

DPBH COMMISSION ON BEHAVIORAL HEALTH

MINUTES

November 15, 2019

MEETING LOCATIONS:

Division of Public and Behavioral Health (DPBH)  
4150 Technology Way, Room 303, Carson City, NV  
Northern Nevada Adult Mental Health Services (NNAMHS)  
480 Galletti Way, Bldg. 22, Sparks, NV  
Southern Nevada Adult Mental Health Services (SNAMHS)  
1650 Community College Drive, Training Room, Las Vegas, NV

COMMISSIONERS PRESENT:

Lisa Durette, M.D., Las Vegas, Tabitha Johnson, phone, Natasha Mosby, phone, Melanie Crawford, Sparks, Debra Scott, phone

COMMISSIONERS EXCUSED:

Lisa Ruiz-Lee, Asma Tahir, Barbara Jackson

Carson City:

Joseph Filippi, DPBH, Isabelle Eckert, DPBH, Tina Gerber-Winn, DPBH, Cody Phinney, DHCFP, Megan Wickland, ADSD, Mickey Lasco, DPBH, Lea Cartwright, Nevada Psychiatric Association, Jessica Adams, ADSD

Sparks:

Christina Brooks, NNAMHS, Julian Montoya, SRC, Drew Cross, LCC

Las Vegas:

Susanne Sliwa, DAG, Marina Valerio, DRC, Gujuan Caver, DRC, Jo Malay, SNAMHS, Leon Ravin, M.D., SNAMHS, Stan Cornell, Stein, Ellen Richardson-Adams, SNAMHS, Linda Edwards, SNAMHS

Phone:

Dorothy Edwards, Washoe Regional Behavioral Health Policy Board, Kristen Rivas, DCFS

Chair Durette called the meeting to order at 8:36 a.m. Roll call is reflected above. It was determined that a quorum was present.

**Public Comment**

There was no public comment.

### **Approval of the Minutes September 13, 2019**

Action: A motion was made by Ms. Scott, seconded by Ms. Johnson and passed to accept the minutes of September 13, 2019. Ms. Crawford abstained.

### **Consideration and Possible Approval of Agency Directors' Reports**

Mr. Cross reported Lake's Crossing Center has several vacancies due to recent retirements and transfers. The facility is seeking to fill 3 Administrative Assistant II and 2 Psychologist positions.

Ms. Brooks reported NNAMHS is busy filling nursing vacancies. There were an additional 6 positions added in the last legislative session. The facility continues to have individuals waiting in the community for beds. However, the number of individuals has decreased to 16 this last reporting period. NNAMHS is working to develop Community Based Living Arrangement providers to provide more outpatient services.

Ms. Richardson-Adams reported for SNAMHS.

Mr. Cornell reported for Stein Hospital. There has been significant progress in filling forensic vacancies since the end of July. They are hoping to fill 5 vacancies by mid December.

Mr. Montoya reported Sierra Regional Center is not having difficulty filling positions. Service coordinator positions were added and are currently working to fill them. The caseloads continue to grow.

Mr. Caver reported for Desert Regional Center. Caseloads have remained steady. The service coordinator is finalizing backup positions. There have been challenges in hiring Spanish speaking coordinators and psychologists.

Mr. Montoya reported for Rural Regional Center. There are currently 4 vacant positions. The caseload is continually growing. The Rural Regional Center continues to recruit for new providers in the rural areas.

Ms. Gerber-Winn stated since the report was provided, 3 Psychiatric Caseworker positions have been filled to serve the rural areas. Rural Services continues to have difficulty filling Psychiatric Nursing positions. A Telehealth project is underway with the state's and Division's Information Technology department. Crisis Support Services for Adults in the rural areas is now offered.

### **Update on Seclusion and Restraint Report/Denial of Rights**

DPBH – Ms. Malay reported for DPBH.

ADSD – Ms. Adams reported for ADSD.

### **Local Governing Body Reports**

Ms. Malay reported for SNAMHS. There were no issues reported.

Ms. Brooks reported for NNAMHS. The local governing body meeting was held on August 7<sup>th</sup>. All departments provided their reports and there were no concerns.

