

**Division of Public and Behavioral Health
Washoe Regional Behavioral Health Policy Board**

AGENDA

This meeting will be held via teleconference only. Pursuant to Governor Sisolak’s March 22, 2020, Declaration of Emergency Directive 006 which was extended by Directive 021, the requirement contained in NRS 241.023(1)(b) that there be a physical location is suspended in order to mitigate the possible exposure or transmission of COVID-19 (Coronavirus). Accordingly, all members of the public must participate by using the teleconference number or web link provided in this notice.

Date: August 10th, 2020
Time: 3:00 p.m. to Adjournment

Location: Zoom Meeting:

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1. Roll Call, Introductions, Announcements **Informational**
(Chair Ratti)
Members: Julia Ratti (Chair), Assemblywoman Sarah Peters, Char Buehrle,

Jennifer DeLett-Snyder, Sandy Stamates, Dr. Kristen Davis-Coelho, Cindy Green, Dani Tillman, Wade Clark, Steve Shell, Frankie Lemus, Henry Sotelo and Tom Zumtobel.

2. Public Comments (*Action may not be taken on any matter brought up under this agenda item until scheduled on an agenda for a later meeting*)

3. Approval of Minutes of June 2020 Policy Board Meeting **For Possible Action**
(Chair Ratti)

4. Reading and approval of “Letter of Appreciation to Kevin Dick” **For Possible Action**
(Chair Ratti)

5. Nomination and Selection of Vice Chair ***For Possible Action***
(Chair Ratti)

6. Presentations of Potential Board BDR for 81st Legislative Session: ***Informational***

Peer Recovery Support Specialists
(Lisa Lee and Sean O'Donnell, Reno Initiative for Shelter and Equality)

Summary:

Peers are individuals with lived experience in recovery from substance use, problem gambling, mental health, and/or other/co-occurring challenges. They use their recovery experience to provide support and hope to individuals working through their own recovery. In previous legislative sessions, legislators had proposed bills which would have mandated certification for peer recovery support services. In certain cases, the language in these bills presented challenges to support services. It is felt by some that legislation can and should be developed by Nevada communities of recovery and peer support specialists.

Recommendation:

Develop legislation that requires mandatory state certification developed by Nevada communities of recovery and Peer Recovery Support Specialists. The goal would be to place straightforward and flexible requirements into statute while tasking the Nevada Certification Board to determine regulations and rules for certification

IMD exclusion and/or Parity
(Lea Cartwright, Government Relations Manager, J.K. Belz & Associates)

Summary:

An IMD (institution for mental disease) is a facility with more than 16 psychiatric beds, or where 50% or more of admissions are for mental disorders. Freestanding psychiatric units, with more than 16 beds, cannot receive any Medicaid funds. This leaves patients (ages 24-65) with limited options for inpatient residential care, while freestanding psychiatric facilities have open beds. According to the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS), the Medicaid IMD exclusion has been one of the biggest contributing factors to psychiatric boarding in emergency rooms.

Recommendation: Apply for an 1115 waiver, also known as an 1115 demonstration, from the federal government for Fee-For-Service Medicaid recipients.

Summary:

The Mental Health Parity and Addiction Equity Act (MHPAEA) of 2008 mandates parity between mental illness and substance use disorder (MI/SUD) benefits and medical surgical provided by health insurance providers or group health plans. In Nevada, the benefit parity issue is addressed in a complaint-driven regulatory model resulting in potential inefficiencies and lapses in care. Mental health patients are required to identify that a violation has occurred, and subsequent steps may take significant time to complete and ultimately hinder progress in resolution.

Recommendation:

Pass state level parity legislation enforcing compliance with federal law; build upon previously introduced parity legislation; consider requiring additional documentation, or enhanced attestation for Medicaid and from insurers (by the Division of Insurance) to proactively confirm compliance with parity laws; and/or consider public outreach regarding parity.

7. Discussion and approval of Policy Board's 2021 BDR ***For Possible Action***
(Chair Ratti)

8. Future agenda items for approval
(Chair Ratti)

For Possible Action

9. Public Comments (*Action may not be taken on any matter brought up under this agenda item until scheduled on an agenda for a later meeting*)

10. Next Meeting: September 14, 2020
(Chair Ratti)

Informational

11. Adjourn
(Chair Ratti)

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