



Nevada Regional Behavioral Health Policy Boards

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FACT SHEET

AB366 quick facts:

- AB366 passed in 2017 and introduced the development of BH policy boards
- Nevada is divided into 4 regions
- A policy board will represent each region
- Washoe County is its own region
- Each policy board consists of 13 members (total of 52 members statewide)

Behavioral Health Quick facts:

In 2014...

- 1 in 5 adults in Nevada had a mental illness (SAMHSA)
- 71% of youth with Major Depression went untreated (SAMHSA)
- 68% of adults with mental illness went untreated (SAMHSA)
- 28% of adults with MI are uninsured (MHA)

Role of the boards

Each policy board shall:

- 1) Advise DHHS, the Division (DPBH), and the Commission (Behavioral Health Commission) regarding:
 - (a) The behavioral health needs in the region;
 - (b) Any progress, problems or proposed plans relating to behavioral health services and methods to improve services in the region;
 - (c) Identified gaps in the behavioral health services and any recommendations or service enhancements to address those gaps; and
 - (d) Priorities for allocating money to support and develop behavioral health services in the region.
- 2) Promote improvements in the delivery of behavioral health services.
- 3) Coordinate and exchange information with the other policy boards to provide unified and coordinated recommendations to the Department, Division and.
- 4) Review the collection and reporting standards of behavioral health data to determine standards for such data collection and reporting processes.
- 5) In coordination with existing, submit an annual report to the Commission which includes, without limitation, the specific behavioral health needs of the behavioral health region. The report must include:
 - a. The epidemiologic profiles of substance use and abuse, problem gambling and suicide;
 - b. Relevant behavioral health prevalence data for each behavioral health region;
 - c. The health priorities set for each behavioral health region.
- 6) Each policy board may request the drafting of not more than 1 legislative measure which relates to matters within the scope of the policy board. The request must be submitted to the Legislative Counsel on or before September 1 proceeding the regular session.

Composition of the boards

Each policy board is composed of 13 members who are appointed in various manners.

The Governor or his or her designee appoints six members, and at least one member must be a behavioral health professional who has experience in evaluating and treating children.

- (1) One member who represents the criminal justice system
- (2) Two members who have extensive experience in the delivery of social services in the field of behavioral health;
- (3) Three members who represent the interests of one or more of the following:
 - a. Hospitals, residential long-term care facilities or facilities that

In 2015...

- 64% of adults and 79% of children reported improved functioning from treatment received in the public MH system, this lower than national stats (SAMHSA, 2015)

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- provide acute inpatient behavioral health services;
- b. Community-based organizations which provide behavioral health services;
- c. Administrators or counselors who are employed at facilities for the treatment of abuse of alcohol or drugs; or
- d. Owners or administrators of residential treatment facilities, transitional housing or other housing for persons who are mentally ill or suffer from addiction or substance abuse.

The Speaker of the Assembly appoints three members as follows:

- (1) One member who is a health officer of a county or who is in a position with duties similar to those of such a health officer;
- (2) One member who is a psychiatrist or doctor of psychology with clinical experience and who is licensed to practice in Nevada;
- (3) One member who represents private or public insurers who offer coverage for behavioral health services.

The Senate Majority Leader appoints three members as follows:

- (1) One member who has received behavioral health services in this State or a family member of such a person, or if such a person is not available, a person who represents the interests of behavioral health patients or the families of behavioral health patients;
- (2) One member who represents providers of emergency medical services or fire services; and
- (3) One member who represents law enforcement agencies

The Legislative Commission appoints one Legislator.

Regional Behavioral Health Coordinator

The goal of the coordinator is to support the development of an effective behavioral health system of care.

- Achieve community-wide engagement of behavioral health (mental health and substance use) stakeholders.
- Support collaborative efforts in the development and implementation of a comprehensive strategic plan.
- Increase capacity of the behavioral health system in Northern Nevada.

The coordinator services as a liaison between the community, state and the respective Policy Board.

