

Update and Recommendations
to the
Legislative Committee on Healthcare

from the
Southern Nevada Mental
Health Design Work Group

July 29, 2008

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Background

- November 27, 2007 – Legislative Committee on Health Care (LCHC)
 - Discussed overcrowding of emergency rooms with mental health care patients
 - Two proposals were presented to address issues
 - Committee requested that a new plan be developed with greater input from Southern Nevada Stakeholders.

Background

- Saw this as an opportunity to address immediate as well as long term issue
- Engaged the major stakeholder groups representing diverse concerns and disciplines
- Committed to the transparency of the process
- Invested in outside neutral facilitator
- Centralized the coordination through the Southern Nevada Regional Planning Coalition – Office of the Regional Homeless Coordinator

Process

- Convened the leadership of the major stakeholder groups (Convening Group)
 - Committee on Homelessness
 - Darryl Martin, Orlando Sanchez
 - Hospital Association
 - Bill Welch, Karla Perez
 - SNAMHS
 - Richard Failla, Mark Stets
 - WestCare
 - Dick Steinberg
 - Transportation, MedicWest
 - John Wilson
 - Southern Nevada Mental Health Coalition
 - Janelle Kraft
- Gained consensus around purpose, process and Working Group membership

Working Group Membership

- Melissa Bonds, SNAMHS
- Rory Chetelat, SNHD
- Stacy DePriest, Mental Health Court
- Linda Doughty, St. Rose Dominican Hospitals
- Pamela Girouard, The Salvation Army
- Steve Grierson, Clark County Court
- Michael Howie, UNSOM / Mojave
- Russ Hurlburt, UNLV
- Bobby Kountz, NAMI
- Janelle Kraft, SNV Mental Health Coalition
- Ron Lawrence, Community Counseling
- Ann Lynch, Sunrise HCA
- Patricia Markos, UNLV
- Darryl Martin, Clark County
- Cheryl Murphy, DBSA Southern NV / SNAMH
- Rena Nora, Gov. Commission on MHDS
- Karla Perez, Valley Health System
- Leon Ravin, SNAMHS
- Lt. Frank Reagan, LVMPD Detention
- Orlando Sanchez, City of Las Vegas
- Davette Shea, Southern Hills Hospital
- Kathy Silver, UMC
- Mark Smasal, Dept. of Veterans' Affairs
- Dick Steinberg, WestCare
- David Toney, LVMPD
- Danielle Turner, City of Henderson
- Kathi Thomas-Gibson, City of North Las Vegas
- Bill Welch, Nevada Hospital Association
- John Wilson, AMR/MedicWest

Summary of Progress

- Reviewed LCHC Request
- Clarified Objectives
- Discussed Vision for Southern Nevada
- Identified four strategic directions
- Developed Action Plans
 - Long Term and Short Term
- One Stop Model Proposal Development
 - Clinical Subcommittee
 - Facilities Subcommittee
 - Policy Subcommittee
 - Financial Subcommittee

Working Group Consensus

- Pursue One Stop Model (OSCAR)
- May need interim steps, program, and/or processes
- Need some revisions to NRS to make it happen

Proposal

- OSCAR Proposal
 - SNAMHS and Westcare Presentation

Recommended NRS Augmentations

■ Relative to Transportation

- Take the requirement for transportation out of the language.
 - Patient does need to be medically cleared
 - Medical clearance exam should be prior to psychiatric inpatient admission
 - Client does not have to be transported to an acute care hospital for medical clearance; rather the medical clearance can take place outside the hospital ED setting and EMS/police/fire can transport to a designated facility if and when another SITE is available for medical clearance.

Recommended NRS Augmentations

- Relative to Medical Clearance
 - No change suggested

Recommended NRS Augmentations

- Relative to Legal 2000
 - Expand the ability to discharge patients off of L2K status to include licensed mental health professionals as defined below:
 - Licensed Physician or psychologist
 - In absence of such, by a person trained and licensed in clinical social work or nursing who has a graduate degree and clinical experience in mental health in consultation with a psychiatrist

Working Group Plans/Next Steps

- Work with the LCB on language for proposed NRS changes
- Continue work on the operationalization of OSCAR to include interim measures