

SUBCOMMITTEE COMMISSION ON BEHAVIORAL HEALTH  
MINUTES

January 30, 2017

VIDEO CONFERENCE MEETING LOCATION:

Conference Call: 888-398-2342 – 1705219 (Access Code)

**COMMISSIONERS PRESENT:**

Valarie Kinnikin, Chair  
Pam Johnson  
Thomas Hunt  
Tabitha Johnson

**COMMISSIONERS NOT PRESENT:**

Lisa Ruiz-Lee

**STAFF AND GUESTS:**

Dr. Leon Ravin, DPBH  
Kirsten Coulombe, DPBH  
Leah Cartwright, Nevada Psychiatric Association

Chair Kinnikin called the meeting to order at 2:11 p.m. Roll call is reflected above. It was determined that a quorum was present. Introductions were made.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS**

No public comments were received.

**Approval of Minutes January 19, 2017**

A motion was made by P. Johnson, seconded by T. Johnson and passed to accept the minutes of January 19, 2017.

**Discussion and drafting of Behavioral Health Commission's Annual Letter to the Governor**

Subcommittee members reviewed the draft letter provided by Amy Roukie.

After discussion of the letter format, it was agreed to have a cover letter that provides the list of recommendations and a report to follow. Dr. Hunt suggested that the letter include the first and fourth paragraph of the draft letter, and to be followed with a statement i.e., "the following recommendations are made," and then the list of recommendations listed below each item. Ms.

Coulombe suggested a contact name and phone number be added to the letter. The second and third paragraphs of the draft letter will be moved to the introduction of the report. Ms. Coulombe informed she will be removing part of the paragraph beginning with “since the 2016 report.”

#### Item #1 Children’s Behavioral Health Services

It was recommended that the third paragraph in the draft letter, relating to juvenile justice be deleted.

Chair Kinnikin inquired if the System of Care Implementation Grant’s four goals listed, are still the same. Chair Kinnikin stated she would look through her material to verify if the goals have changed from last year.

#### Mobile Crisis Intervention Program recommendation:

Ms. P. Johnson suggested that mobile crisis intervention be stressed that it is statewide, including rural areas. Chair Kinnikin advised that the recommendation include to “continue to support mobile crisis intervention program due to the documented numbers that have shown that it has been effective in all areas of the state.” Chair Kinnikin also suggested to include “services to follow up their intervention with mobile crisis continue to be a shortfall.” The second bullet beginning with “MCRT” will be replaced with “continue to address the urgent need for increased resources.”

#### Medicaid rates recommendation:

Dr. Hunt suggested that in the recommendation regarding Medicaid rates, that “review” be changed to raise and “to determine if” be removed and replaced with because. Dr. Hunt also recommended that the second sentence of the bullet that begins “with the expansion,” below the recommendation, be removed.

#### Item #2 Adult Behavioral Health Services

##### Forensic Services:

Dr. Ravin suggested that the second paragraph be removed. He recommended it be replaced with “State of Nevada keeps complying with the requirements for family admissions for forensic services for patients found incompetent to stand trial.”

Action: Ms. Coulombe will make changes to the draft letter and report as discussed in the meeting. A track change version of the draft letter and report will be sent by the following morning to subcommittee members via email.

It was agreed that subcommittee members will review the draft letter and report and individually provide feedback within a week from today’s meeting to Ms. Coulombe and Ms. Wendell via email. Once feedback is received, a new draft letter will be compiled and a meeting will be scheduled.

#### **PUBLIC COMMENTS**

No public comments were received.

The subcommittee meeting adjourned at 3:13 p.m.