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## COMMISSION ON BEHAVIORAL HEALTH WITH DIVISION OF CHILD AND FAMILY SERVICES

SEPTEMBER 14, 2023

### MEETING MINUTES

This meeting used Microsoft TEAMS technology for video and audio capability.

#### COMMISSIONERS PRESENT:

1. Braden Schrag
2. Arvin Operario
3. Gregory Giron
4. Jasmine Cooper
5. Lisa Durette
6. Lisa Ruiz Lee

#### COMMISSIONERS NOT PRESENT

7. Dan Ficalora
8. Natasha Mosby

#### STAFF AND GUESTS

1. Alejandro Ruiz
2. Alex Tanchek
3. Amna Khawaja
4. Autumn Blattman
5. Beverly Burton
6. Carin Hennessey
7. Char Frost
8. Christine Moninghoff
9. Cindy Pitlock
10. Dan Musgrove
11. Deidre Manley
12. Drew Cross
13. Dorothy Edwards
14. Gwendolyn Greene
15. Jana Borden
16. Jennifer Conrad
17. Jennifer Spencer
18. Joelle McNutt
19. Jon Brown
20. Joseph Filippi

21. Karen Taycher
22. Kathryn Martin
23. Kathryn Roose
24. Kathryn Rosachi
25. Kelli Knutzon
26. Khalileah Daniels
27. Kristen Rivas
28. Lea Tauchen
29. Loren Gonzalez
30. Lori Brown
31. Marcel Brown
32. Matthew Bommarito
33. Mignon Hoover
34. Nicole Mara
35. Sabrina Schnur
36. Sarah Dearborn
37. Shannon Hill
38. Sherry Stevens
39. Syralja Griffin
40. William Wyss

1. **Call to Order and Introductions.** *Braden Schrag, Chairman, Commission on Behavioral Health with DCFS*, called the meeting to order at 9:15 am. *Kathryn Martin, Division of Child and Family Services (DCFS)*, conducted roll call and quorum was established.

2. **Public Comment and Discussion.** No action may be taken on a matter raised under this item of the agenda until the matter itself has been specifically included on the agenda as an item upon which action can be taken.

Lisa Durette announced UNLV has formed a statewide behavioral health workforce development network which will be led by Dr. Sarah Hunt. The goal is to improve pathways into behavioral health careers through elementary, middle and high school.

Char Frost reported hearing about significant parental complaints regarding use of restraints at the Aurora Center for Health in Hawthorne, Nevada. Several incidents involved police presence. She encouraged the Commission to look into the issues. Chairman Schrag stated he would discuss this topic with Jennifer Spencer, Deputy Attorney General to identify the Commission's role.

3. **For Possible Action.** Approval of the June 8, 2023 Meeting Minutes – *Braden Schrag, Chairman*

MOTION: Jasmine Cooper made a motion to approve the June 8, 2023 Meeting Minutes.

SECOND: Gregory Giron

VOTE: Unanimous with no opposition or abstention

4. **For Information Only.** Update on changes to Nevada Open Meeting Law (OML) from the 2023 Nevada Legislative Session – *Jennifer Spencer, Senior Deputy Attorney General, Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS)*

Jennifer Spencer provided details of new OML requirements effective July 1<sup>st</sup> 2023. She reviewed the new requirement to verbally state meeting connection instructions prior to opening the first meeting agenda item for public comment. Changes were also made to reorganize the definition of meetings and exceptions to clarify requirements for a quorum of members of the public body and when physical locations for meetings are to be scheduled. Ms. Spencer clarified that all items discussed at Commissioner closed meetings must be taken back to open forum meetings in order to take any actions. Nevada Open Meeting law regulations are defined in the Nevada Revised Statutes (NRS) Chapter 241.

