

STATE OF NEVADA
DIVISION OF PUBLIC AND BEHAVIORAL HEALTH
BEHAVIORAL HEALTH PLANNING & ADVISORY COUNCIL

September 28, 2018

1:00 p.m. to Adjournment

Northern Nevada Location

4150 Technology Way, Ste. 300
Carson City, NV 89706

Southern Nevada Location

1391 South Jones Blvd.
Las Vegas, NV 89146

DRAFT MINUTES

Council Members Present:

Sondra Cosgrove, Ali Jai Faison, Rene Norris, Karen Torry Green, Jennifer Sexton, Amber Neff, Drew Skeen, Katherine Mayhew, Charlene Frost, William Kirby, Brook Adie, Mavis Major, Gillian Rae Stover, Stacy Calvert

Council Members Absent:

Susan Maunder, Dawn Walker, Alyce Thomas

Others Present:

Joseph Filippi, DPBH, Joelle Gutman, RBHC, Ariana Saunders, Clark County, Julie Slabaugh, DAG

1. Call to Order

Ali Jai Faison, Vice Chair called the meeting to order at 1:05 p.m.

2. Public Comment

No public comment.

3. Approval of meeting minutes from August 28, 2018. – Council Members

William Kirby requested the record reflect he did not attend the August 2018 meeting. Charlene Frost stated Council Member Drew Skeen was listed as attending and absent. Joseph Filippi stated he would correct the member attendance on the August 2018 meeting minutes. Karen Torry Green motioned to approve the meeting minutes with the corrections mentioned. Charlene Frost seconded. The minutes were approved unanimously.

4. Update on current Legislative Bill Draft Requests related to Behavioral Health – BHPAC Legislative Subcommittee

Karen Torry Green stated the Council's Legislative Sub-Committee reviewed and discussed the four Regional Behavioral Health Policy Boards and their current efforts being made for their own regional Bill Draft Requests (BDR). Karen Torry Green stated the Legislative Subcommittee plans to continue to follow the progress of the Regional Board BDRs and will also follow other Legislative matters related to behavioral health. The Subcommittee plans to meet next in November 2018. Karen Torry Green reminded the Council, the Regional Behavioral Health Policy Board information can be found on the Division of Public and Behavioral Health website at www.dpbh.nv.gov.

5. Presentation on Regional Behavioral Health Policy Boards established by Assembly Bill 366. - Joelle Gutman and Ariana Saunders, Regional Behavioral Health Coordinators

See presentations handouts under Exhibit A.

Joelle Gutman gave an overview of the Regional Behavioral Health Policy Boards and stated the Boards would appreciate the Council's support regarding the behavioral health needs for the State of Nevada. Joelle Gutman stated each of the four Regional Boards have one bill draft request (BDR) for each legislative session. Joelle Gutman presented on the BDRs for the Northern Regional, Rural Regional and Washoe Regional Behavioral Health Policy Board. Joelle Gutman stated the priority of the Boards are to advise the Division of Public and Behavioral Health (DPBH), and the Commission on Behavioral Health on the regional behavioral health needs for the State of Nevada.

Ariana Saunders presented on the BDR for the Southern Regional Board and shared the behavioral health priorities the Board has discussed and plans to address for the Southern Nevada region.

Following the presentations William Kirby recommended Nye County be included within the Rural Regional Board instead of the Southern Nevada Region, due to the Nye County Coalition including Esmeralda, Nye and Lincoln Counties. William Kirby stated if Nye County was included within the same region as Esmeralda County and Lincoln County, it would promote aligning of efforts between the Board and the Coalition. Joelle Gutman stated she agreed it would make more sense and allow better alignment.

Karen Torry Green stated there are BDR proposals that would have funding attached, and asked if Joelle Gutman has financial data that would show the money that could be saved efforts such as crisis stabilization efforts and behavioral health transportation could be established statewide. Joelle Gutman stated there is not financial data available to show the dollar savings due to certain services not existing in the State at this time. Joelle added certain expenses are being paid for by the Nevada Counties and others by the State, which makes the cost savings hard to sell. Sondra Cosgrove stated Nevada needs to move away from money being considered County or State dollars and instead look at the money that is being spent on behavioral health as a whole. Sondra Cosgrove stated once savings is determined it can then be distributed back into the behavioral health system.

Rene Norris stated the Council's mission is to advocate for funding that may be needed for behavioral health, and once money is established in the Legislature it becomes "hard money" and cannot be taken away.

