

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

Washoe County Complex, Central Conference Room, Building C

1001 East 9th Street,

Reno, Nevada 89512

May 6, 2019

9:00 a.m. to Adjournment

1. Call to Order and Roll Call

Chuck Duarte, Chair

In Attendance: Dawn Yohey, DPBH; Cornelia Soberano; Jeff Clark, WCSO; Jen Thompson, DHHS; Heather Redman, UNR; Dorothy Edwards, WCHSA; Frankie Lemus, WCHSA

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

Charles Duarte, Kevin Dick, Sandy Stamates, Thomas Zumtobel, Charmaane Buehrle, Jennifer DeLett Snyder; Sharon Chamblerlain, Henry Sotelo

Absent: Senator Julia Ratti, Dr. Jeremy Matuszak, Dr. Kristen Davis-Coelho, Sgt. Wade Clark, J.W. Hodges

Regional Behavioral Health Coordinator: Dorothy Edwards

2. Public Comment: No Public Comment

3. Approval of Minutes:

Chair Duarte advised there were no new minutes to approve.

4. Presentation on Crossroads Program

Board chair, Charles Duarte introduced Frankie Lemus, Coordinator from Washoe County Human Services Agency.

Frankie Lemus introduced himself and described the Crossroads program in Washoe County.

Mr. Lemus explained that the Washoe County Human Services Agency (HSA) leads an initiative providing a tiered/modified housing first approach, that focuses on identifying, intervening and stabilizing traditionally high complexity homeless or near homeless individuals through effective programming, services, and community collaboration.

Mr. Lemus walked through the presentation explaining the primary elements which include an alcohol and drug free supportive community; intensive and targeted case management; linkage to addiction and mental health services; and, life skills services. He discussed the current campuses, funding map, and service enhancements. The presentation also included data regarding the program participants.

Mr. Lemus answered questions regarding waiting lists, collaboration with community partners and growth potential. Sharon Chamberlain asked a question regarding long term care and Tom Zumtobel asked what the low recidivism rates might be attributed to. Mr. Lemus felt in large part the testing as well as the clientele. He provided his contact number to all in attendance and all were given a copy of the presentation.

5. Assembly Bill 66 Update - Chuck Duarte, Chair and Dorothy Edwards, Regional Behavioral Health Coordinator

Chuck Duarte thanked the board for their continued support of the bill and advised that it had gone through an amendment but did not change the intent of the bill. The reprint of the bill removes the requirement for DPBH to establish Crisis Stabilization Facilities (CFS) and also requires Medicaid and its managed care entities to contract. This allows for an endorsement as a psychiatric hospital to provide CFS services.

Mr. Duarte advised the bill had passed the Final Assembly Floor vote and was due to be heard in the Senate Health and Human Services Committee on Wednesday, May 8. He encouraged as many of the attendees testify in support if possible. Henry Sotelo expressed gratitude to Mr. Duarte and Ms. Edwards for the work on the bill.

6. Introduction of UNR Intern

Chuck Duarte introduced the UNR intern, Heather Redman who spoke about her background and current status as a second year student. Mr. Duarte advised the members that Ms. Redman would be assisting with the Behavioral Health profile and thanked the Washoe County Health District for collaborating in this effort again this year.

7. Behavioral Health Coordinator Update

Dorothy Edwards provided an update on several upcoming activities. She addressed the SAPTA/State project that involves substance abuse resource assessment. She advised that once the report was received, it would be disseminated and thanked everyone who had completed surveys.

Ms. Edwards also talked about thinking ahead in terms of future board priorities, including the formation of specific sub committees.

Ms. Edwards further advised that the Crisis Triage Center (CTC) due to open was still waiting on funding agreement by the hospitals.

8. Board Member Updates; Next Meeting

Board member Kevin Dick discussed the Opioid Accelerator Meeting held on April 5 and thanked those board members who were involved. He advised that ongoing work would be occurring and he would update accordingly.

Board member Jennifer DeLett Snyder reported on the Prescription Drug Round Up event that occurred on April 27. Nearly 2000 pounds of controlled, prescription and over the counter drugs were collected. Another event will be occurring in October.

Dorothy Edwards advised the next meeting would be June 6th and Judge Riggs would be attending, speaking on Community Court.

9. Public Comments: No Public Comment

10. Adjournment

Charles Duarte thanked everyone and adjourned the meeting.