

AB 37: Behavioral Health Workforce Development Center

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Rural RBHPB Concept for AB 37

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- Build out a robust pipeline for behavioral health providers in Nevada.
- Based on successful models from Nebraska and Illinois.
- Would incorporate and expand upon existing successful programs and introduce new programs and connections across the educational system and professional licensing.
- AB 37 “authorizes the establishment of the Behavioral Health Workforce Development Center of Nevada.

K-12 Education / NSHE and other Higher Ed. / Professional Licensing / Professional Practice

Summary of AB37

RECRUIT- outreach and education about behavioral health professions to K-12, adult learners, undergraduates; connect to education pathways

EDUCATE - expand higher education behavioral health training; clear pathways

RETAIN - strengthen bridge between graduation and Nevada licensure; supervision support and provide technical assistance on the “business” of practicing in Nevada

Hub-and-Spoke” Model for Infrastructure

- Main “Hub” within University of Nevada Institutions
- Spokes to regional “hubs” in each Behavioral Health Region where the Center is not otherwise represented.
- Regional hubs will have specialty training or experiences to enrich both clinical training programs and to support local recruitment efforts.
- UNR and/or UNLV as main “Hub”

AB 37: Additional Information

- Focus on growing a diverse workforce to care for a diverse Nevada
- Collaborate with Behavioral Health Policy Boards
- Data Collection is critical.
- Produce annual report
- Add to NSHE budget for future biennium
- Submit for grants

AB 37: Where are we now?

Approved at September Board of Regents meeting:
Behavioral Health Education, Retention, and Expansion
Network of Nevada: Be Here Nevada

Since 10/1/23: onboarding of personnel, meeting with
NSHE institutions, and developing outreach and marketing

Closing

Thank you!

QUESTIONS?

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