Karen Torry Green questioned if any data is available which can then be examined to determine the behavioral health financial burdens for each Region.

Sondra Cosgrove stated the Regional Boards are able to gather data on what behavioral health expenses are costing each region and then bring bill draft requests to the legislature to hopefully address these needs.

Charlene Frost stated the Regional Boards are requesting less than one million dollars in their BDRs, which is considered "chump change" in regards to the State budget. She stated, hopefully the Legislative Counsel Bureau (LCB) will not request additional funding, in order for the bills to be more easily passed within the Legislature.

Rene Norris stated the concerns mentioned by the Regional Boards such as behavioral health transportation and improving the L2K processes have been ongoing concerns for years.

Joelle Gutman stated the Rural Regional Board is proposing a pilot program with their BDR and therefore would only be budgeted for the biennium.

Sondra Cosgrove stated once money is spent on behavioral health, a study should be done on how it effects the community, where cost savings occurs and where additional attention or funding is needed.

Joelle Gutman stated there is more work to be done regarding behavioral health in Nevada, but she believes the four Regional Behavioral Health Policy Boards have made a great start.

6. Discussion of Nominating Committee Issues – Board Members

Joseph Filippi stated he had questions regarding the candidate nomination process the Council has listed in their Bylaws. He stated the Council has held Nominating Committees in the past to nominate candidates. The Nominating Committee would hold interviews to assess if the Council approved each candidate and then had the person apply for membership with the Governor's Office. Joseph Filippi stated some current members have been nominated by the Nominating Committee and others have not. Joseph Filippi stated those who have simply applied through the Governor's Office and been approved are able to do so, due to Council membership being Governor appointed. Joseph Filippi asked for the Council to discuss the candidate nominating procedures, in order to clarify what is expected for those interested in applying for membership.

Rene Norris stated there was a separate Council application which members have been required to fill out and then be interviewed, prior to applying through the Governor's Office in the past. Rene Norris stated the Council created additional requirements in

order to ensure the Council membership adheres to the ratio requirements of state vs. public members.

Rene Norris stated the Bylaws require the Council to utilize the nomination committee. Joseph Filippi stated the Bylaws can be amended if the Council so chooses and asked if the Council wished to possibly amend the Bylaws to no longer utilize the Nominating Committee.

William Kirby suggested verifying the membership process procedures mentioned within the Executive Order that established the Council.

Joseph Filippi stated he will provide a copy of the Executive Order to all of the Council Members and suggested discussing this agenda item at a future meeting when more information is reviewed by the Council members.

Ali Jai Faison stated he agrees that the rest of the members should have a chance to review the Bylaws and Executive Order before making a decision regarding the Nominating Committee at this time.

Karen Torry Green motioned to table this discussion for a future meeting. Ali Jai Faison seconded the motion. The motion carried.

7. Discussion, decisions and vote on amendment of BHPAC Bylaws regarding nominating process – Rene Norris

Agenda item tabled.

8. Make recommendations and decisions on members who will be placed on the Nominating Committee to address the need to fill Council Membership vacancies. – Rene Norris

Agenda item tabled.

9. Make recommendations and decisions on future topics and dates for meetings of the Behavioral Health Planning and Advisory Council – Rene Norris

Karen Torry Green suggested requesting data regarding behavioral health and the budgetary needs for each Regional Behavioral Health Policy Board BDR. Joseph Filippi stated he would request a presentation on behavioral health data from Kyra Morgan, Chief Biostatistician, Division of Public and Behavioral Health.

Joseph Filippi stated the next meeting agenda could include:

- Approval of the September 28th meeting minutes
- Tabled agenda items 6-8 regarding the nomination process and amending BHPAC Bylaws from the September 28th meeting

- Presentation from Kyra Morgan, Chief Biostatistician, Division of Public and Behavioral Health regarding available Behavioral Health data.

Sondra motioned to have the suggested agenda items approved. Katherine Mayhew seconded the motion. The motion carried.

The Council agreed to hold the next Council meeting on Thursday, November 1, 2018.

10. Public Comment

Stacy Calvert stated she had questions regarding open meeting law procedures. Joseph Filippi stated he will send Stacy Calvert the open meeting law manual from the Attorney General's Office and would share the link to the Council's meeting minutes and past meeting materials for her review.

11. Adjournment

Ali Jai Faison, Vice Chair adjourned the meeting at approximately 2:15 p.m.