



SUBSTANCE ABUSE PREVENTION AND TREATMENT AGENCY ADVISORY BOARD BIMONTHLY MEETING

DRAFT MINUTES

DATE: December 9, 2020 TIME: 9 a.m. to Adjournment

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1. Roll Call and Announcements

Members Present: David Robeck, Bridge Counseling, and Lana Robards, New Frontier, Co-Chairs; Mary Beth Chamberlain, Churchill Community Coalition; Dani Tillman, Ridge House; Ester Quilici, Vitality Unlimited; Jamie Ross, PACT Coalition; Jasmine Troop, HELP of Southern Nevada; Jolene Dalluhn, Quest Counseling; Jennifer DeLett-Snyder, Join Together Norther Nevada; Leo Magridician, WestCare; Mari Hutchinson, Step 2; Michelle Berry, Center for the Application of Substance Abuse Technologies (CASAT); Wendy Nelson, Frontier Community Coalition; Patrick Bozarth, Community Counseling Center of Southern Nevada, Lena Hatzidopavakis, Bristlecone

Member Absent:

Joan Waldock determined a quorum was present.

Staff and Guests Present: Brook Adie, Tracy Palmer, Bill Kirby, Kim Garcia, Kim Riggs, J'Amie Webster-Frederick, Ben Trevino, Sheila Gustavson, Joan Waldock, Division of Public and Behavioral Health (DPBH); Roxanne DeCarlo, The Empowerment Center; Elyse Monroy, Open Beds; Shawn Thomas; Linda Lang; Sean O'Donnell, Foundation for Recovery; Sheila Lambert, Department of Health and

Human Services; Robert Wilkes; Cyndy Gustafson; Mark Disselkoen, CASAT; Sydney Banks, Nevada Psychiatric Association

Announcement:

David: I would like to congratulate everyone for continuing to manage through the COVID virus and the latest Government shutdown. We know that suicides and overdoses are up, and we are the front line. Keep up the great work.

2. Public Comment

There was no public comment.

3. Approval of Minutes from the Bimonthly Meeting on October 14, 2020

Minutes approved

4. Standing Informational Items:

- Co-Chair's Report

Lana: I would like to piggyback on what David was saying , these are very difficult times and being really necessary to the emergency response that's needed is a pretty heavy lift, I am very proud of the providers and everybody who is doing emergency care.

- Substance Abuse Prevention and Treatment Agency (SAPTA) Updates

Brook: We did complete the Mental Health Block Grant and Substance Abuse Block Grant report, it was due December 1st. We posted it on our website for public comment, if you need it please send me an email and I will send it to you. We recognize that there have been some difficulties with some of our residential facilities to accept individuals from the jails and also from the community with regard to negative COVID tests completed. We have been working with HCQC to obtain tests for CLIA certified facilities.

Ester: there are a lot of us that are CLIA certified, what is the timeline that we can expect these tests and what kind of tests are they?

Brook: I will have J'aime send you the information that we have received from HCQC and who the contact is on getting the tests.

Lana: This is very good news for our facilities like ours.

Brook: We are working with the Office of Suicide Prevention; we have been able to secure CARE's dollars that are good through the end of the month. The Office of Suicide Prevention is working on getting suicide reports from our hospitals on suicide attempts, we are deploying a lot of media and putting together campaigns on lethal means for suicide. They are also sending out postcards in English and Spanish and focus towards parents and firearm lethal means. They are also working with NAMI and Hope Means Nevada on some town halls. The Department of Education was awarded a 5-year project aware grant with Office of Suicide

Prevention being the sub-grantee focusing on staff training and training parents and youth. They will also be offering lots of training via cam, webinar and in person depending on COVID.

- We have been working with our Problem Gambling (ACPG) to look at how we can incorporate them into the greater health care system. We have looked at creating division criteria, and an assessment to look at a facilities ability to handle problem gambling services as a cooccurring treatment modality. We have been working with CASAT to see about how we could amend some division criteria to add a certificate that would be able to say that this facility has meet the standards to handle problem gambling. We are working with CASAT and ACPG to see what that would look like. We are still in early stages of planning.
- I provided Joan, that she had sent out to the group, a close out from our last block grant from 10/1/2019 – 09/30/2020, this will provide you with a snap-shot of where the money was spent. We do not have totals yet because we have not closed out with our fiscal department yet.

- OpenBeds Update – Elyse Monroy
Elyse: We are continuing to build out the network and have seen some steady participation with our SAPTA providers. With suicides and overdoses climbing we have heard from hospitals that getting people placed is a bit of a challenge, we believe that Open Beds would be a good tool for hospitals to use to get patients out of the ER. Please continue to update your service availability in the system so that hospitals will have up to date information. Please be mindful to respond to referrals in a timely manner. We are still working with the vendors to get accurate information to produce reports, but what we have right now for an update is 33 referrals sent through since we went live.
Brook: J’Amie and I have been working with Elyse on the wait list and 90% capacity reporting that is required to be a sub-grantee.

