

Potential Bill Drafts for Consideration – Southern Regional Behavioral Health Policy Board

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1. Adjustments to marijuana tax money to help fund mental health programs, such as Assisted Outpatient Treatment or Mental Health Court – could seek an allocation of existing money, utilize part of the 10% excise tax going forward or make adjustments to local government ability to add a local tax for this purpose. [Frost; Yeager]
2. Revise language from Assembly Bill 366 (2017) to adjust membership, increase the board's duties to try to more effectively coordinate and amass information, including revising the requirement to submit an annual report and perhaps seek funding to add staff to the board and/or develop a first rate website. [McKay; Yeager; Iser] Perhaps look at making Clark its own board. [Frost] Or keep Esmerelda & Nye with Clark [Iser]
3. Create a committee charged with tracking Legal 2000 data and provide appropriate staffing to that committee. [Dickson]
4. Rewrite appropriate NRS chapters to remove inappropriate/stigmatizing language as it relates to mental/behavioral health. [Jobin]
5. Enact the "Freedom to Care Act" – any willing and qualified provider for mental/behavioral health, either for private insurers, state Medicaid or both. [Jobin; Iser]
6. Seek stable funding source for mobile crisis for both adults and children. [Harris]
7. Implement the OSCAR (One System of Care And Resources) system that was recommended back in 2008 by the Southern Nevada Mental Health Design Work Group. [Harris]
8. Improve licensing process and/or oversight. [Clarke]
9. Require that youth in institutions receive family therapy. [Clarke]
10. Create a board like SAPTA for mental health. [Ross]
11. Potential consolidation of boards. [Ross]
12. Establish a blockchain pilot program to better share information between providers or between patient/provider. [Yeager]
13. Create/update emergency management protocol to better coordinate mental/behavioral health response. [Yeager]