5. **For Possible Action.** Discussion and approval of the 2024 Commission on Behavioral Health with DCFS meeting schedule – *Kathryn Martin Waldman, Clinical Program Planner II, Planning and Evaluation Unit, DCFS, Professional Support Staff to the Commission*

- a. Thursday, January 11<sup>th</sup> – 9:00 am to 12:00 pm
- b. Thursday, April 11<sup>th</sup> – 9:00 am to 12:00 pm
- c. Thursday, June 13<sup>th</sup> – 9:00 am to 12:00 pm
- d. Thursday, September 12<sup>th</sup> – 9:00 am to 12:00 pm
- e. Thursday, November 7<sup>th</sup> – 9:00 am to 12:00 pm

MOTION: Jasmine Cooper made a motion to approve the 2024 Commission on Behavioral Health with DCFS meeting schedule.

SECOND: Gregory Giron

VOTE: Unanimous with no opposition or abstention

6. **For Information Only.** Overview of Commission on Behavioral Health Bylaws, elections and appointments – *Sherry Stevens, Administrative Assistant III, Division of Public and Behavioral Health (DPBH) and Kathryn Martin Waldman, Clinical Program Planner II, Planning and Evaluation Unit, DCFS, Professional Support Staff to the Commission*

Sherry Stevens reviewed Commission Bylaw requirements for Commissioner elections, terms, and subcommittees. The procedure regarding recommendations for Chairman leadership changes and approval by the governor was discussed. Jennifer Spencer noted that Commission duties and requirements are detailed in NRS 433.314 - 433.327 and NRS 433.317 - 433.318. Ms. Stevens asked Commissioners to review the Bylaws in preparation for discussion at the upcoming Commission on Behavioral Health meeting with Department of Public and Behavioral Health (DPBH) on September 21st.

7. **For Information Only.** Care Management Entity (CME) Presentation – *Dr. Antonina Capurro, Medical Epidemiologist, Division of Child and Family Services (DCFS) and Syralja Griffin, MA, LPC, Vice President, General Manager for Magellan Behavioral Health, Inc.*

Dr. Capurro and Syralja Griffin provided an overview of the implementation and sustainability plan for providing and extending community based behavioral health services to at risk youth

throughout Nevada, regardless of their insurance status. This is a 3-year pilot program funded through the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA). Services will launch February 2024. Dr. Capurro described the program's four foundational evidence-based practices (multisystemic therapy, multidimensional family therapy, functional family therapy and family center treatment). Referral systems and network wrap around care pathways are being developed. The presentation is available at: <https://dpbh.nv.gov/Boards/CBH/Meetings/2023/NVCBH2023/>.

8. **For Information Only.** Update on Commissioner reviews of seclusion and restraint reports – Kristen Rivas, *Clinical Program Planner II, Planning and Evaluation Unit, Division of Child and Family Services, DCFS*

Kristen Rivas reported that no new Seclusion and Restraint forms have been received by DCFS from psychiatric facilities and there are no new forms for Commissioners to review at this time. Ms. Rivas will update the list of facilities and send a memo to each, reminding them that submission of these forms is a requirement under NRS. Commissioners discussed concerns regarding the lack of reporting and requested the memo be strongly worded to reinforce compliance and also include an appropriate connection to State of Nevada licensing boards. Jennifer Spencer clarified that the Commission's jurisdiction to review findings of investigations of complaints extends to both DCFS and public facilities under NRS 433.316, Section 3. She will do additional research to verify the regulation. Commissioners are required to complete reviews of Seclusion and Restraint forms under NRS. Kristen Rivas can provide technical support to Commissioners if they cannot access forms to be reviewed through the State Teams channel. All forms are redacted (names, confidential information) and can be emailed directly to Commissioners on request.

9. **For Possible Action.** Discussion on inviting in-state children's psychiatric care facilities to present updates at future meetings – *Braden Schrag, Chair*

MOTION: Arvin Operario made a motion to invite state youth psychiatric facilities to present updates on a rotating basis as a standing agenda item at future Commission meetings.

SECOND: Lisa Durette

VOTE: Unanimous with no opposition or abstention

Kathryn Martin will invite the Aurora Center for Healing in Hawthorne, Nevada to the January 2024 meeting.