- Evidenced- Based Practices Update – Tracy Palmer, Sara Bacon, Cyndy Gustafson
Tracy: Dr. Justin Gardner from the Strategic Progress team will be speaking.
Dr. Justin Gardner: I am the principle investigator for the Strategic Progress team, Cyndy Gustafson is the project manager of the overall project. For this project we are covering the PFS and Substance Abuse block grant and supporting the EBP development and change processes, assessment, evaluations, monitor and compliance, we want to make sure we are maximizing the utilization of EBP’s within those grant programs. There are two real things we are doing at this time.
 - 1) we are designing and writing an EPB manual, this will have PFS funded and EPB’s included. We have gone through and reviewed the literature on EBP’s of about 9 clearinghouses SAMHSA included. We have gone out and identified

what the supporting literature is, what the EBP status programs are and what they include, what target population they serve, breakdown some of the summary, links and resources to get this all in one place and to be updated annually. (Dr. Gardner phone dies)

Tracy: We are making a place on our SAPTA website so that all of this information and training material will be available so anyone can review it.

- 2) (Dr. Gardner back on) The EBP Workgroup policy and guidelines is currently being revised, this will be a system-based process that will help the different workgroups, committees and subcommittees get the most information. The training and technical assistance that comes with these changes will be provided and we will make adjustments as we move forward.

Jamie: I know that the PTTC has a great evidence-based programs manual, I am curious if you are working from that or are you starting from a separate document?

Dr. Gardner: We utilized some existing documentation from the State and we also looked at other States documentation and federal resources. What it came down to was looking at the specific programs being implemented and then looking at the initial results coming out of reporting and seeing some gaps. I don't remember going through the specific resource you noted, if you would send that over to us, I can determine if that was utilized.

Lana: Michelle, tell me if I am wrong but PTTC stands for Prevention Technology Transfer Centers, and Alyssa O'Hair from CASAT has been instrumental in that and is phenomenal resource.

Michelle: That is correct, and I would be happy to connect Justin with Alyssa and I can put the PTTC information in the chat.

- Center for the Application of Substance Abuse Technologies (CASAT) Report

Mark: There has been significant changes and the CARES act will be bringing even more changes March of 2021, It is going to require the Agencies to update their policies and procedures related to privacy, so I am going to create a technical assistance bulletin that will be specific to what you guys need to address.

Michelle: Just a few updates that CASAT is working on; SOR1 we are currently in the no cost extension period, our CASAT SOR team is working with GPRA to retain the funds, we are communicating monthly with our Overdose Action project, we are continuing to gather information for a tribal youth assessment. You can check out CASAT on demand for more information and new articles.

5. Discussion and Possible Amendment of the Bylaws Relating to Board Membership- ***For possible action***

David: this was my request for the agenda, its come to our attention that a number of things have been occurring, the SAPTA advisory board section that is

up for amendment is section 4. This would change the description of who can be a board member. The change would be from “SAPTA funded” to “SAPTA Certified and in good standing”, this would open the board up to new certified agencies. If we don’t make the changes then we would lose some of our members. I make a motion to accept the proposed change be from “SAPTA funded” to “SAPTA Certified” agencies as member of the advisory board.

Ester: I would like to second that for discussion.

Lana: Any discussion on the motion being presented?

Ester: Is anyone else beside me concerned on what will happen if we have “for profits” into this organization, I’m a little concerned and yet I guess it-is-what-it is. Anybody have any comments?

Brook: I think one of the things I wanted to pint out is by making this shift we can talk about issues beyond funding, since we at SAPTA already have monthly meetings with our funded providers we thought it would be best to get back to being an advisory board about larger state wide issues. The goal would be to utilize this group for open discussion with the subject matter experts, communities, and with the providers.

Jennifer: I understand what you’re saying Brook, I don’t disagree with David, I think our process could have been changed a long time ago, and that adding more people isnt going to force the change your looking for. We have agencies that have been our partners for years that would be kicked out and that would be inappropriate. I just do not like the way this is being phrased by SAPTA.

Sheila: Anytime we propose change to an organization it is very difficult. One of the cornerstones that has been successful in the SAPTA bureau has been our diverse range of opinions. We always want to see some level of change and growth, so we do not become stagnant, we have exceptional people on all sides. Its less about the individuals and more about the overall diversity.

Jamie: I thought we discussed this several months ago, we were worried about certain agencies being kicked off the board but we determined that all the agencies are funded in some shape or form through SAPTA funding. I thought that solved the issue.

David: There was some question about whether direct funding or indirect funding was acceptable. This has more to do with clarification and the possibility to open up to other partners.

Lana: I think this is more of a clarification of policy because funding is not always guaranteed, so to make this more universal changing the verbiage to SAPTA Certified then you would be eligible, but remember board membership goes through subcommittees and then it’s up for nomination and vote by all of us. So, my take on this is its more of a clarification of policy.

David: It really is the board members decision on who will join the board, it’s still a vote.

