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Meeting Minutes

Monday, January 29, 2024

10:00 a.m. PST until adjournment

The meeting was held using remote technology in compliance with *Nevada Revised Statutes 241.023*.

1. Call to Order– Ali Jai Faison, BHPAC Chair

Chair Faison asked Jennifer Simeo to do roll call. Members present included:

1. Anna Marie Binder
2. Sarah Dearborn
3. Ali Jai Faison
4. Garrett Hade
5. Jeannie Hua
6. Lori Ann Kearse
7. Dr. Pearl Kim
8. Dr. Mavis Major
9. Ariana Saunders
10. Drew Skeen
11. Allison Wall
12. Dr. Mae Worthey-Thomas

Members absent included:

1. John Clark
2. French Dafinone
3. Krista Hales
4. DeNeese Parker
5. Misty Shore

2. Public Comment

Chair Faison commented that the BHPAC has lost members through resignation. He stated he's been a part of the committee for several years and had wondered if BHPAC was effective. He stated, after a year, they had accomplished some things. He stated the committee does what they can to try and help people where they can. He stated the committee can help and wanted to remind members they were only advisors and did not have law enforcement capabilities.,

There were no other public comments.

### 3. Approval of December 4, 2023, BHPAC Meeting Minutes – For Possible Action

Dr. Major made a motion to approve the minutes as written. Dr. Pearl Kim seconded the motion. Mr. Skeen abstained from the vote as he was not present at the December meeting. All other members voted in favor. Motion passed.

### 4. Updates from Legislative and Promotions Subcommittee Chairs and possible nominations for Rural Subcommittee-For Possible Action-Ali Jai Faison, BHPAC Chair

Ms. Simeo asked for an update from Ms. Binder regarding the legislative subcommittee. Ms. Binder advised that the original meeting was scheduled for January but there was a glitch with the posting of the agenda being available to the public and therefore the meeting has been rescheduled for February 28th. Ms. Binder stated that the Mental health consortiums have been approving their plans and there are now four approved. Ms. Binder stated the co-chair, Jill Fisher, has resigned and advised there was room for a co-chair. Chair Faison asked for a recommendation for a co-chair. Dr Kim said she would love to be co-chair. Ms. Binder made a motion for Dr. Kim to be co-chair. Ms. Kearse seconded the motion. All members voted in favor. Motion passed.

Dr. Major reported that the Promotions subcommittee will be meeting on February 1st at 1pm. Ms. Simeo listed off the members of this committee, which are Dr. Mavis Major, Ariana Saunders, Garrett Hade, Dr. Pearl Kim, and Ali Jai Faison.

Chair Faison was advised by Ms. Simeo that no one was currently sitting on the Rural subcommittee. Ms. Wall said she would like to be on this subcommittee. Ms. Binder said she would join as well. Chair Faison stated he and Vice Chair. Saunders would automatically be added. Chair Faison asked if Ms. Wall would like to be Chair, and she agreed. Ms. Binder made a motion for Ms. Wall to be chair; Dr Kim seconded the motion. All members voted in favor. Motion passed. Ms. Wall made the motion for Ms. Binder to be co-chair. Dr. Kim seconded the motion. All members voted in favor. Motion passed. Chair Faison advised that a topic to be discussed should be where is the budget coming from for time and travel reimbursement. Dr. Kim asked to join the subcommittee as well.

### 5. Establishment of 2024 BHPAC meeting schedule – For Possible Action – Ali Jai Faison, BHPAC Chair

Chair Faison asked the committee to determine the meeting schedule going forward. The committee discussed that meeting more frequently would cut down the meetings' length. Members agreed that once a month would be ideal to get the meeting to be one hour in length. Ms. Simeo reviewed other meeting schedules that could conflict with the committee, including the Interim Finance Committee, Board of Examiners, SUPTRS Advisory Board, and Commission on Behavioral Health. After discussion, the committee agreed that 10 am on the first Monday of the month would work best, skipping a meeting in February due to subcommittee meetings. Members agreed to meetings on March 4<sup>th</sup>, April 1<sup>st</sup>, May 6<sup>th</sup>, and June 3<sup>rd</sup>. Chair Faison stated the committee will reconvene mid-year to make the schedule for the rest of the year. Ms. Wall made the motion to accept the meeting schedule as stated. Ms. Binder seconded the motion. All members voted in favor. Motion passed. It was discussed by the committee that all presentations need to be streamlined so as not to allow them to take up too much of the meeting's time and need to be tailored to the committee's mission.

### 6. Possible recommendation to the Governor's Office for removal of BHPAC member John Clark due to unexcused absences – For Possible Action – Ali Jai Faison, BHPAC Chair

Chair Faison advised he had reached out to Mr. Clark with no success. He also mentioned Ms. Simeo had tried to reach out as well with no success. Vice Chair Saunders made a motion to remove Mr. Clark. Ms. Kearse seconded the motion. All members voted in favor. Motion passed. Ms. Binder asked for an update on vacant seats. Ms. Simeo advised there were five open seats and if committee members knew of anyone

interested in being on the committee, they could reach out and be walked through the application process which is on the Governor's Office website.

#### 7. Discussion of future agenda items – Informational Only – Ali Jai Faison, BHPAC Chair

Ms. Binder requested to have subcommittee updates on future agendas and noted there would be updates for these in March. Chair Faison brought up those individuals from five different tribes (32) from the Native American community had been sent to Arizona for treatment, however, Arizona had shut down the programs. He stated these individuals have been sent back and are being serviced in Alamo, NV. Chair Faison stated it is not right to not be serving our own community and this committee needed to discuss this. Ms. Binder said she has a good working relationship with the Native Alliance Group and said she will reach out before the Rural Subcommittee meeting and see what they would like for help. Ms. Dearborn said she is happy to loop in the Division of Health Care Financing and Policy (DHCFP) tribal liaison. She advised that she gives updates to the tribes about what services can be offered from Medicaid. Chair Faison asked if there is a need in the Native American community for aid. Ms. Dearborn said there was, but their participation would be necessary.

Ms. Kearse requested that the committee continue to look at the juvenile justice system and the lack of mental health and substance abuse treatment as has been discussed. Ms. Binder advised that there is a 10-year Strategic Plan from the Clark County Mental Health Consortium because of the Department of Justice (DOJ) findings. Ms. Binder stated she was going to see if they could do a presentation. Ms. Kearse said that is for Clark County and that we needed something to address the whole entire state. Ms. Dearborn advised Medicaid is leading the DOJ negotiations and the March meeting will be too soon for an update but one could be provided during the April or May meeting.

#### 8. Public Comment –

There were no public comments.

#### 9. Adjournment - Ali Jai Faison, BHPAC Chair

Chair Faison adjourned the meeting at 11:15am.