

SUBCOMMITTEE COMMISSION ON BEHAVIORAL HEALTH

MINUTES

December 4, 2015

VIDEO CONFERENCE MEETING LOCATION:

Conference Call: 888 278-0296 – 1585696 (access code)

COMMISSIONERS PRESENT:

Valerie “Viki” Kinnikin, Chair – Representing Social Worker (Las Vegas)
Paula Squitieri, Ph.D. – Representing Psychologist (Las Vegas)
Pamela Johnson, R.N. – Representing Registered Nurse (Carson City)

COMMISSIONERS NOT PRESENT:

Capa Casale – Representing Marriage & Family Therapist (Sparks)

STAFF AND GUESTS

Cody L. Phinney – DPBH
Kevin Filippelli, DPBH
Christina Brooks – DPBH
Leah Cartwright, JK Belv Associates

The meeting to order at 10:05 a.m. Roll call is reflected above. It was determined that a quorum was present. Introductions were made.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

No public comment presented

CONSENT AGENDA

DISCUSSION AND DRAFTING OF BEHAVIORAL HEALTH COMMISSION’S ANNUAL LETTER TO THE GOVERNOR.

DISCUSSION: A review of the previous Annual Letter to the Governor dated January 29, 2015, was reviewed.

Ms. Brooks, DPBH will coordinate and develop the letter. Ms. Kinnikin and Ms. Johnson agreed that the introduction from the letter dated 1/29/15 be kept and put in the new letter. Ms.

Kinnikin suggested adding information on co-occurring and disability programs. Ms. Kinnikin stated that if possible the letter should be limited to seven pages.

Ms. Brooks presented suggested talking points for development of this annual letter which was provided.

Possible topics included:

1. Children's Behavioral Health
 - a. Capa Casale submitted a draft with ideas for the letter for review and consideration. Ms. Kinnikin stated that the information needs to be summarized.
2. Seclusion and Restraint

Action: Ms. Brooks will work with Mr. Filippelli on getting information and data for this section of the annual letter.
3. Forensic: Stein and Lake's Crossing Center
 - a. Ms. Johnson stated the forensics is an important issue. Ms. Phinney stated that it would be helpful if the Commission would continue to support the need for forensic beds.
4. Workforce Development
 - a. This continues to be an issue and should be included in the annual letter. We need to emphasize the positive. There are agencies providing services for children that are closing. We are looking for providers.

Action: Ms. Brooks will contact Dr. Squitieri, Dr. Hunt, Dr. Nussbaum and Ms. Kinnikin for information regarding workforce development. Dr. Squitieri stated we should include the ongoing effort for recruitment for mental health professionals. We could use any statistics available on where we stand in the nation as far as staffing.
5. Criminal/Juvenile Justice Behavioral Health Services
 - a. This ties into Lake's Crossing Center and Stein Hospital

Action: Ms. Brooks will contact Joe Haas for information on juvenile justice.
6. Developmental Services
 - a. Children with Autism are now eligible to receive Applied Behavior Analysis therapy under Medicaid. Psychiatric services are becoming more difficult to obtain.

Action: Ms. Brooks will work with Jane Gruner, DPBH on more information regarding developmental services.
7. Possible Successes to be included in the letter:
 - a. Opening of Stein Hospital in Las Vegas
 - b. System of Care implementation Grant: SAMHSA Federal Grant for Children's Mental Health Services
 - c. Mobile Outreach Team – North
 - d. Expansion of PACT – North

- e. AOT (Assisted Outpatient Treatment – South (move to Washoe and Carson)
 - i. Mr. Filipelli will ask Ellen Richardson-Adams for statistics.
- f. SOT Success (Supported Outpatient Therapy) – South
 - i. Ms. Brooks will work with Ms. Richardson-Adams on getting information on SOT and AOT for the South and Kathryn Baughman for the North.
- g. Telemed and MOST – Rural – Dr. Sean Dodge will be a good resource

ACTION: Ms. Brooks will provide a draft Annual letter to the subcommittee December 18, 2015. The subcommittee will meet December 23, 2015, at 10:00 am, via telephone conference to review the draft.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

No public comments were received.

The subcommittee meeting adjourned at 10:40 a.m.