

DPBH COMMISSION ON BEHAVIORAL HEALTH  
MINUTES  
May 12, 2017

MEETING LOCATIONS:

Division of Public and Behavioral Health (DPBH)  
4150 Technology Way, Room 303  
Carson City, NV  
Northern Nevada Adult Mental Health Services (NNAMHS)  
480 Galletti Way, Bldg. 22, Sparks, NV  
Desert Regional Center (DRC)  
1391 S. Jones Blvd., Las Vegas, NV

COMMISSIONERS PRESENT:

Valerie Kinnikin, Chair- Las Vegas, Pamela Johnson, RN- Carson City, Noelle Lefforge, Ph.D.,  
Vice Chair-Las Vegas, Tabitha Johnson, Las Vegas, Thomas Hunt, M.D., Las Vegas, Lisa Ruiz-Lee, Las  
Vegas, Lisa Durette, Las Vegas

COMMISSIONERS EXCUSED: Asma Tahir, Barbara Jackson

Carson City:

Cody Phinney, MPH, Administrator, DPBH, Robin Williams, RRC, Amy Roukie, DBPH, John DiMuro, D.O.,  
Chief Medical Officer, DPBH, Lisa Sherych, NNAMHS, Kyle Devine, DPBH, Marco Erickson, DPBH, Edward  
Ableser, ADSD, Kirsten Coulombe, DPBH

Sparks:

Julian Montoya, SRC, Tom Durante, LCC, Cara Paoli, ADSD, Alex Cherup, ADSD

Las Vegas:

Joanne Malay, SNAMHS, Ellen Richardson-Adams, SNAMHS, Leon Ravin, M.D., SNAMHS, Matt Stoll, DRC,  
Sharon Dollarhide, Stein

Phone:

Tina Gerber-Winn, RC, Paul Shubert, HCQC

Chair Kinnikin called the meeting to order at 8:35 am. Roll call is reflected above. It was determined  
that a quorum was present. Introductions were made at both locations.

**PUBLIC COMMENT:**

There was no public comment.

### **Approval of the Minutes March 17, 2017**

A motion was made, seconded and passed to accept the minutes of March 17, 2017.

### **Approval of 2018 Meeting Dates**

A motion was made, seconded and carried to approve the presented Commission meeting dates for 2018.

### **Agency Directors' Reports**

Lake's Crossing Center: Mr. Durante provided a written report. Mr. Durante reported on staff vacancies at LCC. There has been difficulty filling forensic specialist, nurse, and social worker vacancies. To attract more applicants for these positions, as well as retaining current staff, increasing incentives for working for the State will need to be explored. A major concern is the number of referrals for evaluation and restoration services due to the demands of admission described in the Consent Decree.

Rural Services: Ms. Gerber-Winn provided a written report. Ms. Gerber-Winn reported on staffing issues. RRS has difficulty filling psychiatric nurse and mental health counselor positions. The Rural Mobile Crisis Response Team continues with much success. RCS continues to work with counties in the development of Sequential Intercept model including, MOST/FASTT and ongoing mental health training with law enforcement. There is a shortage of qualified behavioral health providers, specifically shortage of child and adolescent psychiatric coverage in rural Nevada.

NNAMHS: Ms. Sherych provided a written report. Ms. Sherych reported on the vacant positions at NNAMHS. There are no new programs to report but are currently working on collaborative efforts with the courts. Recruitment is underway for two MCH III positions. The Dini-Townsend Hospital received their three-year accreditation from The Joint Commission. There are no outpatient concerns or issues now. Recruitment efforts for vacant position continue.

SNAMHS: A written report was provided. It was reported that 83.00 FTE positions are hold now. Some nursing positions have been filled. Ms. Malay addressed the number of competency and evaluation requests throughout the state that are coming up. Ms. Richardson-Adams informed that as budgets continue to close, they will begin to fill more vacancies.

Stein Hospital: Ms. Dollarhide provided a written report. Ms. Dollarhide reported that they still have several vacancies. Adequate staffing levels is an issue of concern. An alternative staffing level has been proposed and is due for approval next week. Three Forensic staff members will be sent to the NDOC Category III POST Academy. Stein is almost current with POST certifications.

Rural Regional Center: Ms. Williams provided a written report. Ms. Williams reported that competition with county and local agencies makes it difficult to recruit professional staff. RRC recently conducted three "Getting Social with Your Peers" social skills training groups led by RRC psychological services staff. This group received positive feedback from all attendees and more groups are planned. RRC continues to recruit for providers particularly in the frontier areas of the state. The ability to find professional provider staff and state staff continue to be a challenge.

Sierra Regional Center: A written report was provided. There are concerns about psych nurse positions due to higher paying positions being available around the Reno and Sparks area. SRC has opened another SLA home for the two youths that were originally served in the pilot program as there is a need for more youths to go through the program. SRC has identified the need to work with JDT providers to increase capacity for supported employment in the community.

