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## SUBSTANCE ABUSE PREVENTION AND TREATMENT AGENCY ADVISORY BOARD BIMONTHLY MEETING

### MEETING MINUTES

Wednesday, February 8, 2023

9am to adjournment

Meeting held via TEAMS

#### 1. Roll Call and Announcements

##### **Members Present:**

Jolene Dalluhn, Quest Counseling  
Jamie Ross, PACT Coalition  
David Robeck, Bridge Counseling  
Lana Robards, New Frontier  
Michelle Berry, Mark Disselkoen, Center for the Application of Substance Abuse Technologies (CASAT)  
Community Counseling Center of Las Vegas  
Morgan Callihan (for Tammie S.), Churchill Community Coalition  
Anne-Elizabeth Northan, Join Together Northern Nevada  
Lena, Bristlecone  
Mari Hutchinson, Step 2  
Leo Magrdichian, West Care  
Wendy Nelson, Frontier Community Coalition  
Ester Quilici, Vitality Unlimited  
Gina Flores-O'Toole, Ridge House  
Tammie Shemenski, Churchill Community Coalition  
Jasmine Cooper, Help of Southern Nevada  
Latoria Romero, Except Reno

##### **SAPTA/State Staff Present:**

Abigail Bailey: Amy Hinds-Sutherlin, Nevada Association of County; Antonia Capparelli, Ben Trevino, Brandy Archuletta, Brianne Van Dyne, Andrea Peterson, Empowered; Carol Basagoitia; Shar Frost; Cherylyn; Christine Lee; Claudine Boucher; Dawn Yohey; Denys Williams; Dorothy Edwards, Washoe Regional; Elyse Monroy-Marsala; Farsad Kamir; Heather Kuhn; J'Amie Webster; Jeff Marotta; Jennie Bear; Jennifer Tongol; Joseph Turner, DHCS; Joshua Kabral; Casey Chu New Frontier; Kendall Holcomb; Kimberly Garcia; Laura Oslund; Lawanda Jones; Linda Anderson; Lori Follett; Mark Krueger; Michelle Bennet, Clark Co; Michelle Guerra, NV Behavioral Health; Michelle Padden, CASAT; Rachel Isherwood; Roxanne Decarlo; Sara Adler; Shannon Bennett;

Stephanie Cook; Tammie Davidson; Tracy Palmer; Trey Delap; Valerie Kuappe; Kay Velardo

2. Public Comment – Ms. Dalluhn asks, there is none.
  - a. Co-Chair Report was not included on the agenda, so she will share report here under Public Comment:
    - i. Ms. Dalluhn attended the Improving Community Response Summit in Las Vegas. Summit was to ensure clients are getting their needs met. She is concerned by how long it took to be reimbursed by the State and stated that Quest completed all of its responsibilities as required.
    - ii. Mr. Robeck agrees and appreciates Ms. Dalluhn’s comments and hopes that the new Governor’s approach will help.
3. Approval of Minutes –
  - a. Mr. Robeck moved to approve the minutes from October 19, 2022, Mr. Magrdichian seconds.
  - b. Mr. Robeck moved to approve the minutes from December 14, 2022, Mr. Quilici seconds.
4. Bureau Overview of Funding – Shannon Bennett; Stephanie Cook and Tracy Palmer are available for questions.

Ms. Bennett discusses the State’s tardiness is processing reimbursement and says people can contact her or Cody Phinney directly with concerns.

Mr. Robeck would like to know how SAPTA dollars are being used these days.

Ms. Bennett talks about slides 13 and 14 and encourages attendees to look at account 3170, 3200, 3255, 3165 and the Governor’s budget.

Ms. Quilici asks if reimbursements are distributed alphabetically. Ms. Bennett doesn’t think that’s the case, and says the Bureau is working on new and better processes.

Ms. Quilici asks how long should the agencies be waiting for payment? Ms. Bennett says it should be within 30 days, call Shannon if this isn’t happening. Ms. Ross mentions she’s been waiting over four months for subawards. Ms. Bennett talks about staffing issues and the time and staff it takes to manage the huge amount of COVID dollars. Mr. Robeck feels the State isn’t taking care of their business.

Ms. Robards echoes the other’s concerns; she had a very late reimbursement.

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Ms. Ross asks about slide 23, PFS Grant, and asks if the State will be reapplying for the grant. Ms. Palmer says that the State does intend to file for the Grant this year. There will be an end-of-the-year close out report. SAMHSA will have application ready by mid-March.

5. **SOR Funding Breakdown – Heather Kuhn**
    - a. Ms. Kuhn explains the 16 million SOR Grant in her presentation available at this [link](#).
    - b. Ms. Palmer, Ms. Berry, and Ms. Bennett explain how funds are overseen, specifically regarding CASAT and subawards. Ms. Palmer says there will be a presentation on CASAT and how funds are distributed at the next meeting.
  
  6. **Opioid Settlement Dollars Update – Dawn Yohey and Mark Krueger**
    - a. Ms. Yohey and Mr. Krueger present on the Opioid Recovery Funds, their presentation is available at this [link](#).
    - b. Mr. Robeck asks about agency reimbursement after being subpoenaed and Mr. Krueger explains why there is no assistance for agencies in this situation. Ms. Dalluhn echoes Mr. Robeck's comments.
    - c. Ms. Quilici asks what is a recovery community? Ms. Yohey answers they're looking at the social determinants of health in that area.
  
  7. **CCBHC Funding Update will be tabled for the next meeting.**
  
  8. **BDR Concepts from Regional Behavioral Health Policy Boards**
    - a. Cherylyn Wood, Northern Region Behavioral, presents on Assembly Bill 9 which revises provisions governing regional behavioral health policy boards. Her presentation is available at this [link](#).
    - b. Dorothy Edwards, Washoe Regional Behavioral Health Policy Board presents on Assembly Bill 69 which expands the loan repayment program administered by the Nevada Health Service Court to include certain providers of behavioral health care. Her presentation is available at this [link](#).
    - c. Sarah Adler, Clark Regional Behavioral, presents on Senate Bill 68 which creates a revenue stream to provide ongoing funding to establish and sustain support housing, with a piece of that revenue going to housing stability. Her presentation is available at this [link](#).
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- d. Valerie Haskin, Rural Regional Behavioral, presents on Assembly Bill 37 which authorizes the establishment of the Behavioral Health Workforce Development Center of Nevada. Her presentation is available at this [link](#).
    - i. Mr. Robeck comments: It's very good to support workforce, but a little less on the self-employed because they need to figure it out themselves. They're going to be private businesses, so and they do not treat the clients that we serve.
    - ii. Ms. Haskin answers: That kind of private practice and is one of the lower priorities as we're looking at how this would flesh out over the the several years, but also more so that things that could carry over into all different settings including management and leadership and communications would be huge. I mean, we all hope that someone who has gone through professional education to become a behavior health provider would have great communication skills, but that's not always the case and it's always good to have.
9. Problem Gambling Services Overview and Update – Kim Garcia, Behavioral Health Wellness and Prevention/Social Services Program Specialist III and Jeffrey Marotta, PhD, Problem Gambling Solutions. Their presentation is available at this [link](#).
- a. Mr. Robeck says Bridge is not mentioned in their list of providers but should be. Bridge does not require payment for these services.
10. Next meeting date and time – Wednesday, April 12, 2023 at 9am.
- a. Ms. Robards comments that the standing items normally listed on the agenda were missing for this meeting.
  - b. Ms. Dalluhn says the missing items were unintentional and will be included on the agenda for the next meeting.
11. Public Comment – Appreciation for SAPTA report.