

**MULTIDISCIPLINARY PREVENTION ADVISORY COMMITTEE (MPAC)  
APPROVED MINUTES**

**DATE:** January 15, 2014  
**TIME:** 1:00 p.m. *Video-Conference*  
**LOCATION:** Truckee Meadows College *College of Southern Nevada*  
Redfield Campus *Cheyenne Campus*  
18600 Wedge Parkway, HTC Room 103 *3200 E. Cheyenne Ave., Room 2647B*  
Reno, Nevada *Las Vegas, Nevada*

**Committee Members Present**

Christina Brooks	DPBH – Mental Health
Cheryl Bricker	Partnership of Community Resources (PCR Coalition)
Eric Ohlson	Join Together Northern Nevada
John Johansen	Impaired Driving Program Manager, Nevada Office of Traffic Safety
Judge Cedric Kerns	Las Vegas Municipal Court Regional Justice Center
Pete Singleton	Foundation for Recovery, Inc.
Scott Shick – Co-Chair	Chief Juvenile Probation Officer, Douglas County
Stephanie Asteriadis	NPRC - CASAT

**Committee Members Absent**

Elizabeth Fildes*	Director of Clinical Services, Nevada Tobacco Users' Helpline
Monty Williams - Chair	Director, Statewide Native American Coalition, Intertribal Council of NV

**Others Present**

Barry Lovgren	Public
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**SAPTA Staff Present**

Bill Kirby	SAPTA Health Program Specialist
Charlene Howard	SAPTA Health Program Specialist
Kim Davis	SAPTA Administrative Assistant
Linda Kreeger	SAPTA Health Program Specialist
Meg Matta - Recorder	SAPTA Administrative Assistant
Nan Kreher	SAPTA Health Program Specialist

\*Due to technical difficulties at the venue, members were not able to join telephonically

**1. Welcome and Introductions**

Scott Shick opened the meeting in due form at 1:00 p.m. and after introductions, a quorum was established.

**2. Public Comment**

There were no public comments.

**3. Discussion and Approval of the SEW/MPAC Combined Meeting Minutes of October 16, 2013**

Judge Kerns posed a question on item number 9, regarding whether the governments, or courts can apply for the CABHI Grant. He knows of two judges whose courts handle co-occurring homeless and habitual offenders, and asked who the courts could contact in Las Vegas to find

housing. In answer to Judge Kerns' question, the CABHI grant does not provide funding for housing; it provides the necessary wrap around supportive services (mental health, substance use, case management and related treatment) to assist with a homeless person's ability to remain in housing. To qualify for services, the individual must be homeless and have a mental illness or co-occurring mental illness/substance use disorder. The contact to pursue services in Las Vegas would be HELP of Southern Nevada, 1640 E. Flamingo Road, Suite 100, Las Vegas 89119. Phone: (702) 369-4357 / [www.helpsonv.org](http://www.helpsonv.org). HELP of Southern Nevada staff work very closely with the Southern Nevada HUD Continuum of Care organization, which actually provides the housing component.

Bill Kirby suggested changes to the minutes. John Johansen moved that the minutes be approved as corrected, Tony Frederick seconded, and the motion carried.

4. **Update from January 10, 2014 Evidence-Based Workgroup (EBW)**

Tabled.

5. **Update and Discussion on SAPTA's Integration with the Nevada State Health Division**

Charlene Howard said that on July 1<sup>st</sup>, the Legislature voted to merge the divisions of Public Health and Mental Health and Developmental Services into a single division: Public and Behavioral Health (DPBH). The purpose is to treat the whole person: mental health, substance abuse and chronic disease. DPBH continues to look for better ways to share data, provide improved services to the community, and work more efficiently.

Barry Lovgren provided history leading to the passage of AB48, and explained that the merger provides overview by the Behavioral Health Commission. The second advantage is that authority to pass regulations related to substance abuse has now been implemented with the Board of Health.

6. **Update, Discussion, and Approval of Additional Members to the MPAC**

Meg Matta explained that because of the integration of DPBH and the broader focus, there is a need to bring more members into the MPAC to weigh in and advise on policy issues. At the previous meeting in October, 2013, bringing in people who were not only from other areas of state government, but also from the municipal governments, coalitions and communities was discussed. Meg announced the following nominees, who each briefly provided their background:

- Cheryl Bricker; Director of Partnership of Community Resources
- Christina Brooks; Quality Improvement, Mental Health
- Stephanie Asteriadis; Project Manager for the Nevada Prevention Resource Center
- Pete Singleton; designated replacement for Brad Greenstein, Foundation for Recovery

Judge Kerns asked if we needed more members from southern Nevada, and suggested that he and Pete may be able to suggest more members at the next meeting. He asked about consumer representation, and Scott Shick thought that someone who receives services would be a great suggestion. He asked for further nominations to be submitted for inclusion on future agendas to be put to a vote.

