

**RURAL REGIONAL BEHAVIORAL HEALTH POLICY BOARD  
AGENDA**

**DATE: February 2, 2024  
TIME: 1:00 pm to adjourn**

**Meeting Location: Online Only**

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**1.) Call to Order and Roll Call (Fergus Laughridge, Chair)**

Members of the Rural Regional Behavioral Health Policy Board: Chair Fergus Laughridge, Brooke O'Byrne, Senator Pete Goicoechea, Dr. Erika Ryst, Matt Walker, Amy Adams, Amanda Osborne, Chris McHan, Patrick Rogers, Sarah Dearborn, Bryce Shields, and Jeri Sanders.

**2.) Public Comment:**

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**3.) For Possible Action: Review and possible approval of meeting minutes from October 6, 2023 (Fergus Laughridge, Chair)**

**4.) For Possible Action: Discussion and possible approval of proposed 2024 Board meeting schedule (Valerie Haskin, Rural RBHC)**

The Rural Regional Behavioral Health Coordinator (Rural RBHC) will submit a proposed schedule of Board meeting dates. Members of the Board will then review the proposed schedule and take a vote for approval.

**5.) Informational: Board member appointment process and upcoming elections (Valerie Haskin, Rural RBHC)**

The Rural RBHC will outline the process and timelines for re-appointments to the Board, including those appointed by outside bodies and those elected by other members of the Board.

**6.) Informational: Nevada DHHS Division of Public and Behavioral Health (DPBH) updates to address the need for expanded forensic behavioral health treatment statewide** (Drew Cross, Statewide Forensic Program Director, Lake’s Crossing Center, or designee)

Mr. Cross, or designee, from DPBH will present current plans and status of projects to address the critical need of timely and appropriate forensic behavioral health services across the state. Special consideration will be made to how services will affect needs seen in rural communities, including the six counties composing the Rural Behavioral Health Region (Elko, Eureka, Humboldt, Lander, Pershing, and White Pine).

**7.) Informational: Updates regarding the activities, resources, challenges, and other work of the Rural Regional Behavioral Health Coordinator (Rural RBHC)** (Valerie Haskin, Rural RBHC)

Updates from the Rural Regional Behavioral Health Coordinator (Rural RBHC), regarding: trainings undertaken and delivered; opportunities for policy improvement; new resources identified; progress of local projects; any new data or information available to guide the Board; service gaps and other challenges encountered in the region; upcoming state, local, and regional events; and recent activities undertaken by task forces and other entities relating to behavioral health.

**8.) Public Comment**

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**9.) Adjournment** (Fergus Laughridge, Chair)

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[https://dpbh.nv.gov/Boards/RBHPB/Board\\_Meetings/2018/Rural\\_Regional/](https://dpbh.nv.gov/Boards/RBHPB/Board_Meetings/2018/Rural_Regional/)  
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If you need supporting documents for this meeting, please notify Valerie Haskin, Rural Regional Behavioral Health Coordinator by email at [vcauhape@thefamilysupportcenter.org](mailto:vcauhape@thefamilysupportcenter.org), or by phone at (775) 300-3245.