Mr. Cross reported for Lake's Crossing Center. The local governing body met and there were no issues reported.

#### **Update on the Bureau of Behavioral Health, Wellness and Prevention**

There was no one present from the Bureau of Behavioral Health, Wellness and Prevention to provide an update. An update will be provided at the next scheduled meeting.

#### **Update on Aging and Disability Services Division (ADSD)**

Ms. Adams reported ADSD and the Division of Health Care, Financing and Policy are finalizing the subaward for the rate study and working on the contract process. The study will begin in January 2020 and completed by July 2020. Developmental Services is working with Human Services Research Institute to develop a roster database. This project will assist Developmental Services with having better understanding of demographics and in identifying potential gaps and services. Sierra Regional Center has moved.

#### **Update on Division of Health Care, Financing and Policy (Medicaid)**

Ms. Phinney reported the Division is working on expanding the number of Certified Community Behavioral Health Clinics. Seven of the ten approved in the previous budget have been certified and rates set. The Division is also working with a broad group of stakeholders on the development of the medication assisted treatment policy. A public hearing will be held to propose changes to supervision requirements in Chapter 400. The Division was able to secure a grant for planning for continuation and development of a waiver to the IMD exclusion for substance use services and development of alternative payment methods for medication assisted treatment.

#### **Policies**

The following policies were presented by Ms. Malay:

SP 4.17 Division Response to Urgent and Emergency Calls Received by the Governor's Office  
(Recommended for Archive)

SP 4.24 Biennial Review of All Departmental Workloads and Staffing Patterns (Recommended for  
Archive)

3.002 Service Coordination Services (Recommended for Archive)

HR 2.5 Conflict Prevention and Response Training Certification Requirements (Recommended for  
Archive)

A 4.1 Mail Room and Mail Safety

A 1.3 Maintenance of Agency All Staff Reader's Group

A 4.0 Emergency Notification

A 4.6 Requesting a Written Opinion or Investigation from the Attorney General's Office  
A 5.1 Division Level II Incident Report Management and Closure Process  
A 5.3 Quality Assurance and Performance Improvement  
BHO-006 Behavioral Health Outpatient Case Management  
CRR 1.1 Consumer Rights  
CRR 1.3 Seclusion/Restraint of Consumers  
CRR 1.5 Management of Civil Inpatient Elopement Episodes  
HR 3.5 Presentations to Organizations/Conferences  
IMRT 3.0 Collection and Reporting of Veteran Health Information  
SP 2.13 Civil Rights Grievance Procedures  
SP 2.14 Labor of Persons Receiving Services  
SP 4.08 Reporting AWOL Clients to Law Enforcement Agencies  
SP 4.13 Licensure of Community Placement Facilities  
SP 4.15 Obtaining, Use and Documentation of Formulary Approved Medication including Clozapine (Clozaril)  
SP 7.1 Seasonal Influenza Vaccination Program

Action: A motion was made by Ms. Scott, seconded by Ms. Mosby and carried to approve the policies as presented.

**Discuss, plan and assign tasks and due dates for completion of the next Annual Governor's Letter per NRS 433.314**

Mr. Filippi informed Chair Durette was the only Commission member who provided a response to what section of the letter she would prefer to draft. Chair Durette volunteered to work on the Clark County Region.

Ms. Scott volunteered to work on the Rural region.

Ms. Johnson volunteered to work on the Southern region.

Ms. Crawford volunteered to work on Washoe region.

Ms. Mosby volunteered to work on the Northern region.

Chair Durette requested an agenda item be placed for the January 2020 meeting for the Commission members to provide updates on their assigned section.

**Review the Commission's Bylaws last revised in April 2017 and determine if any updates need to be made**

Action: A motion was made by Chair Durette, seconded by Ms. Johnson to move the agenda item to the next meeting.

**Public Comment**

Dorothy Edwards, Washoe Regional Behavioral Health Coordinator- Ms. Edwards thanked the Commission for being willing to meet with all the coordinators and Chairs and include them in the discussions.

Ms. Sliwa clarified it does not need to be the Chair, it can be any member of the public body.

The DPBH Commission on Behavioral Health meeting was adjourned to the Executive Session at 9:37 a.m.

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