It was moved by Judge Kerns to approve Cheryl Bricker, Christina Brooks, Stephanie Asteriadis, and Pete Singleton as new members of the MPAC, and seconded by John Johansen. The new members were unanimously approved and welcomed.

7. **Update on the Partnerships for Success Grant**

Charlene Howard said Nevada was fortunate to receive this grant along with two other grants: the Safe Schools Healthy Students and the CABHI grant which focuses on chronically homeless with co-occurring disorders. The grant is for 2.2 million dollars per year, and the focus will be on prescription drug abuse and misuse. The grant focuses on a particular age group, but given the data in Nevada, it was decided to apply the grant across the age span. Prevention of suicide and mental illness will also be included. The Statewide Coalition Partnership will be overseeing the grant, and will work with the coalitions that apply. The coalitions are required to complete a needs assessment before they apply for funding, and are invited to a 2-day workshop on root cause analysis to help them focus on the reasons for problems in their communities. There will also be an evaluator hired to handle the three grants. Nevada is one of the highest overdose states in the nations, and this grant is coming at a good time. A Request for Proposal (RFP) will be going out shortly to find an evaluator for the three grants. More information was provided on the Root Cause Analysis workshop.

8. **Discussion on the Maternal and Child Health- Perinatal Substance Abuse Program**

Charlene Howard explained that pregnant women with addiction issues are a SAPTA priority, and are given first priority when seeking treatment. SAPTA has teamed with Maternal and Child Health on the creation of a website which is not yet live. As soon as the contractor finishes the website, the link will be provided to the members.

Governor Sandoval has directed the formation of a new taskforce: the Nevada Collaborative to Improve Birth Outcomes, which met for the first time in December, 2013 to create a strategic plan. It is made up of representatives from the insurance industry, Medicaid, Division of Child and Family Services, etc. The mission of the Collaborative is to improve birth outcomes and the health of children in Nevada. Their goals are to increase pre-conception and inter-conception planning and educational outreach; expand access to healthcare for women, pregnant women and infants; reduce negative birth outcomes resulting from substance abuse disorders, including exposure to tobacco and nicotine for infants, children, women of child bearing age, and pregnant women.

9. **Discussion on the Center for Substance Abuse Prevention's (CSAP) Systems Review Site Visit**

Charlene Howard said that CSAP, which is an arm of SAMHSA, will be coming to do a three-day site visit to review of SAPTA's prevention activities and compliance with requirements of the Block Grant. The MPAC is a dynamic workgroup and will be one of the highlights. She advised the members that some of them may be invited by the CSAP team to join in the discussions. The dates are February 25, 26 and 27.

10. **Update on Adverse Childhood Experiences Survey (ACES)**

Tabled.

**11. Elections for New MPAC Chair and co-Chair**

Per the By-Laws, an election of a new Chair and Co-Chair is required at this time. Scott Shick explained that Monty Williams will not be running again for the Chair. Scott is willing to remain in the position of co-chair and help out where needed; but he is not able to take on the responsibility of Chair at this time. John Johansen pointed out that the By-Laws item 4.3 is written in such a way as to create a question. Charlene Howard asked to table the election of the Chair until there is an interpretation or the By-Laws can be amended. There will be an election of a new chair at the next meeting. Charlene Howard added that members should use the time to consider who to nominate for the Chair. Scott Shick will continue as Co-Chair until a Chair is elected.

Scott Shick commented that although it can be tough to carve out the time for the meetings, the networking is valuable. He said that in his work, it is a valuable source of information as he works with families, kids, substance abuse issues, mental health services and crisis intervention, as well as community coalitions and members. He hopes that when members consider a new Chair, they will find a person who embraces the positive networking of the MPAC, and can help push things forward in the state.

**12. Discussion and Approval of Agenda Items for the Next Meeting**

- Amendment of 4.3 in the By-Laws
- Approval of By-Laws
- Nomination for a new Chair and Co-Chair
- Full roster of MPAC membership
- Approval of past minutes for Evidence Base Workgroup
- Suggestions for EBW Policy
- ACES Discussion and Presentation

**13. Public Comment**

There was no public comment.

**14. Adjournment**

Cheryl Bricker moved to adjourn the meeting, and it was seconded by Judge Kerns. Meeting was adjourned in due form at 1:50 p.m.