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**DRAFT** COMMISSION ON BEHAVIORAL HEALTH  
with the DIVISION OF PUBLIC AND BEHAVIORAL HEALTH (DPBH)  
MEETING MINUTES  
May 16, 2023  
9:00 AM

This meeting was held online and by phone.

**MEETING LINK:**

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**Meeting Phone Conference:**

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**1. CALL TO ORDER/ROLL CALL:**

The meeting was called to order at 9:06 a.m.

**COMMISSIONERS PRESENT:**

Braden Schrag (Chair); Lisa Ruiz-Lee (Vice-Chair); Lisa Durette, MD; Gregory Giron, Psy.D.; Arvin Operario, RN; Dan Ficalora CPC.

**COMMISSIONERS EXCUSED:**

Jasmine Cooper, CPC; Lisa Durette, MD

**2. PUBLIC COMMENT:**

None heard.

**3. FOR POSSIBLE ACTION:** Discussion and Possible Approval of Meeting Minutes from February 15, 2024.

Chair Schrag asked if there were any comments on the draft minutes. With none heard, Chair Schrag asked for a motion to approve the May 18<sup>th</sup>, 2023, minutes.

**MOTION:** Dan Ficalora

**SECOND:** Arvin Operario

**PASSED:** Unanimously

4. **INFORMATIONAL ITEM:** Annual Report Presentation from Regional Behavioral Policy Boards- Nevada Behavioral Health Policy Board Coordinators.

- a. Northern Regional Behavioral health Policy Board – *Cherylyn Rahr-Wood*

Please see the report at the following link:

[https://dpbh.nv.gov/uploadedFiles/dpbhnavgov/content/Boards/CBH/Meetings/2024/2023%20NRBHPB%20report%204.28.24%20FINAL\\_DRAFT%20\(03\).pdf](https://dpbh.nv.gov/uploadedFiles/dpbhnavgov/content/Boards/CBH/Meetings/2024/2023%20NRBHPB%20report%204.28.24%20FINAL_DRAFT%20(03).pdf)

- b. Rural Regional Behavioral Health Policy Board – *Valerie Haskin*

Please see the report at the following link:

[https://dpbh.nv.gov/uploadedFiles/dpbhnavgov/content/Boards/CBH/Meetings/2024/Draft%202023%20Rural%20RBHPB%20AR%205.24%20\(1\).pdf](https://dpbh.nv.gov/uploadedFiles/dpbhnavgov/content/Boards/CBH/Meetings/2024/Draft%202023%20Rural%20RBHPB%20AR%205.24%20(1).pdf)

- c. Washoe Regional Behavioral Health Policy Board – *Dorothy Edwards*

Please see the report at the following link:

[https://dpbh.nv.gov/uploadedFiles/dpbhnavgov/content/Boards/CBH/Meetings/2024/WASHOE%20REGIONAL%20BEHAVIORAL%20HEALTH%20POLICY%20BOARD%20Annual%20Report%202023%20draft%20\(1\).pdf](https://dpbh.nv.gov/uploadedFiles/dpbhnavgov/content/Boards/CBH/Meetings/2024/WASHOE%20REGIONAL%20BEHAVIORAL%20HEALTH%20POLICY%20BOARD%20Annual%20Report%202023%20draft%20(1).pdf)

- d. Southern Regional Behavioral Health Policy Board – *Mark Funkhouser*

Please see the report at the following link:

[https://dpbh.nv.gov/uploadedFiles/dpbhnavgov/content/Boards/CBH/Meetings/2024/Southern%20Behavioral%20Health%20Region%20Annual%20Report%20-%20FY2023%20-%20DRAFT%20\(1\).pdf](https://dpbh.nv.gov/uploadedFiles/dpbhnavgov/content/Boards/CBH/Meetings/2024/Southern%20Behavioral%20Health%20Region%20Annual%20Report%20-%20FY2023%20-%20DRAFT%20(1).pdf)

- e. Clark Regional Behavioral Health Policy Board – *Teresa Etcheberry*

Please see the report at the following link:

5. **FOR POSSIBLE ACTION:** Discussion and Possible Approval of the Following Consent Agenda Items – *Commissioners.*

- a. Northern Nevada Adult Mental Health Services (NNAMHS)

Please see the report at the following link:

[https://dpbh.nv.gov/uploadedFiles/dpbhnavgov/content/Boards/CBH/Meetings/2024/NNAMHS%20\(2\).pdf](https://dpbh.nv.gov/uploadedFiles/dpbhnavgov/content/Boards/CBH/Meetings/2024/NNAMHS%20(2).pdf)

- b. Southern Nevada Adult Mental Health Services (SNAMHS)

Please see the report at the following link:

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- c. Lake's Crossing Center

Please see the report at the following link:

[https://dpbh.nv.gov/uploadedFiles/dpbhnavgov/content/Boards/CBH/Meetings/2024/Lakes%20Crossing%20\(1\).pdf](https://dpbh.nv.gov/uploadedFiles/dpbhnavgov/content/Boards/CBH/Meetings/2024/Lakes%20Crossing%20(1).pdf)

- d. Rural Clinic Services

Please see the report at the following link:

[https://dpbh.nv.gov/uploadedFiles/dpbhnavgov/content/Boards/CBH/Meetings/2024/Rural%20Clinics%20Agency%20Director%20Report%202024-0331%20\(2\).pdf](https://dpbh.nv.gov/uploadedFiles/dpbhnavgov/content/Boards/CBH/Meetings/2024/Rural%20Clinics%20Agency%20Director%20Report%202024-0331%20(2).pdf)

e. Sierra Regional Center

Please see the report at the following link:

[https://dpcb.nv.gov/uploadedFiles/dpbhnavgov/content/Boards/CBH/Meetings/2024/Sierra%20Regional%20Center%20\(1\).pdf](https://dpcb.nv.gov/uploadedFiles/dpbhnavgov/content/Boards/CBH/Meetings/2024/Sierra%20Regional%20Center%20(1).pdf)

f. Desert Regional Center

Please see the report at the following link:

[https://dpcb.nv.gov/uploadedFiles/dpbhnavgov/content/Boards/CBH/Meetings/2024/Desert%20Regional%20Center%20\(1\)%20\(1\).pdf](https://dpcb.nv.gov/uploadedFiles/dpbhnavgov/content/Boards/CBH/Meetings/2024/Desert%20Regional%20Center%20(1)%20(1).pdf)

g. Rural Regional Center

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**MOTION:** Gregory Giron

**SECOND:** Dan Ficalora

**PASSED:** Unanimously

6. **FOR POSSIBLE ACTION:** Discussion and Review of Materials Regarding the Drafting of the Governor's Letter for 2024 – *Commissioners*.

Administrator, Cody Phinney thanked all the presenters of the Annual reports for being able to provide their reports in such a short amount of time. She explained that it is important the Commission have these reports so that they can get the Governor's letter out as we are starting the new fiscal year on July 1, 2024. She explained that the new DPBH staff will be able to assist in drafting the letter and getting it sent out so the Commissioners can review and approve or make corrections at their next meeting.

Chair Braden Schrag let me Committee know that everyone will work individually on this behind the scenes, and he will get with Kelli Knutzon and Brianna Anderson to work out details.

This agenda item was closed out with no further discussion.

7. **INFORMATIONAL ITEM:** Presentation on the 41-4 Residential Living Cost of Living Allocations – *Gujan Caver, DRC Community Service Agency Manager*.

Please see the presentation at the following link:

[https://dpcb.nv.gov/uploadedFiles/dpbhnavgov/content/Boards/CBH/Meetings/2024/41%20-%204%20Residential%20Services%20Cost%20of%20Living%20Allocations%20final%2005-01-2024%20\(1\).pdf](https://dpcb.nv.gov/uploadedFiles/dpbhnavgov/content/Boards/CBH/Meetings/2024/41%20-%204%20Residential%20Services%20Cost%20of%20Living%20Allocations%20final%2005-01-2024%20(1).pdf)

8. **INFORMATIONAL ITEM:** Update on the Implementation of the 988 National Behavioral Health and Suicide Crisis Line – *Rachel Isherwood, Quality Assurance Specialist III*

Please see the update at the following link:

[https://dpcb.nv.gov/uploadedFiles/dpbhnavgov/content/Boards/CBH/Meetings/2024/NNAMHS%20\(2\).pdf](https://dpcb.nv.gov/uploadedFiles/dpbhnavgov/content/Boards/CBH/Meetings/2024/NNAMHS%20(2).pdf)

9. **INFORMATIONAL ITEM:** Update on Behavioral Health Programs from Aging and Disability Services Division – *Jessica Adams, Deputy Administrator, ADSD*

Jessica Adams, the Deputy Administrator for the Aging and Disability Services Division, explained that their programs will be moving into a larger office space, along with other programs since the building is so large.

She also touched on the rates that have changed within Aging and Disability, the 24 hour care homes went from 15 minute unit rates, to daily rates and day training went from daily rates to 15 minute unit rates.

This agenda item was closed out with no further questions or comments.

- 10. INFORMATIONAL ITEM:** Update on Seclusion and Restraint/ Denial of Rights, ADSD – *Marina Valerio, Agency Manager, Desert Regional Center, ADSD.*

Please see the update at the following link:

[https://dpbh.nv.gov/uploadedFiles/dpbhnavgov/content/Boards/CBH/Meetings/2024/ADSD%20Seclusion%20and%20Restraint%20Report%20\(1\).pdf](https://dpbh.nv.gov/uploadedFiles/dpbhnavgov/content/Boards/CBH/Meetings/2024/ADSD%20Seclusion%20and%20Restraint%20Report%20(1).pdf)

- 11. INFORMATIONAL ITEM:** Update on Seclusion and Restraint/ Denial of Rights, DPBH – *Susan Lunch, Hospital Administrator, SNAMHS, DPBH*

Please see the update at the following link:

[https://dpbh.nv.gov/uploadedFiles/dpbhnavgov/content/Boards/CBH/Meetings/2024/BHC%20Report%202024%20May%20DPBH.ADA%20Accessible%20\(1\).pdf](https://dpbh.nv.gov/uploadedFiles/dpbhnavgov/content/Boards/CBH/Meetings/2024/BHC%20Report%202024%20May%20DPBH.ADA%20Accessible%20(1).pdf)

- 12. FOR POSSIBLE ACTION:** Discussion, Identification, and Possible Approval of Future Agenda Items- *Commissioners*

The Commissioners brought up creating a subcommittee to discuss and streamline ideas to bring to the Commission.

Chair Schrag expressed his support and added this idea to discuss at a future meeting.

- 13. PUBLIC COMMENT**

None Heard.

- 14. Adjournment of Session**

Chair Schrag thanked everyone for their hard work and collaboration then closed the meeting at 11:46am.