Lana: I would ask Ester if the second still stands after the discussion we just had.

Ester: Yes, I just moved the question, so I think we ought to vote.

Lana: So, I have a motion and a second, all those in favor please say "Aye"
(Motion was passed)

6. Review and Possible Approval of Division Criteria for the Certification of Programs through SAPTA per NAC 458 – **For possible action**

Brook: I will start this and then let Mark jump in. We are asking to amend the division criteria to add criteria for facilities to certify to provide medical detox, we recognize there is no mechanism to reimburse those facilities.

Mark: This would allow joint commission level 4 hospitals to be certified and to receive funding to be able to provide a high level of care.

Esther: I've been told that SAPTA has so little money, so where is the carve out coming from to give "for profit" hospitals funding?

Mark: typically, sometimes there are specific dollars like with SOR, and medical detox is one of those gaps in services we are seeing. We do have quite a few dollars in SOR that we could possibly entertain something like this.

Sheila: If I could just add that a lot of the services are not reimbursable, if a hospital is able to bill another source it will be much higher than what the State pays.

Lana: This is an action item so I will entertain a motion to approve the changes to the division criteria for certification for level 3.7 and level 4 treatment services for hospitals.

- Lengthy discussion about criteria and funding and rephrasing the question

Lana: Having heard all the discussion today is there any motion to approve the Division criteria change for level 3.7 and level 4 hospitals.

David: Ill make a motion to approve

Mary Beth: I will second

Roll call was taken again to make sure a quorum was still present

(the motion was passed with 3 abstentions)

7. Review of Current Board Membership and Possible Appointment of Nomination Subcommittee to Replace Member(s) – **For possible action**

Brook: This was a carry forward from a previous meeting on creating a nominating subcommittee to take a look at membership and amending membership requirements.

Lana: Is anyone interested in a subcommittee to take a look at our membership?

Joan: I think this item was put on here if you didn't change the bylaws, if you were losing members because of funding.

Ester: Can SAPTA send us a list?

Lana: While SAPTA is going to provide us with a list of members and their standing, lets move this forward to the next agenda so we can review the list.

8. Presentation on Health Information Exchange – **Discussion**

Chuck Dorman, Kari Ayers HEALTHie Nevada:

Chuck: We improve quality of care for patients with chronic conditions by improved decision making at the point of care, by providing you access to physical health data right now. You will have access to allergy, medication, COVID 19 results and other clinical data that is not 42.2 CFR data, that can reduce the potential for medical errors and reduce the need for additional medical tests.

*see presentation

Chuck: You can try this at no cost for 90-120 days to see if you like it, if you do like it there are grant funds available to cover the subscription fees. Elyse has the grant information. I think your board would be instrumental with helping us to create a 42.2 CFR portal.

Brook: The next step in our process is to have Chuck get the information to J'Aime and then she can reach out to you guys.

9. Updates from Prevention Coalitions – **Discussion**

- Join Together Northern Nevada- Jennifer: we are facilitating our youth groups, our staff is creating a series of education videos with quizzes for school districts for kids that get in trouble with drug and alcohol, we are working with the jails to connect homeless and incarcerated individuals with resources.
- Churchill Community Coalition- Mary Beth: we are continuing with our evidence-based practices in the schools we are in every school on their google classrooms providing lessons, afterschool programs and prevention programs, we have about 6,000 youths in Churchill county and we are reaching about 4,000. Mental health has become a big issue with COVID we are providing mental health first aid, we are working with the native American population with their COVID and substance abuse prevention.
- PACT Coalition- Jaime: The PACT coalition did open up an open competitive rural grant application for primary prevention funding, we will be reviewing those applications. We are partnering with the DEA 360 program in Las Vegas. We continue to fund 30 agencies county wide. Our youth team will present to the upcoming cannabis and vaping summit on what they are seeing in school and communities. We are able to have at minimum 8 different trainings that no cost because of our generous funding agencies.
- Frontier Community Coalition- Wendy: We are working with juvenile probation since they work in all the counties we serve, as well as our schools , we have a large youth groups so we are trying to push a lot of our programing through them. Humbolt was a hot spot for COVID so instead of going out monthly we were going out there weekly providing support to the community

10. Discuss and Recommend Schedule for Year 2021 – **For possible action**

Meeting dates proposed: 2/10, 4/14, 6/9, 8/11, 10/13, 12/8

Lana: I will entertain a motion to approve the meeting dates for 2021

Jennifer: I will make motion to approve

David: I will second

(motion passed)

11. Discuss and Recommend Agenda Items for the Next Meeting – ***For possible action***

Lana: Some of the team members have asked that we put more background information on our agenda items moving forward.

12. Public Comment (*Action may not be taken on any matter brought up under this agenda item until scheduled on an agenda for a later meeting.*)

Lana: I know COVID a put a lot of stress on our professional live and our personal lives, I applaud everyone for all the hard work you do.

13. Adjournment 12:20pm