

**Division of Public and Behavioral Health
Minutes
AB66 and AB85 Public Workshop**

Date: February 6, 2020

Time: 9 a.m. to Adjournment

Meeting

Video Conference

**Division of Public and Behavioral Health
4150 Technology Way, Suite 300, Room 303
Carson City, NV 89706**

**Division of Public and Behavioral Health

Bureau of Health Care Quality and
Compliance 4220 South Maryland
Parkway, Suite 810 Building D, Large
Conference Room, NV 89119**

Staff & Guests Present

Dawn Yohey, Charlotte Andreasen, Julie Slabaugh , Joan Hall, Dawn Walburn, Jeanette Belz, Christina Sapier, Chris Empery, Jackie Obregon, Kelly Woods, Marissa Brom, Lea Cartwright , Kristen Coulombe, Cathy Coleman, Amanda Butler, Joycie Galario, Kevin Filippelli, Jeccica Murphy, Claudia, Carrie Gene, Tye Masters, Dr. Leon Ravin, Janet Ferrucci, Suzanne Silva, Masters, Shannan Canfield, Jessica Wood, Stephen Wood

- 1. Introduction of workshop process by Stephen Wood and the four recommendations related to the statute changes NRS433. Jessica Flood, MSW, Northern Regional Behavioral Health Coordinator provided an overview of AB55 and the proposed regulations.**

- 1) Regulations governing mental health crisis hold
- 2) Regulations governing behavioral health transportation services
- 3) Regulations governing medical examinations required for admission to a public or private mental health facility
- 4) Regulations governing the involuntary administration of medication in a public or private mental health facility

- 2. Public Comments:**

Public comment on proposed amendments to Nevada Administrative Code Chapter 433A regarding regulations governing mental health crisis hold.

Joan Hall, Nevada Rural Hospital Partners (NHRP) stated there were concerns there wasn't enough data collection on R011.201 Section 6. The disposition of the application for emergency admission needed to have more discussion regarding child welfare. If patients' parents were unable to be contacted or if they refused the treatment that was suggested. There is more data that needs to be collected around this topic.

Public Comment on proposed amendments to behavioral health transportation services.

No Comment.

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No comment

Regulations governing the involuntary of medication in a public or private mental health facility.

Jessica Murphy, Chief Deputy Public Defender, Clark County Defenders office. There office has concerns regarding the proposal to eliminate court hearings for the forced medications. As of right now with their process there were over 15,000 commitment hearings scheduled in 2019, they are receiving 300 new petitions every month, hearings twice a week. The cases get continued for the patients to continue to receive treatment and ultimately discharged. If there is a forced medication motion the law requires that they first be admitted to a Behavioral Health Hospital. There is a hearing on the commitment portion and then it will move on to the forced medication portion. The patient's do have court appointed lawyers. It would be evidence and witnesses that would be presented for the commitment portion as to the DOR portion. The proposal in section 7 subsection 2 talks about the different rights a patient would have. With 24 hours the patient would essentially be able to act as a lawyer and represent themselves at the hearings with some sort of patient advocate. With this proposal there would be no opportunity for the patient to have an attorney represent them as they do now in Clark County. Clark County feels that the process they currently have in place works quite well and with the new proposal protects the interest of the patients. They are not in support of the proposed regulations.

3. **Public Comment** – No Public Comment
4. **Meeting Adjourned** – Meeting adjourned at 9:30 a.m.