DPBH COMMISSION ON BEHAVIORAL HEALTH
MINUTES
September 14, 2018

MEETING LOCATIONS:

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

COMMISSIONERS PRESENT:
Lisa Durette, M.D., Vice-Chair- phone, Tabitha Johnson, phone, Barbara Jackson, Sparks, Asma Tahir, phone, Denise Everett, Sparks, Natasha Mosby, Las Vegas

COMMISSIONERS EXCUSED:
Noelle Lefforge, Ph.D., Lisa Ruiz-Lee, Melvin Pohl, M.D., Debra Scott

Carson City:
Julie Slabaugh, DAG, Robin Williams, RRC, Marco Erickson, DPBH, Tina Gerber-Winn, Rural Clinics, Lea Cartwright, NPA

Sparks:
Patricia Romo-Macaluso, NNAMHS, Julian Montoya, SRC, Tom Durante, LCC, Valerie Padorani, NV Psychiatric Association

Las Vegas:
Rose Park, CSB, Ellen Richardson-Adams, SNAMHS, Leon Ravin, M.D., SNAMHS, Stan Cornell, Stein, Cookie Gamiao, SNAMHS, Gujuan Caver, DRC, Stephanie Steinhiser, Board of Examiners for Marriage and Family Therapists and Clinical Professional Counselors, Grant Bullock, Amanda King, Iraj Siddiqi

Phone:
Kristen Rivas, DCFS, Savannah Chavez, United Citizens Foundation

Vice-Chair Durette called the meeting to order at 8:36 a.m. Roll call is reflected above. It was determined that a quorum was present. Introductions were made at all three locations.

Public Comment
There was no public comment.
Approval of the Minutes May 11, 2018
Action: A motion was made by Ms. Johnson, seconded by Ms. Tahir and passed to accept the minutes of May 11, 2018.

Consideration and Possible Approval of Agency Directors’ Reports
Action: A motion was made by Ms. Everett, seconded by Ms. Tahir and passed to accept the Agency Directors’ reports as submitted.

Seclusion and Restraint Report
Ms. Gamiao reported the data for NNAMHS has been stable and below the state and national mean rate for restraints from May through June. NNAMHS is also below the state and national mean rate for seclusion and restraint from April through July. SNAMHS had a spike in April due to patients having multiple episodes of restraint. The seclusion data for SNAMHS was below the national mean rate from April through June. There was a spike in July due to several patients having multiple episodes.

Presentation on Physician and Psychiatrist Role in Death Penalty
Dr. Ravin reported there are 53 jurisdictions in the United States, 20 without the death penalty and 33 with the death penalty. Among the 50 states and federal jurisdictions, Nevada is the only state which mandates at least two physicians, requires a psychiatrist, offers no anonymity or license protection for physicians who are mandated to participate, names at least one physician (Chief Medical Officer) who is tasked with rendering of professional advice regarding execution and does not guarantee physicians’ rights to refuse to participate in executions.

See presentation on Physician and Psychiatrist Role in Death Penalty.

Local Governing Body Reports
Ms. Jackson reported the meetings for NNAMHS and Lake’s Crossing Center were cancelled.

There was no update for the SNAMHS Local Governing Board.

Discussion and Determination Regarding Seclusion and Restraint Emergency Procedures for Children and Youth Denial of Rights Forms Quality Assurance Process
This agenda item was presented at the Commission on Behavioral Health meeting with the Division of Child and Family Services on September 13, 2018.

Update on Substance Abuse Prevention and Treatment Agency
Mr. Erickson reported for Kyle Devine. Mr. Erickson reported the Bureau continues to work on goal #1 of the Strategic Plan, which is to strengthen the Bureau’s ability to manage effective Behavioral Health programs and strategies. One of the major changes made last week was the addition of a State Authority for Mental Health in substance abuse. Dr. Stephanie Woodard was appointed the single State Authority. Dr. Woodard will oversee all behavioral health services which includes Bureau of Behavioral Health Wellness and Prevention, Behavioral Health Policy, and Suicide Prevention. The Bureau is focused on goal #2 of the Strategic Plan, which is to increase capacity of the local communities to
provide service. Communities and providers are currently receiving approximately 17 million from the Substance Abuse Block Grant Funds. The Mental Health Block Grant has been accepted by SAMSHA. Funds are expected to be received for the Opioid State Response Grant. The Bureau has expanded women’s services, medication assisted treatment services, training of screening and brief interventions and referral of treatment services, and behavioral health clinics. New funds are in place for Project ECHO with the University of Nevada, Reno. A Zero Suicide Initiative has begun. Partnerships with the Division of Child and Family Services are in place to enhance the work of early severe emotional disturbance. Bureau staff are training on housing first model to assist in the strategic plan for community integration. The WITS electronic system is expected to be implemented next month. The ALIS certification system will be up and running by September 30th.

**Update on Aging and Disability Services Division**  
No one was available to report on the Aging and Disability Services Division. The update will be deferred to the next meeting.

**Update on Licensing Boards in relation to AB457**  
Ms. Steinhiser reported she became the Executive Director for the Board of Examiners for Marriage and Family Therapists and Clinical Professional Counselors as of July 1st. The Board has made considerable progress in improvements to include their new NAC changes which have been filed and approved by the Legislative Counsel Bureau. They have updated policies and procedures in removing systemic barriers to the licensure process. The Board continues to work on improving processing times for complaints and improving processes, efficiencies and services in the office. The new website is set to rollout in November. Once the website rollout and license renewals take place, the Board will be able to gather the data the Commission has requested and should be in full compliance by February 2019.

Vice-Chair Durette requested the number of applications received and the length of time an application takes to be approved, be reported at future meetings.

Ms. Johnson inquired on recent NAC changes and if it was possible to put changes in layman’s terms on the website.

Ms. Steinhiser replied the Board is in the process of creating a document to post on the website.

No one was available to provide an update on the Board of Psychological Examiners, Board of Examiners for Social Work, or the Board of Examiners for Alcohol, Drug and Gambling Counselors.

**Policies**  
The following policies were presented by Ms. Park:

A 5.2 Review of Client Death for Adult Mental Health Agencies  
BHO 003 Behavioral Health Outpatient (BHO) Service Delivery  
BHO 004 Medication Clinic Services
CRR 2.2 Cultural Competence  
CRR 2.7 Client Access to Clinical Records  
CRR 6.25 HIPAA Guidance for Privacy Practices/Breach Violation  
Gov 1.1 Clinical Services Hospital Governing Body Policy  
IMRT 2.1 Basic Documentation Guidelines for Clinical Medical Records  
SP 2.08 Student Participation in Client Evaluation and/or Treatment  
SP 4.14 Outpatient Psychotherapy/Counseling Case Review/Medication Clinic  
SP 4.16 Training Policy  
SP 4.18 Civil Admission Criteria and Process for Consumer Admission  
SP 4.19 Over Dose Reporting Requirement  
SP 4.32 Laboratory Protocol  
SP 4.47 Utilization and Quality Review for Mental Health Agencies  
SP 5.1 DPBH PASRR Program  

Action: A motion was made by Ms. Everett, seconded by Ms. Mosby and carried to approve the policies.  

**Future Agenda Items**  
- Continue with standing agenda items  
- Recommendation on Psychiatrist role in death penalty  

**Public Comment**  
There was no public comment.  

The DPBH Commission on Behavioral Health meeting was adjourned to the Executive Session at 9:37 a.m.