

SUBCOMMITTEE COMMISSION ON BEHAVIORAL HEALTH
MINUTES

February 12, 2019

TELECONFERENCE MEETING:

Conference Call: 888-636-3807 – 1961091 (Access code)

COMMISSIONERS PRESENT:

Dr. Lisa Durette- Chair
Tabitha Johnson
Natasha Mosby
Barbara Jackson

STAFF AND GUESTS:

Dr. Leon Ravin, DPBH
Brook Adie, DPBH
Dr. Betsy Neighbors, DPBH
Christina Brooks, DPBH
Kristen Rivas, DCFS
Laura Adler, DCFS
Joseph Filippi, DPBH
Elvira Saldana, DPBH

The meeting was called to order at 8:04 am. Roll call is reflected above. It was determined that a quorum was present. Introductions were made.

Discussion and make recommendations for Behavioral Health Commission's Annual Letter to the Governor

Chair Durette informed the Commission's task is to provide an annual letter to the Governor and a summary to the Legislature in odd number years regarding the progress made to date in the State and the conditions for both adult and youth mental health.

Chair Durette inquired if there were reports from the four regional behavioral health policy boards. Mr. Filippi stated he could send out the reports to the subcommittee members after this meeting.

Mr. Filippi reported there was not a Substance Abuse, Prevention and Treatment Agency representative at the last meeting. Brook Adie, Bureau Chief for Behavioral Health Wellness and Prevention, is on today's call and is willing to provide any information she can to the Commission. In the last meeting, Ms. Neighbors stated she could provide recommendations and a summary of concerns for the forensic programs. Ms. Scott had agreed to reach out to Misty Allen to obtain suicide information.

Chair Durette stated she would provide bullet point recommendations on the children's side from the three regional children's mental health consortium reports provided. Chair Durette agreed to also provide bullet point recommendations from the regional behavioral health policy boards.

Chair Durette inquired if the subcommittee members would be willing to provide bullet point recommendations from the sections listed in previous annual letters. Ms. Neighbors stated she would be ok with providing recommendations for the forensic section.

Ms. Rivas commented there is not a representative from Medicaid. Ms. Rivas recommended having Medicaid provide some of the ongoing issues that correspond to the bullet points. Chair Durette stated it was an excellent recommendation. Ms. Rivas will provide Chair Durette with the Medicaid contact name.

Dr. Ravin informed his report included information on the difficulties related to top specialties of psychiatry.

Ms. Jackson suggested bullet points to support and expand the peer support program. Ms. Jackson recommended the percentages and numbers in the letter be updated. Mr. Filippi agreed to check on the State's current number ranking in the nation.

Ms. Brooks mentioned in the Civil Services section, the previous letter mentioned CPART which is no longer a used method. Ms. Brooks inquired if the subcommittee members would like for the letter to be updated with the new method and include outpatient services for Northern Nevada Adult Mental Health Services (NNAMHS) and housing.

Chair Durette requested subcommittee members opinion on how much data should be provided in the letter. Ms. Jackson stated it should be reduced. Ms. Mosby agreed it should be condensed.

Children's Behavioral Health Services

Action: Any information relating to DCFS will be forwarded to Ms. Rivas.

Adult Behavioral Health Services

Action: Ms. Brooks agreed to provide bullet points on civil services, outpatient services, and mobile outreach safety team. Mr. Filippi will reach out to Jo Malay and Ellen Richardson-Adams to request to review the previous letter and provide the same sections as NNAMHS for Southern Nevada Adult Mental Health Services (SNAMHS). Any information relating to adult services will be forwarded to Mr. Filippi.

Substance Abuse Treatment/Prevention Services

Ms. Adie inquired if the request is to provide bullet points for recommendations and if the subcommittee members agree with them, she would then expand on them. Chair Durette replied the information provided should not be too much in depth.

Action: Ms. Adie agreed to provide bullet point information and will expand, if needed.

Workforce Development

Action: Ms. Mosby will provide information on social work.

Dr. Ravin commented if the subcommittee members needed clarification or additional details on the letter he provided, members can reach out to him.

Approval of January 17, 2019 Meeting Minutes

Action: A motion was made by Ms. Johnson, seconded by Ms. Mosby and passed to accept the minutes of January 17, 2019.

Identification of Future Agenda Items

Ms. Rivas suggested to place an agenda item to make decisions to accept the agency reports regarding the bullet points provided.

Public Comments

No public comments were received.

The subcommittee meeting adjourned at 8:42 a.m.