

Potential Bill Drafts for Consideration – Southern Regional Behavioral Health Policy Board

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1. Establish a (pilot?) program for the expanded delivery of behavioral health services to K-12 schools in Nevada.
2. Revise language from Assembly Bill 366 (2017) to adjust regional board membership (where there are no qualified persons for a specific appointment), increase the board's duties to try to more effectively coordinate and amass information, including revising the requirement to submit an annual report and perhaps seek funding to add staff to the board and/or develop a first rate website as well as track Legal 2000 data. Further, clarify whether the boards are to meet during the legislative session.
3. Rewrite appropriate NRS chapters to remove inappropriate/stigmatizing language as it relates to mental/behavioral health.
4. Seek a stable funding source for mobile crisis for both adults and children, potentially implementing the OSCAR (One System of Care And Resources) system that was recommended in 2008 by the Southern Nevada Mental Health Design Work Group; may also include creating/updating emergency management protocols to better coordinate mental/behavioral health response in the case of an emergency like 1 October.
5. Enact the "Freedom to Care Act" – any willing and qualified provider for mental/behavioral health, either for private insurers, state Medicaid, or both.