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SUBSTANCE ABUSE PREVENTION AND TREATMENT AGENCY ADVISORY BOARD (SAB) BIMONTHLY MEETING

Wednesday, December 13, 2023

9:00am – Adjournment

Meeting held via TEAMS

1. Roll Call and Announcements

Members Present:

Jolene Dalluhn, Quest Counseling
Jamie Ross, PACT Coalition
Michelle Berry, CASAT
Tammie Shemenski, Churchill Community Coalition
Peter Ott, Bristlecone
Mari Hutchinson, Step 2
Leo Magrdichian, West Care
Ester Quilici, Vitality Unlimited
Lana Robards, New Frontier
Jasmine Cooper, HELP of Southern Nevada
Anne Elizabeth Northan, Join Together Northern Nevada
Wendy Nelson, Frontier Community Coalition

SAPTA/State Staff Present:

Breanne Van Dyne; Christine Lee; Claudine Boucher; Jennie Bear; Tracy Palmer; Christine Lee; Brandon Beckman; Karen Freeman; Natasha Nyquist; Brandy Archuleta; Heather Kuhn; Jennifer Tongol; Antonia Capparelli-Twait

2. Public Comment:

No Public Comment

3. Approval of Minutes:

Leo Magrdichian – move to approve as presented

Jamie Ross – seconds the motion – approved

Motion passed unanimously – no abstentions

4. **Chair/Co-chair Report – Informational**

- a. Jamie Ross spoke about Grant awards coming in faster than last year to which the Providers appreciate.
- b. Ms. Ross mentioned that those who are receiving block grant dollars turned in their applications at the end of May, early June and are now getting subawards in November and December.
- c. Ms. Ross requested due to the unrealistic timeframe of turning applications, every agency would be happy to turn in next years budget in March to be able to start October 1st, 2024 with no retro memos.
- d. Ms. Ross is hopeful, on behalf of her Funding Agency, that by the end of December 2023, that budget requests will be received with anything that has a June 1st, start date for FY 2024-2025.
- e. Ms. Ross requests that there needs to be a better understanding of SAPTA's and Medicaid's role in the 1115 Medicaid Waiver.
- f. Ms. Ross would like to thank the Community partners who work hard during the grant writing season.

5. **Bureau of Behavioral Wellness and Prevention Updates – Informational**

- a. Tracy Palmer spoke about the SUPTRS Block Grant Annual Report and gave an overview of each Section/Table in WebBGAS for FY-2024.
Ms. Palmer gave directions on how to log onto WebBGAS to access the information regarding the Annual Report with Nevada Citizen Access.
- b. Ms. Plamer mentioned that Substance Use, Prevention, Treatment and Recovery Services maintains an online database for treatment services to assist any individual in locating treatment programs across the state.
- c. Ms. Palmer spoke about Division of Healthcare Financing Policy, operating the fee for service in Rural Nevada as well as managing the care health plans in the urban areas.
- d. Ms. Palmer mentioned SUPTRS has state strategic plans as approved by the State Legislature.
- e. Ms. Palmer stated that the Substance Use Response Working Group, known as the SURG, has subcommittees in Treatment, Prevention and Recovery, working collaboratively with SUPTRS and the Attorney General's Office on Bill 374.
- f. Ms. Palmer mentioned that the Annual Report does not reflect Recovery Services for any prior years.

- g. Ms. Plamer mentioned that each goal and priority area in the Annual Report will be highlighted and outlined when you open each tab in WEbBGAS.
- h. Ms. Palmer mentions that when the State applies for a grant, we apply for two years. After that a renewal/update needs to be done and that is called a mini application.
- i. Ms. Palmer recommends looking at the Prevention Strategy Report and the Treatment Utilization Matrix.
- j. Question: Jolene Dalluhn asks, since SAMHSA is still reviewing the report, will there be a final report submitted?
- k. Answer: Ms. Plamer answered after everyone reviews it and revisions are made, yes.

6. Medicaid 1115 Waiver – Informational

- a. Sarah Dearborn: Mentioned Medicaid is still working with CMS on deliverables for the 1115 Waiver.
- b. Ms. Dearborn said their Evaluation design was submitted to CMS in October; she doesn't expect a response until the beginning of the new year (2024).
- c. Ms. Dearborn states the report is used to measure how Nevada is doing midway through demonstration and that would be started more towards 2025.
- d. Ms. Dearborn mention that her Behavioral health benefits and coverage Team is working with their Rates analysis Team along with SAPTA's Team to identify reimbursement methodology to build bundled rates for residential care.
- e. Ms. Dearborn stated that their focus is to get their State plan updated to match with he reimbursement methodology.

7. Proposed SAB Meetings for 2024 – For Possible Action

- SAPTA proposed quarterly SAB Meeting dates for 2024; every third Wednesday of the month to not conflict with Board Of Examiners and/or IFC meetings.
- The by laws state that there must be a minimum of 4 meetings per years; the board discussed their concern for meeting that quota in case a meeting gets canceled or quorum isn't met.
- The board proposed keeping the 6 meetings per year but, moving it to the fourth Wednesday of every month so there is no conflict with BOE and IFC
- The board voted yes on that motion and it carried through

8. Topics for the Next Meeting – Informational

- To review the Nevada State Naloxone Saturation Plan – Stephanie Cook
- To discuss change of levels of care in ASAM
- Draft language for Recovery Housing Division Criteria if completed by February
- February 28th, 2024 - next SAB Meeting
- CASAT Update – ongoing standing agenda item

- SAPTA Report – ongoing standing agenda item

9. **Public Comment – *Informational***

- Ms. Palmer stated that SUPTRS block grant subawards started October 1st, 2023, so within a two month window, a majority of subawards have been executed; she has seen an increase in “caseloads” since then. She appreciates the community members stepping up and being so willing to help our community and those in need.
- Ms. Palmer wanted to send a special thanks to Sarah Dearborn at Medicaid for reporting on the ongoing agenda item of the Medicaid 1115 waiver.
- Lana Robards mentioned that she misses some of the standing agenda items that used to be on the SAB agenda. Those items are the CASAT Update and the SAPTA report; endorsement for gambling.

10. **Next Meeting** is February 28th, 2024, 9:00am

11. **Adjournment** – 10:23AM