10. **For Information Only.** Update on AB201 (Revising provisions relating to planning for the provision of behavioral health care, 2023 Nevada Legislative Session) – *Kathryn Martin Waldman, Clinical Program Planner II, Planning and Evaluation Unit, DCFS, Professional Support Staff to the Commission*

Kathryn Martin reported that the governor vetoed Assembly Bill 201. She provided a link in the Chat to the official veto statement.

11. **For Information Only.** Update on System of Care (SOC) Grant – *William Wyss, SOC Health Program Manager III, DCFS*

Bill Wyss announced approval was received for the no-cost SOC expansion grant, providing for completion of work by September 2024. Several subgrantee projects for vendor services, services for McDermott Wellness Center, tribal community projects, and others will be completed. Mr. Wyss will be reaching out to the Commission and Consortium members in the future as stakeholders for moving forward with a new grant request.

**12. For Information Only.** Aging and Disability Services Division (ADSD) Update – *Loren Gonzalez, Clinical Program Planner, Autism Treatment Assistance Program (ATAP) and Dazzrael Kirby, Nevada Early Intervention Services (NEIS)*

- a. Autism Treatment Assistance Program: Loren Gonzalez shared a PowerPoint presentation providing updates on caseloads and waitlist statistics. Current wait time is 57 days and 112 new referrals were received in July. A detailed breakdown of services provided by type of program and child ages was included. The complete presentation is available on the DPBH website at: <https://dpbh.nv.gov/Boards/CBH/Meetings/2023/NVCBH2023/>.
- b. Nevada Early Intervention Services: Khalileah Daniels reported NEIS is working on a new data system and managing critical staff shortages is a high priority. The Henderson National Night Out outreach event is scheduled for October 3<sup>rd</sup> and the Downs Syndrome organization is holding a Buddy Walk on October 8<sup>th</sup>.

**13. For Information Only.** Medicaid updates and changes – *Sarah Dearborn, Social Services Chief II, Nevada Division of Health and Human Services (DHHS)*

Sarah Dearborn shared a PowerPoint presentation covering general Medicaid updates and news:

- a. State Plan Amendments
- b. Medicaid Services Manual Updates
- c. Support Act Post Planning Demonstration
- d. New provider Types and Specialties
- e. 1115 Substance Use Disorder Waiver Demonstration
- f. Mobile Crisis Planning Grant
- g. Legislative Update
- h. CCBHC Updates
- i. Department of Justice
- j. Summary and Timeline of Projects

Nevada continues settlement negotiations with the Department of Justice (DOJ) until an agreement can be made and there will be more information in the coming months. Chairman Schrag requested Ms. Dearborn bring an update on DOJ/DCFS plans and progress back to the Commission when available.

Ms. Dearborn's presentation and notes transcript are available on the DPBH website at: <https://dpbh.nv.gov/Boards/CBH/Meetings/2023/NVCBH2023/>

**14. For Information Only.** Pediatric Mental Health Care Access Program Grant – *Beverly Burton, Clinical Program Planner I, Training and Technical Assistance, DCFS and Nicole Mara, Education and Information Officer, Nevada Pediatric Psychiatry Solutions, DCFS*

Beverly Burton reported the current grant sunsets at the end of September and a request for a no-cost extension has been submitted. They continue to publish education and information publications relevant to promote and understand youth mental health and recently partnered with Dr. Durette to apply for a pediatric mental health access program to allow DCFS to become a sub awardee to provide outreach, education, professional development and workforce development. A youth peer support and community health worker paid internship program has been created in partnership with NAMI Nevada and High Sierra Health Education Center.

**15. For Information Only.** Announcements – *Braden Schrag, Chair*

None

**16. For Information Only.** Discussion and Identification of Future Agenda Items – *Braden Schrag, Chair*

- Magellan Care Management Entity update – September 2024
- Invite Aurora Center for Healing to present an update – January 2024
- Medicaid Update – Department of Justice plans and progress

**17. Public Comment.** No action may be taken upon a matter raised during a period devoted to comments by the general public until the matter itself has been specifically included on an agenda as an item upon which action may be taken.

None

**18. Adjournment.** – *Braden Schrag, Chair*

The meeting adjourned at 11:39 am.

