

**CLARK REGIONAL BEHAVIORAL HEALTH POLICY BOARD
SUBCOMMITTEE ON BOARD PRIORITIES**

April 25, 2024

10:00 a.m. until adjournment

Note: Agenda items may be taken out of order, combined for consideration, and or removed from the agenda at the Chairperson's discretion.

Call to order/roll call – Chair, Ariana Saunders, Vice -Chair, Jamie Ross
Meeting was called to order at 10:00 a.m.

Members Present:

Ariana Saunders
Jamie Ross
Dan Musgrove
Michelle Guerra

Members Absent:

None

Staff/Guests:

Teresa Etcheberry
Nicole Rose

1.) Call to Order, Roll Call

The meeting was called to order.

2.) Public Comment

There was no public comment.

3.) Informational: Review of current Board priorities.

Ms. Ariana Saunders advised that the Board priorities from 2022 consisted of the following items: Behavioral Health: Oversight Agency and Workforce Development Issues (to include Licensing Boards); Dedicated Funding for Crisis Services; Residential Treatment Services for Youth; Increasing Collaboration on the Spectrum of Substance Misuse and its Relation to Mental Health; Identify wrap-around services for individuals experiencing homelessness and mental health crisis, including chronic substance use disorder and recovery support services; and focus on opioid overdoses.

4.) For discussion and possible action: Discussion to determine additions and/or deletions to current priorities.

Mr. Dan Musgrove spoke regarding replacing the residential treatment services for youth to prevention and early intervention in mental health.

Upon questioning by Vice-Chair Ross, Mr. Dan Musgrove advised that the main point would be better served by focusing on keeping kids out of residential treatment services and help them as they come out of residential treatment rather than that being the only one that the Board focuses on.

Discussion was held between Chair Saunders and Ms. Michelle Guerra regarding dedicated funding for crisis services. Chair Saunders then commented on the updated language and on dedicated and sustainable funding for crisis services.

Ms. Michelle Guerra advised that one of the trends that she was seeing for the last two to three years were individuals with methamphetamine abuse and stated that it was a cycle that none of the managed care organizations nor substance abuse treatment facilities have been able to break.

Vice-Chair Ross then commented on the possibility of changing the last priority to focus on overdose prevention. Mr. Dan Musgrove also commented on chronic substance abuse and wrap-around services and the possibly of focusing on a substance abuse bullet that is more inclusive. Ms. Michelle Guerra suggested possibly focusing on a substance abuse bullet that was more inclusive, almost removing the homeless component, but not

removing the statement of homelessness and or adding an additional statement whether they are homeless or not.

Chair Saunders stated that the focus was more on the need for more services and to make sure that barriers were being reduced for people accessing those services.

Vice-Chair Ross stated that if the goal was to focus on the entire spectrum for substance use, which was primarily prevention, secondary prevention, early intervention, harm reduction, treatment recovery, and all of the underlying issues that address that, up to and including systematic trauma and childhood aces and access to services because we do not have enough of anything in our state and commented on the possibility of changing it to promoting Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA) and advised that (SAMHSA) has a wellness wheel, and further commented on changing the language to promote all aspects of substance use, prevention, harm reduction, treatment, and recovery that support health and wellness for all in our community.

Chair Saunders asked if the Board still wanted oversight and workforce development, dedicated, sustainable crisis funding, prevention and early intervention, collaboration, and aspects of substance use that support the health for all in our community.

Ms. Michelle Guerra asked if that covered maybe the increasing collaboration on the spectrum of substance misuse in relation to or all aspects of substance prevention? Ms. Michelle Guerra further commented on the possibility of adding the language of promoting all aspects of substance use disorders co-occurring. Vice-Chair Ross recommended adding the language of promoting all aspects of substance use and mental health. Ms. Michelle Guerra recommended adding all aspects of behavioral health including substance use.

Mr. Dan Musgrove commented on the possibility of bullet number one being flushed out a bit and further stated that there was a discussion about why the regional policy boards existed as a lead into creating an overall county agency for each jurisdiction that really focused on behavioral health instead of it being at the state level and that workforce development issues needed to be separated out and discussed whether or not that was where the Board wanted to push the discussions towards a true oversight agency like Maricopa County or others that execute it at the county level.

Ms. Michelle Guerra advised that she recently reactivated her Texas Licensed Professional Counselor (LPC) and that the website provided information regarding the date of license submission or applications that were currently being worked on which was impressive. She then commented on the state compacts and advised that if she wanted to move to Missouri from Nevada that there was not a compact, but if she wanted to move from Missouri to Florida or vice versa, there were state compacts, so by already being licensed had some bearing on getting approved more readily, and would that be something that the Board would want to advocate for or have as one of the priorities?

Mr. Dan Musgrove stated that compacts were something that the state should be heavily invested in because it has always been an issue and it certainly slows down everything when folks want to come to Nevada.

Ms. Michelle Guerra then advised that there were approximately six states with nothing going on and the other states either have enacted legislation or legislation had been filed.

Mr. Dan Musgrove asked if the oversight agency bullet could be pulled out and the focus be placed on workforce and the compacts and then possibly put a separate agency as a single bullet and then commented on there being a possible agenda item for the whole group. He then advised that another focus would be removing barriers for funding to flow directly to programs.

Mr. Dan Musgrove made a motion to approve the seven priorities from the list and that they be sent to the full committee for their approval. Ms. Michelle Guerra seconded the motion.

The motion passed unanimously.

5.) For discussion and possible action: Data points necessary to finalize recommendations.

Chair Saunders asked if there was any data to help define or support the Board priorities which could be requested moving forward for the rest of the year to get presentations or request the state to provide assistance with the priorities?

Ms. Michelle Guerra asked if anyone was advocating for the compacts? Mr. Dan Musgrove advised that there was a huge discussion about the nursing compact last session, and he expected that the bill would come up again and that there was a group led by Councilman Knutson that deals with the medical district and there has been some discussion on workforce and compacts, and that he was not sure if anything has been vetted yet.

Ms. Michelle Guerra stated that on the website link that she submitted, there were YouTubes, a slide deck, and essentially a tool kit, but she was not sure how the Board would utilize the information or who could present the information, and then she commented on the possibility of contacting Sarah Hunt. Mr. Dan Musgrove also mentioned that Sarah Hunt also had a great working relationship with Dr. Packham out of University Nevada Reno (UNR).

Chair Saunders commented on the possibility of having Sarah Hunt visit the Board for a future meeting and spoke regarding the Board receiving the epidemiologic report, and that it had been a while since the state has shared any data with the Board.

Ms. Michelle Guerra volunteered to put the research together and stated that she would be available to explain the information.

6.) For possible action: Future meeting dates.

Upon questioning by Chair Saunders, Vice-Chair Ross advised that the subcommittee was done and would reconvene next year with new members.

7.) Announcement for future agenda items.

No action was taken.

8.) Public Comment

There was no public comment.

9.) Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 11:23 a.m.