

Division of Public and Behavioral Health
Substance Abuse Prevention and Treatment Agency (SAPTA)
Advisory Board (SAB)

MINUTES

DATE: April 15, 2015

TIME: 9:30 a.m.

Meeting:

LOCATION: Truckee Meadows Community
College, Redfield Campus
18600 Wedge Parkway,
Room 103
Reno, NV

Videoconference:

College of Southern Nevada Cheyenne Campus 3200 E. Cheyenne Avenue, Room 2638 North Las Vegas, NV	Great Basin College 1500 College Parkway, Room 137 Elko, NV
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BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT

Steve Burt (Chair)
David Robeck
Michele Watkins
Denise Everett
Jennifer Snyder
Ron Lawrence
Diane Stratton Jones
Tammara Pearce
Frank Parenti
Jamie Ross
Christopher Gentine
Michelle Berry
Lana Robards

Ridge House
Bridge Counseling
Central Lyon Youth Connections
Quest Counseling
Join Together Northern Nevada
Community Counseling Center
Step 1, Inc.
Bristlecone Family Resources
HELP Coalition
PACT Coalition
Central Lyon Youth Connections
CASAT
New Frontier Treatment Center

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT

Ed Sampson
Debra Reed
Diaz Dixon
Ester Quilici

Frontier Community Coalition
Las Vegas Indian Center
Step 2
Vitality Unlimited

OTHERS PRESENT

Tenea Smith
Chris Croft

Rural Nevada Counseling
Tahoe Youth and Family Services

SAPTA/STATE STAFF

Kevin Quint
Kendra Furlong
Sheri Haggerty
Sara Weaver

Bureau Chief
Health Program Specialist
Business Process Analyst
Administrative Assistant

1. Welcome and Introductions:

Steve Burt called the meeting to order at 9:43 a.m. Mr. Burt noted that there was a quorum present.

2. Public Comment:

None.

3. Approval of Minutes from March 18, 2015:

It was noted that two corrections needed to be made. Sara Weaver indicated she would make the corrections and post the minutes.

Michele Watkins motioned to approve the minutes following revisions. Lana Robards seconded the motion. The motion carried.

4. Standing Informational Items:

Kevin Quint delivered the SAPTA report. Mr. Quint stated that SAPTA almost has a full management staff with one outstanding open position. In addition, Mr. Quint indicated there are other positions that are vacant and some staff have received promotions.

Mr. Quint advised the Board that the SAPTA needs assessment is underway. Focus groups will begin in Reno and Las Vegas. In addition, there may be meetings in Elko although those meetings have not been scheduled. The needs assessment will be the basis for the State SAPTA Plan.

Mr. Quint stated there will be a meeting April 24 regarding the SAPTA/Mental Health Block Grant. Mr. Quint stated that he would like to invite members of the community to provide input on the block grant. Mr. Quint indicated the MOE [Maintenance of Effort] was missed last year by \$500,000. In addition, Mr. Quint stated there is a meeting scheduled for April 17 with SAMHSA [Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration] to discuss the MOE and to possibly get technical assistance from SAMHSA and CASAT.

Mr. Quint stated that SAPTA would be hiring a contractor. The primary role of the contractor is to determine how Medicaid dollars can be maximized and to discuss MCO [Managed Care Organization] issues.

Mr. Quint called on Kendra Furlong to give an update on Avatar. Ms. Furlong stated the Avatar team had completed the system conversions for New Frontier and Vitality; the Avatar team is in the process of ensuring that everything is running smoothly for the two entities. New Frontier and Vitality are scheduled for a May 1 go-live date. In addition, Ms. Furlong indicated that SAPTA will be offering a modified version of Avatar that does not include the electronic health records (EHR) module.

Mr. Quint stated he would be attending the NASADAD [National Association of State Alcohol and Drug Abuse Directors] annual meeting on June 1.

Mr. Quint advised the Board that the Director of Health and Human Services has not been named; however, Richard Whitley is the Interim Director with Marta Jensen as the Acting Administrator for the Division of Public and Behavioral Health.

Michelle Berry delivered the CASAT report. Ms. Berry stated that the Peer Support Council is working to fill 12 seats. The first meeting of the Council will be held June 12. Discussions will center around development of a strategic plan.

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5. Legislative Bills Update:

Mr. Quint reviewed the handout of bills being tracked by SAPTA.

6. Statistical Data Presentation:

Sheri Haggerty gave a presentation entitled, "Substance Use Disorder Data." Handouts were provided to attendees and the presentation will be posted on the SAPTA website.

7. Prevention Presentation:

The presentation on prevention was moved to the May SAPTA Advisory Board meeting.

8. Review of Possible Agenda Items for the May Advisory Board Meeting:

None.

9. Public Comment:

None.

10. Mr. Burt adjourned the meeting at 11:30 p.m.