

Southern Regional Behavioral Health Coordinator Update:
Scope of Work and Deliverables

Policy Board Meeting

January 10, 2024

Mental (Behavioral) Health

Goal 1: Increase access to mental and behavioral health services for the Southern BH Region.

Objective: Development of a comprehensive community mental health system.

Activities:

1. Coordinate and maximize the integration and cooperation of mental health and substance abuse programs and services across State, county, and community organizations.
2. Identify community needs, evaluate the quality of behavioral health services, resolve problems, and develop plans and objectives.
3. Convene meetings with behavioral health service providers and participate in the development, selection, and implementation of long-range plans for behavioral health services.
4. Develop cooperative working relationships with law enforcement agencies, social services, advocacy organizations, mental health and substance abuse providers, and other agency and community partners.

Provide Coordination for the Southern Regional Behavioral Health Policy Board.

Objective: Organize a minimum of 4 quarterly Board meetings.

Activities:

1. Coordinate the logistics of the meetings in compliance with NRS433 and Nevada's Open Meeting Law.
2. Submit an annual report to the Commission on Behavioral Health that includes key components.

Annual Report Components

- Specific behavioral health needs of the region;
- Description of the data collection concerning the behavioral health needs and gaps in behavioral health services in the region;
- Description of how the Board coordinated with other behavioral health boards, entities in the region, and the State of Nevada;
- Any data and analyses compiled on persons
 - placed on a mental health crisis hold
 - persons admitted to mental health facilities and hospitals under an emergency admission or involuntary court-ordered admission,
 - and persons ordered to receive assisted outpatient treatment, within the region.

Opioid and Substance Use Disorder (OUD/SUD)

Goal 1: Increase access to training for professionals in the Behavioral Health Region.

Objective: Support overdose education and Naloxone distribution opportunities and assist with the promotion of overdose related materials, data, programs, services, technical assistance (TA), and outreach.

Activities

1. Facilitate training to first responders on Naloxone availability and usage.
2. Facilitate training on evidenced-based best practices in OUD/SUD, behavioral health, suicide, mental health crisis holds, addiction, CIT, and more.

Provide coordination for the Southern Behavioral Health Region

Objective: Promote the adoption and expansion of county diversion and deflection programs.

Activities

1. Provide support and technical assistance for Forensic Assessment Services Triage Teams (FASTT), Mobile Outreach Safety Teams (MOST), and Crisis Intervention Training (CIT) Programs.
2. Create data collection and reporting systems for FASTT, MOST, and CIT.
3. Develop statewide trainings and toolkits (handbooks, templates, etc.) for FASTT, MOST, and CIT.

Evaluation and Documentation

Documentation:

- Monthly/quarterly reports documenting progress on each activity.
- Agendas and meeting minutes and summaries.
- Annual report to the Commission on Behavioral Health.
- Documented training dates, attendance, and any continuing education.
- Published copies of toolkits, handbooks, trainings, and templates.

Appendix:

- Additional resources, training, support, grants, funding, and initiatives distributed monthly to local, regional, and state stakeholders.