Desert Regional Center: A written report was provided. There have been no changes since the last report concerning vacancies. There are difficulties filling licensed psychologist positions during this quarter to support the department and we will consider additional contractors during the ongoing recruitment process. The DRC ICF/ID continues to be at capacity at 48 consumers and the waitlist is currently at approximately 15. DRC has numerous individual in out-of-state residential treatment centers due to the lack of options available in Nevada. DRC continues its collaboration with DETR in educating service coordinators and individuals served about WIOA.

#### **BHCW (SAPTA) Block Grant Update:**

Mr. Devine reported that the Bureau of Behavioral Health Wellness and Prevention has been working diligently to assure compliance with all federal and state rules. Staff have been working to improve policies, procedures, and mechanisms to address gaps. The Bureau is working to improve transparency and communication with the public. The Bureau continues to work towards improving sub-granting processes. The Bureau is publishing a list of all funded providers by funding sources. To enhance Nevada's compliance with federal requirements, staff have been working on revising policies and processes. We are making progress on complying with both State and Federal requirements.

#### **Seclusion and Restraint Report**

Ms. Paoli provided an overview of the seclusion and restraint data for ADSD. ADSD Developmental Services utilizes values-based treatment and support when addressing the needs of individuals. Restraint and the use of other intrusive interventions are viewed as a last resort method to be used only in an emergency situation, as defined in N.R.S. 433.5466. Activities and best practices utilized to reduce restraint and promote positive alternative treatment and support interventions include, Person Centered Thinking Training, staff training, Positive Behavior Supports, Crisis Prevention/Intervention Certification and the MANDT system which is a curriculum that emphasizes relationships in human service settings to facilitate the development of an organizational culture.

Ms. Roukie provided an overview of the seclusion and restraint data for NNAMHS and SNAMHS. There were no significant changes to the data points. Both NNAMHS and SNAMHS are trending below the national mean rate for seclusion and restraints. Ms. Roukie provided an update on budget hearings.

### **Local Governing Body Reports**

Ms. P. Johnson reported on LGB's for Lake's Crossing and Northern Nevada Adult Mental Health Services. Lake's Crossing continues to meet the evaluation requirements for restoration. NNAMHS approved some policies and completed their Joint Commission survey and passed.

Ms. Malay reported on the LGB for SNAMHS. Some changes were made to the seclusion and restraint policy and was presented to the board in the last meeting. Discussion took place on becoming a restraint free facility and working on researching evidence based models.

### **Aging and Disability Services Division Report**

Dr. Ableser reported that Alex Cherup is the new Deputy Administrator for Quality Assurance. Mr. Cherup introduced himself. Dr. Ableser informed that a subcommittee closing for agency budget was submitted and is scheduled for a hearing.

### **Seclusion and Restraint follow-up and Denial of Rights Reporting**

Mr. Shubert informed that HCQC is responsible for conducting periodic inspections of facilities as well as complaints. During inspections, HCQC reviews resident's rights and look at seclusion and restraints and denial of rights. If there is a complaint, HCQC goes out and does a more specific review.

Ms. Phinney informed the commission members that if they make a referral on specific items, her office can tag those and assist in communicating concerns with HCQC.

### **Update on AB 457 and AB 366**

Ms. Phinney provided an overview and updates on AB 457 and AB 366.

### **Bylaws**

Committee members reviewed the draft Bylaws presented by the Bylaws Committee. Chair Kinnikin will provide the correct name of the SOC committee. Ms. Paoli informed that ADSD is not listed in Article 1, number 2 and inquired whether it should be. Chair Kinnikin is in favor of adding ADSD. Ms. Phinney will have the AG's verify if ADSD should be listed and review the final draft.

Action: A motion was made by Ms. P. Johnson with corrections and after review of DAG, seconded by Dr. Durette, and carried to approve the Bylaws with the contingencies.

## **Policies**

The following policies were presented by Ms. Malay:

CRR 1.5 – Management of Civil Inpatient Elopement Episodes

CRR 1.3 – Seclusion/Restraint of Consumers

CRR 2.1 – Consumer Complaint Procedure

A 4.0 – Emergency Notification with attachment

CRR 1.9 – Civil Rights Grievance Procedure

Action: A motion was made by Ms. Ruiz-Lee, second by Dr. Lefforge and carried to approve the policies presented with corrections on policy CRR 1.5- Management of Civil Inpatient Elopement Episodes. A motion was made by Ms. Ruiz-Lee, seconded by Dr. Lefforge and carried to approve archiving policy CRR 1.9 – Civil Rights Grievance Procedure.

## **Future Agenda Items**

- Invite Executive Directors for Boards, Sheila Leslie and Jessica Flood to discuss their activities
- Add CCBHC

Dr. Hunt announced that this will be his last meeting as he will not be seeking reappointment to the Commission when his term ends June 30, 2017. Members thanked Dr. Hunt for his service and wished him well.

## **Public Comment**

There was no public comment.

The DPBH Commission on Behavioral Health meeting was adjourned to the Executive Session at 10:58 a.m.