.

Ms. Adie said Dr. Stephanie Woodard asked agencies to notify the Division if a staff member tests positive for COVID-19, as the Division is working closely with the Division of Public Health.

- Center for the Application of Substance Abuse Technologies (CASAT) Report
  - SAPTA Certification  
Mr. Disselkoen reported CASAT is doing certification site visits via Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act-compliant Zoom lines. Documents such as licenses can be sent electronically to CASAT but CASAT's review of confidential clinical records will be done via Zoom.
  - 1915(I) Tenancy Waiver  
CASAT is still working with the Legislative Counsel Bureau on the Medicaid 1915(I) tenancy waiver.
  - Training  
Michelle stated CASAT has cancelled in-person trainings through May. They continue to offer online trainings. A seven-week clinical supervisor course for persons interested in becoming clinical supervisors or for those needing a refresher course is coming. She said a 50 percent coupon code was available. Those enrolled must attend all seven weeks in order to get full credit. They are offering a two-day psychiatric first aid webinar, and may do a second one.
  - State Opioid Response (SOR)  
They received 495 boxes, 6000 units, of naloxone; they have shipped out 2000 units to subawardees, distribution sites, or organizations giving out at-home supplies. They are establishing relationships with tribal organizations, and are increasing the number of new clients receiving medication-assisted treatment. Mobile teams were receiving calls to work with emergency departments before the pandemic. For criminal justice, they are supporting reentry programs. The neonatal abstinence syndrome (NAS) program is doing well.

4. Approval of Minutes from the Bimonthly Meeting on February 12, 2020  
Ms. Nelson moved to approve the minutes; Ms. Troop seconded the motion. The motion passed without abstention or opposition.
5. Review SAPTA Advisory Board Member Attendance for 2019  
There were no attendance violations in the past year.

6. Election of Officers

Ms. Quilici moved to reelect the current co-chairs by acclamation. Ms. Tillman seconded the motion. The motion passed without abstention or opposition.

7. Public Comment

Ms. Riggs thanked the State Targeted Response (STR) providers that endure.

Ms. Garcia announced this year's problem gambling conference has been canceled.

Ms. DeLett-Snyder thanked the co-chairs for their leadership and their willingness to serve again.

8. Recommendations for Agenda Items for June 10, 2020 Bimonthly Meeting

There were no recommendations for agenda items for the next bimonthly meeting.

9. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 9:50 a.m.