



# DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

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

APRIL 11, 2024

### EXECUTIVE MEETING MINUTES

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

#### COMMISSIONERS PRESENT:

1. Arvin Operario
2. Braden Schrag
3. Gregory Giron
4. Jasmine Cooper-Troop
5. Lisa Durette
6. Lisa Ruiz Lee
7. Natasha Mosby

#### COMMISSIONERS NOT PRESENT

8. Daniel Ficalora

#### STAFF AND GUESTS

1. Kary Wilder, Division of Child and Family Services
2. Kathryn Martin, Division of Child and Family Services
3. Kristen Rivas, Division of Child and Family Services
4. Stephen Aillo, Office of the Attorney General

1. **Call to Order and Introductions.** *Braden Schrag, Commission on Behavioral Health with DCFS Chair*, called the meeting to order at 12:04 a.m. *Kathryn Martin, Division of Child and Family Services (DCFS)*, conducted roll call and quorum was established with six members present.

2. **For Possible Action.** Approval of the June 8, 2024 Commission on Behavioral Health with the Division of Child and Family Services Executive Meeting Minutes – Braden Schrag, Chair.

**MOTION:** Approve the June 8, 2023 Commission on Behavioral Health with the Division of Child and Family Services Executive Meeting Minutes as presented.

**BY:** Jasmine Cooper

**SECOND:** Natasha Mosby

**VOTE:** Motion passed unanimously with no opposition or abstention.

**3. For Possible Action.** Review, Discussion, and Possible Recommendations of Denial of Rights and review of Seclusion and Restraint Forms Pursuant to NRS 433.534 (4) and NRS 241.030 – *Braden Schrag, Chair, and Commissioners*

Dan Ficalora reported that his forms reviews were complete and he was unable to attend the rest of the meeting.

Discussion was held regarding redaction of the photos included in McKaye Treanor's Aurora Youth Healing Center presentation in order to help preserve the privacy of the children depicted. Stephen Avillo stated there was no requirement that the whole video of the meeting be made available to the public or posted and there was nothing preventing redaction of those sections of the video. Either a transcript or an audio recording has to be made available to the public within 30 days. The Division of Child and Family Services IT Department would have to be contacted to manage blurring out the portions with photos. Kary Wilder will remove the access to the video from the Teams meeting record.

Jasmine Cooper reported that nine of the 36 reports she reviewed from Desert Willow were illegible so she was unable to review them. One patient had 14 of those 36 reports and there were multiple incidences of seclusion and restraint on one form, hours apart. One report for the same individual reported he was put into seclusion for wearing a sweater around his waist which then led to chemical restraint. Commissioner Cooper expressed concern that was a pretty severe reaction. She asked Dr. Durette for feedback regarding the multiple medications administered within a one-hour timeframe. Dr. Durette commented that was concerning and asked which physician was involved as she supervises some physicians at Desert Willow and may be able to provide some insight. She expressed concerns about benzodiazepines administered to children with comorbid neurodevelopmental disorders. This may be an opportunity for education and further discussion with Desert Willow and she will follow up with the physicians involved.. Commissioner Cooper noted the physician names for the incidents were Dr. Quadri and Dr. Reyes (Forms #15588 and #15634).

Commissioner Mosby reported she is still working on her reviews.

Commissioner Giron had no specific concerns about the reports he reviewed.

Commissioner Ruiz Lee reported she could not access her reports and requested a new method and different technology be used instead of using the Microsoft Teams platform. Kristen Rivas explained that she had not received a confirmation of attendance from Commissioner Ruiz Lee and as a result no new forms were uploaded for her to review. Commissioner Ruiz Lee said even if there were new reports uploaded, she could not get to them and restated her request to receive them a different way as she uses an Apple computer and has issues with multiple Teams IDs. Ms. Rivas will email reports directly to Commissioner Ruiz Lee going forward to resolve this issue.

Commissioner Mosby asked if reports had been uploaded for her to review. Kristen Rivas clarified that reports were only assigned to those Commissioners who confirmed they were attending the meetings (Dan Ficalora, Braden Schrag, Lisa Durette, Gregory Giron, Arvin Operario, and Jasmine Cooper). All reports were from Desert Willow and there will be many more reports to be uploaded two weeks prior to the next meeting. Ms. Rivas encouraged the Commissioners to contact her if they had issues with Teams and/or preferred to have reports sent directly versus uploaded them to Teams. Jasmine Cooper made another request to have her Teams name changed and Joseph Filippi who formerly managed the Teams Channel had informed her that was not possible.

Commissioner Operario reported his forms reviews were complete and his notes would be emailed to Kathryn Martin and Kristen Rivas.

Commissioner Schrag reported that his reports were challenging to read due to the small size of the text and several were scanned incorrectly resulting in a warped display with information cut-off. It was not possible to determine the signatures. He reported that incidents in the forms were described will and better articulated facts and circumstances surrounding the incident rather than just stating a child was acting up or was defiant. He appreciated the improved detail which gave a more comprehensive context to the incidents. Medication issues were a concern with multiple medicines being administered.

**4. For Possible Action.** Adjournment – *Braden Schrag, Chair*

Chair Schrag adjourned the meeting at 12:26 p.m.