#### **CHAT TRANSCRIPT**

9/14 8:47 AM Meeting started

[9/14 9:02 AM] Kristen Rivas

Kristen Rivas DCFS PEU

[9/14 9:02 AM] Edwards, Dorothy A

Dorothy Edwards, Washoe Regional Behavioral Health Coordinator

[9/14 9:02 AM] schnursabrina (Guest)

Sabrina Schnur, LVRJ, [sschnur@reviewjournal.com](mailto:sschnur@reviewjournal.com)

[9/14 9:03 AM] Sherry Stevens

Sherry Stevens - DPBH

[9/14 9:03 AM] Conrad, Jennifer

Jennifer Conrad, Magellan Healthcare

[9/14 9:03 AM] Amna Khawaja

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[9/14 9:03 AM] Jennifer M. Spencer  
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[9/14 9:03 AM] Frost, Char  
Char Frost, Director, Family & Youth Engagement, Magellan Health,  
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[9/14 9:03 AM] Khalileah Daniels  
Good morning, I am Khalileah Daniels from Nevada Early Intervention Services (NEIS)  
[9/14 9:03 AM] Marcel Brown  
Marcel Brown, NV Medicaid Behavioral Health Unit  
[9/14 9:03 AM] Jana Borden  
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[9/14 9:03 AM] Griffin, Syralja  
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[9/14 9:03 AM] Alex Tanchek - Silver State Government Relations (Guest)  
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[9/14 9:04 AM] Gwendolyn Greene  
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[9/14 9:04 AM] Kelli Knutzon  
Kelli Knutzon - DPBH  
[9/14 9:04 AM] Alejandro Ruiz  
Alejandro Ruiz - DCFS - PEU  
[9/14 9:07 AM] Karen Taycher  
Karen Taycher, Nevada PEP  
[9/14 9:06 AM]  
[9/14 9:07 AM] Autumn Blattman  
Autumn Blattman, ADSD  
[9/14 9:08 AM] Mignon Hoover  
Mignon Hoover - DCFS - PEU  
[9/14 9:12 AM] Lisa Durette(Guest)  
Comm. Mosby and Ruiz-Lee are on the way!



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[9/14 9:12 AM] Beverly Burton

Bev Burton, DCFS

[9/14 9:13 AM] Cindy Pitlock

Cindy Pitlock Administrator DCFS

[9/14 9:13 AM] Lisa Durette(Guest)

what's the call-in number and code?

[9/14 9:13 AM] Antonina Capurro

Antonina Capurro, DCFS

[9/14 9:13 AM] Joseph Filippi

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[9/14 9:14 AM] Sarah Dearborn

Sarah Dearborn - Nevada Medicaid

[9/14 9:14 AM] Nicole Mara

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[9/14 9:16 AM] Dr. Christine Moninghoff

Dr. Moninghoff, DCFS, Licensed Psychologist 2

[9/14 9:23 AM] Sherry Stevens

Commissioner Operario is on his way.

[9/14 9:40 AM] Kathryn Roose

Thanks Jennifer!

[9/14 10:02 AM] Kathryn Martin

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[9/14 10:05 AM]

Kathryn Roose (Guest) was invited to the meeting.

[9/14 10:47 AM] Kristen Rivas

I reconnected - Thank you I apologize.

[9/14 11:04 AM] Gregory Giron (Guest)

Kristen, are the forms to review now?

[9/14 11:06 AM] Kathryn Martin

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[9/14 11:06 AM] Kristen Rivas

No sir- not for this meeting. Thank you for asking.

[9/14 11:20 AM] Khalileah Daniels

Hello, I am representing NEIS for Item #12, I can provide the few updates we have in the chat if needed or I can speak on them

[9/14 11:21 AM] Kathryn Martin

Thank you, Ms. Daniels. I was thinking that your part of the agenda was skipped! After this item is complete, I will raise my hand to notify the chair.

[9/14 11:21 AM] Beverly Burton

I have agenda item 14 and I can also put the update here if that works.

[9/14 11:21 AM] Khalileah Daniels

Ok, thank you so much

[9/14 11:39 AM] Meeting ended