

**SOUTHERN REGIONAL BEHAVIORAL HEALTH POLICY BOARD
MEETING AGENDA**

DATE: Wednesday, January 8, 2025

TIME: 8:00 a.m.- Adjournment

Meeting Location: Virtual - Online Only

This meeting held via teleconference at: Join Zoom [Meeting Login Link](#) (see full details in the notes section below). – check online and links at the bottom.

1. Call to Order and Roll Call (Chair, Dr. Kevin Osten-Garner, and Coordinator)

Members

Dr. Kevin Osten-Garner (Chair)
Stacy Smith (Vice-Chair)
Assemblyman Gregory Hafen II
Missie Rowe
Boonn Hem
Chief Scott Lewis

Sarah Dillard
Brenda O’Neill
Dr. Whitney Owens
Coleen Lawrence
Jaren Stanton
Lt. Harry Williams

2. Public Comment

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3. For Information and Discussion (Chair/Board): general board updates and announcements regarding events, information, and relevant communication and data. *Welcome Lt. Harry Williams to the board.*

4. For Discussion and Possible Action (Chair/Board): review and vote on approving the minutes for the November 13, 2024 meeting - <https://nvbh.org/pdf-preview?id=5346>.

5. For Information and Possible Discussion (Panel/Board): panel discussion with input on the legislative process, lobbying techniques, ethics, providing testimony, and letters of support - *Gregory Hafen II, Assemblymember - District 36; Sarah Peters – Assemblymember - District 24; Blayne Osborn, NRHP President; Sarah Adler, Government Affairs Professional.*

6. For Discussion and Possible Action (Chair/Vice-Chair and Board): gather information for future updates on pending legislation known to affect behavioral health including

possible action on letters of support.

7. **For Discussion and Possible Action (Chair/Vice-Chair/Board):** board discussion on Legislative Counsel Bureau (LCB) updates and possible action to vote on recommended changes to the Non-Emergency Secure Behavioral Health Transportation Bill – AB31 - <https://www.leg.state.nv.us/Session/83rd2025/Reports/history.cfm?ID=66>
8. **For Discussion and Possible Action (Chair/Board)** – review and decision on dates for policy board meetings in 2025.
9. **For Discussion and Possible Action:** Discussion and Approval of Future Agenda Items (Coordinator/Board)
 - a. **Board Opening:** “representative of residential treatment facility, transitional housing or other housing program serving persons with mental illness or who abuse alcohol or drugs. Section 3, subsection 8(b). Board appointed. <https://www.leg.state.nv.us/nrs/NRS-433.html#NRS433Sec425> (ongoing)
 - b. **Informational:** Possible experts or additional input on LCB review and possible feedback related to legislative priority (BDR) on non-emergency behavioral health transportation.
 - c. **For Information and Discussion:** overview for potential provision of services for rural and frontier Nevada (Specialty Health, Silver Summit, Care Source, Others).
 - d. **For Information and Discussion:** Updates regarding the activities, resources, challenges, and scope of work of the Southern Regional Behavioral Health Coordinator – *Mark Funkhouser, Coordinator – February.*

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11. **For Possible Action:** Adjournment (Chair/Vice-Chair)

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Physical Locations:

Nevada Rural Hospital Partners: 4600 Kietzke Lane; Suite I-209, Reno, Nevada 89502, and
Division of Public Behavioral Health: 4126 Technology Way, 2nd Floor, Carson City, Nevada
89706.

Southern Regional Behavioral Health Website: <https://nvbh.org/southern-behavioral-health-region/>. Please refer to the Publications and Reports Section for more information.

Department of Health and Human Services Website:

https://dphh.nv.gov/Boards/RBHPB/Board_Meetings/Meetings/ (here you can find the
agendas and minutes for current meetings including an archive of previous meetings and a listing
of board members)

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