

**DIVISION OF PUBLIC AND BEHAVIORAL HEALTH**  
**WASHOE REGIONAL BEHAVIORAL HEALTH POLICY BOARD**

Washoe County Complex, Central Conference Room, Building C

1001 East 9<sup>th</sup> Street,

Reno, Nevada 89512

January 7, 2019

9:00 a.m. to Adjournment

**DRAFT MINUTES**

**1. Call to Order**

Chuck Duarte, Chair

**In Attendance:** Jeannine Ward, CASAT, Denise Everett, Ridge House, Dani Tillman, Ridge House

**Introductions, Members of the Washoe Regional Behavioral Health Policy Board in Attendance:**

Charles Duarte, Kevin Dick, Sandy Stamates, Wade Clark, Dr. Kristin Davis-Coelho, Thomas Zumtobel, Jennifer Delett-Snyder

**Absent:** Henry Sotelo, Sharon Chamberlain, Senator Julia Ratti, Dr. Jeremy Matuszak, J.W. Hodges, Charmaane Buehrle

**Regional Behavioral Health Coordinator:** Dorothy Edwards

**2. Public Comment:** No public comment

**3. Approval of minutes from September 2018 meeting – Chuck Duarte, Chair, and Board Members**

The board did not make quorum for this meeting and was unable to vote on this agenda item.

**4. Update on Certified Community Behavioral Health Clinics – Dawnmarie Yohey, Clinical Program Planner I, Division of Public and Behavioral Health**

Dawnmarie Yohey was unable to attend today's meeting; therefore, this agenda item was skipped.

**5. Discussion and determination of next steps for Assembly Bill 66 – Chuck Duarte, Chair, and Board Members**

Chuck Duarte, Chair, stated he would like to solicit volunteers to create a workgroup to help the board work with the legislature and state department staff. Dorothy Edwards

mentioned Mr. Duarte was alluding to an interview prior to the meeting and stated she was contacted by Jesse Becker from the Las Vegas Sun for an interview regarding AB 66; however, as a Washoe County employee she cannot give interviews unless it is a Washoe County sponsored bill. Ms. Edwards added it is more appropriate for Mr. Duarte to give the interview as the chair.

#### **6. Behavioral Health Coordinator Update – Dorothy Edwards, Regional Behavioral Health Coordinator**

Dorothy Edwards mentioned Community Triage Centers (CTC) and there is still some discussion on who will oversee the contract, possibly the county or city. Ms. Edwards stated there is not a start date yet; however, she will let the board know once she has more information. Chuck Duarte asked who issues the award and Ms. Edwards stated that is also part of the discussion as to who will issue the reward and monitor the contract. Ms. Edwards added the review committee also wanted a committee representing all entities of concern to oversee those kinds of financial oversights and programmatic reviews along with audits. Mr. Duarte asked if the Community Homeless Advisory Board (CHAB) could oversee that and Ms. Edwards stated there was discussion around that; however, a decision has not been made.

Dorothy Edwards stated she will be speaking at the Senior Services Advisory Board possibly at their February meeting since the December meeting was cancelled. Ms. Edwards added she also presents to the Criminal Justice Advisory Committee (CJAC) which is a group of elected officials such as, judges, the mayor, the county manager, etc. Ms. Edwards stated last time she presented to the CJAC she provided information from the board's Behavioral Health Profile. Ms. Edwards stated she was invited to participate with Catrina Peters, Washoe County Health Department, in interviewing and selecting the University of Nevada, Reno (UNR) intern who will be assisting the board. Ms. Edwards added the intern has strong interest, background, and experience in public health and she will invite her to attend a future meeting and introduce herself.

Dorothy Edwards added DPBH has contracted Social Entrepreneurs, Inc. (SEI) to perform needs assessments relative to behavioral health for each of the regions. Ms. Edwards stated she does not have all the information yet but once she learns more about what is involved she will let the board know. Chuck Duarte stated he would like to have someone from SEI come talk to the board because this seems redundant. Ms. Edwards added the state already conducts an epidemiological profile which she included in the annual report so she would like to know what is different. Ms. Edwards stated Washoe County Human Services Agency receives a grant that supports three community case managers that work for Northern Nevada HOPES, Community Health Alliance (CHA), and Catholic Charities. Ms. Edwards added the community case managers are critical to the work of outreach to homeless, at risk of being homeless, or severely mentally ill individuals and she is willing to provide a quarterly summary of data for the board if interested. Chuck Duarte stated the case managers have a very small caseload (approximately ten or less) focused on seriously mentally ill or homeless individuals and they have been very successful in getting

individuals into traditional housing. Dorothy Edwards stated she is impressed by the case managers because they have created relationships with motels that a lot of social workers do not have.

Dorothy Edwards provided information on two grants that are relative to behavioral health. Ms. Edwards stated the four Regional Behavioral Health Coordinators are funded by DPBH through a grant. Ms. Edwards added she is an employee of Washoe County, so position appears to be more secure than those who are not county employees.

- Ariana Saunders, Southern Regional Behavioral Health Coordinator – employee of Clark County
- Valerie Cauhape, Rural Regional Behavioral Health Coordinator, replaced Joelle Gutman and is an employee of the Human Resource Center
- Jessica Flood, Northern Regional Behavioral Health Coordinator, employee of Northern Nevada Rural Hospital Partners

Ms. Edwards stated the Mobile Outreach Safety Team (MOST) team funding is currently on the state budget and there is no reason to believe it will not be moving forward because it has been highly successful.

Dorothy Edwards stated she asked Amber Howell, Director of Human Services Agency, or Steve McBride, Division Director for Adult and Senior Services, to provide an overview on Northern Nevada Adult Mental Health Services (NNAMHS). Ms. Edwards added it was suggested to hold the board meeting at NNAMHS so the board could tour the campus. Ms. Edwards stated she would like to set it up for the February or March meeting. Dr. Kristin Davis-Coelho stated she will be looking at a larger conference room that will be big enough to hold a meeting with NNAMHS that will accommodate public attendees as well as board members. Ms. Edwards stated if a larger conference room can not be found then a representative can come out and speak to the board. Ms. Edwards stated Thomas Zumtobel requested to have Managed Care Organizations (MCO) so she will be contacting MCOs. Chuck Duarte offered to supply Ms. Edwards with MCO contacts which she accepted.

## **7. Public Comment**

Jennifer Delett-Snyder asked if the board was going to continue holding meetings on the first Monday of the month. Dorothy Edwards stated she can send placeholders for the first Monday of every month; however, if there is a special event, such as, going to NNAMHS. Chuck Duarte stated it should stay the same unless the board needs to schedule something special then there will have to be adequate public notice of the date changing.

## **8. Adjournment – Chuck Duarte, Chair**