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**Behavioral Health Planning and Advisory Council**  
**Quarterly Meeting Minutes**  
**August 13, 2015**

**Videoconference Locations:**

Carson City  
4150 Technology Way,  
Third Floor, Room 301

Las Vegas  
1391 S. Jones Blvd.

Sparks  
480 Galletti Way  
Bldg. 2A

**1. Call to Order, Roll Call, and Introductions:**

The Chair called the meeting to order at 9:06 a.m.

**MEMBERS PRESENT**

Alyce Thomas, Chair,  
Consumer  
Rene Norris, Vice Chair,  
Family Member  
Ali Jai Faison, Expressions  
BHSF  
Kevin Quint, SAPTA  
Michael McMahon, DHHS

Debra Parra, Housing  
Denise Everett, Quest  
Katherine Mayhew, DCFS  
Heather Kuhn, SAPTA  
Hillary Jones, DHCFP

Robert Volk, Consumer  
Sharon Wilson, DOC  
Susan Maunder, Consumer  
William Kirby, SAPTA  
Dawn Walker, CFMP

**MEMBERS ABSENT**

LaJune Primous, Family  
Member  
Cynthia Matteson, Consumer

Marion Scott, Consumer  
Elizabeth Burcio, Consumer  
Susan Orton, Consumer

Anis Abi-Karam, Private Practice  
Mechelle Merrill, DETR

**STAFF & GUEST**

Julie Slabaugh, Senior DAG  
Cheryl Baldovi-Manville, Administrative Support  
Melanie Harrill, Administrative Support  
Michelle Berry, CASAT  
Susan Sliwa, Senior DAG  
Sara Weaver, Administrative Support  
Heidi Gustafson, Foundation for Recovery  
Barry Lovgren, Private Citizen  
Skip Farley, Foundation for Recovery

**2. Public Comment**

No Public Comment.

**3. Review and vote to approve the minutes from the Council's Quarterly Meeting of June 18, 2015**

**Motion:**

- Rene Norris made the motion, accepting the changes to the minutes.
- Dawn Walker second the motion. Motion passed.

**4. Update on the Nevada Commission on Behavioral Health**

Tabled.

**5. Statewide Peer Leadership Advisory Council update**

Michelle Berry reported their website NV.DPS.com is working; Esmeralda County is not on the website. CASAT discussed adding private practitioner to the website. They will be providing a webinar in the fall, and will be putting together a community outreach plan. Continuing Education videos are available on their website.

**6. Overview of the Governor's Interagency Council on Homelessness**

Michael McMahon updated on the ICH CABHI Workgroups, the Council is hoping to get the Workgroups first meeting scheduled soon. The Council will be working on Nevada's State Plan for the Homelessness

**7. Review of the SAPTA-Mental Health Block Grant**

Kevin Quint updated on the joining of the SAPTA and Mental Health in January. Working together on the writing and combined submitting of the Block Grant to SAMHSA. Mr. Quint would like comments and suggestions from Council Members and public on the Block Grant application once it is on the website, is hoping to have a special teleconference at this point. The Substance Abuse Block Grant is 16.5 million dollars, and the Mental Health Block Grant is 4.5 million dollars. The integrating of Behavioral Health with Primary Care is not in the works yet, that is still to come.

Mr. Quint informed the Council Members the grant starts October 1, 2015.

Mr. Quint announced that Cody Phinney is the Division Administrator for the Department of Public and Behavioral Health.

**8. Update on Technical Assistance Grant for Planning Councils**

Mr. McMahon discussed the Technical Assistance Grant where a group would be working one-on-one with the advisory boards and helping with the integration of the Mental Health and the Substance Abuse.

SAMSHA strongly recommended the State of Nevada to apply for the funds of the Technical Assistance Grant; the State of Nevada staff will prepare this application. Mr. McMahon and Heather Kuhn will finalize the grant within the next week.

Alyce Thomas and Ms. Norris are willing to seek the Technical Assistance Grant.

**9. Committee Reviews**

- Executive Committee (Two members are needed to fill this committee – Adult & Child Planners)
- Behavioral Health Promotion Committee (Vacancies )
- Nominating Committee (Vacancies and Pending Members)
- Rural Monitoring Subcommittee (Vacancies)
- Bylaws Ad Hoc Committee- this meeting is scheduled for September 10 at 9:00 a.m.

Pending applications:

- Heather Kuhn – application pending for the DBPH Adult Planner

Email Melanie Harrill, [mharrill@health.nv.gov](mailto:mharrill@health.nv.gov) requesting to be a member of one of six sub-committees.

**10. Public Comment**

Barry Lovgren, a private citizen; inquires about if and when the Block Grant will be posted to the website.

Mr. Quint informs Mr. Lovgren it will be posted on our website. If anyone who would like a hard copy of the Block Grant application, we would be more than happy to send it to them. Sara Weaver informed Mr. Lovgren that there is a mailbox on Outlook where Mr. Lovgren can go to post comments on the Block Grant application, and where he can request a hard copy of the Block Grant if he chooses so.

Hilary Jones with Medicaid inquires about HIV testing being in the Block Grant. Mr. Quint confirms that the testing is in the Block Grant.

Mr. McMahon informs the Council Members about the Behavioral Health Advisory Council Composition form. Asks the members to fill out the form and return this form to staff.

**11. Discuss date of the Council’s next quarterly meeting on October 15, 2015, and open discussion on proposed agenda items**

- Ms. Thomas wants a list of each of the committee member’s duties and what each committee is about. Mr. McMahon will follow up on this.

**12. Adjournment**

- Denise Everett motioned to adjourn the meeting.
- Ms. Norris second the motion. Motion carried.  
Meeting adjourned at 10:23 a.m.