



**Clark Regional Behavioral Health Policy Board
DRAFT Minutes**

DATE: January 9, 2020 TIME: 2:00 p.m. to Adjournment

Meeting Location:

Grant Sawyer State Office Building
555 E Washington Av, Room 4412
Las Vegas, NV 89109

TELECONFERENCE: 415-655-0003 Meeting ID 280 914 517

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:

Assemblywoman Connie Munk, Captain Nita Schmidt, Charlene Frost, Dan Musgrove, Dr. Lesley Dickson, Jamie Ross, Michelle Guerra

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT:

Angelo Aragon, Dr. James Jobin, Dr. Ken McKay, Jacqueline Harris

STAFF AND GUESTS PRESENT:

Stacy Burns, Sara Hunt, John Packham, Trinh Dang, Trey Delap, Chaz Fernandez, Mitch Giagni, Ariana Saunders, Dr. Stephanie Woodard

1. Introductions, Announcements, and Roll Call
Char Frost took roll call. Quorum was met.
2. Public Comment
Jasmine Cook noted the homeless census Point in Time count will be held on Jan. 29, 2020. The count will take place during daytime hours rather than evening hours as in the past. The COC's are heavily recruiting volunteers, who are needed to count and survey the unsheltered individuals in the community. Anyone interested can contact Help Hope Home at 702-445-5832.
3. Approval of Minutes from October 10, 2019 Meeting
Dan Musgrove motioned to approve the minutes. Assemblywoman Connie Munk seconds. None opposed/abstained; motion carries.
4. Board Member Announcements
Dr. McKay is having some medical issues and is approved to be "absent excused" until he returns. He is not expected to be out for a long period of time.
5. Presentation on Behavioral Health Priorities
Dr. Stephanie Woodard presented on the adult behavioral health priorities in the State. Mental health spans both mental health and substance abuse disorder. This ranking placed Nevada as 51st in the Nation. Dr. Woodard noted there are a lot of variables in the ranking as Nevada did not place 51st on all indicators, and the Mental health report is data from 2017. There were 15 different measures that went into the ranking. State specific statistics

are published every 2 years. Nevada has held steady overall in adult rankings, however, there have been some drastic changes in some of them. There has been a significant increase from 2013-2017 in adults with any mental illness. According to the statistics, Nevada has increased by about 700 percent. Nevada compared to the National average, Nevada is at 18.87 percent, where the National average is 18.57 percent. There has also been a significant increase for adults with Mental Health issues who are uninsured. Nevada has moved from 51st to 34th ranking, due to the expansion of Medicaid. In addition, the State is working to get supportive housing through the Medicaid program. Dr. Woodard then fielded questions from the board.

6. Presentation on Workforce Development

Dr. Packham and Dr. Hunt presented information on Workforce Supply and Demand. Dr. Packham discussed implications on shortages in Behavioral Health across the State. What is driving demand in the State of Nevada are: population growth, and gains in public and private insurance coverage. Economic growth is also driving healthcare. Changes in population health such as opioid use is also driving healthcare in the State. Dr. Packham noted a steady growth in the number of providers in the State with licensure, the workforce is aging. Physician age average is 54.2 years. There is a shortage by population growth in the State, and State offices in Rural Health have no psychiatrists. There has been growth in every category of licensed behavioral healthcare workers. It would take 154 additional psychiatrists; Clark County would take 174 additional psychiatrists to meet the national average. There are general funds to help improve behavioral health in the State. Dr. Hunt then addressed the board with barriers; such as internship sites, internship training, getting licensed, and growing the mental healthcare providers community. Providers are applying, however, being told they already have enough providers, they aren't being included on the panel. Due to this barrier SB234 was passed where now insurance carriers must create a letter of denial letting them know they were denied for being placed on the panel. The letter must go to the provider applying, as well as the Division of Insurance. In addition, rates and processing claims is also another barrier. Dr. Hunt opened the floor to questions.

7. Workgroup Reports and Recommendations

Dan Musgrove discussed the work group meeting that was held on Dec. 17. They will schedule another meeting and reach out to the psychologist examiners to have them present. Discussions on licensure and endorsement concerns especially from folks that are who are from out-of-state who want to come into Nevada or have a dual licensure, which they have found to be challenging. Mr. Musgrove opened the floor for other comments/questions. They will gather more information from the boards before making any recommendations.

8. Discussion of Board Candidates and Approval of Appointments and Reappointments of Board Positions (as per AB76 (3)(8))

Ms. Frost stated the Southern Nevada Health District has reached out to ask how to go about to get someone appointed. She spoke with Jasmine (Cook) and they will have

whomever they want to appoint at the next board meeting and for them to be prepared to answer questions.

9. Discussion and Approval of Annual Report Draft

Ms. Cook provided a draft copy of the annual report. However, she needs input on the board's priorities as well as clear recommendations to be included in the report. Ms. Cook did receive a blurb from Jamie (Ross) on the fourth priority regarding the collaboration on the spectrum of substance misuse and its relation to mental health. In the past there has been multiple discussions deferring to and adopting the Clark County Children's Mental Health Consortium (CCMHC) policy on residential treatments of youth. CCMHC has been working on a ten-year plan. There is a motion to adopt whatever CCMHC finalizes to go into the CRBHPB report under section 4 on residential treatment services for youth. Mr. Musgrove sees no conflict and motions to defer to CCMHC's policy. Ms. Ross seconds the motion. All in favor say, 'Aye,'; none opposed/abstained. Motion carries. Ms. Frost stated she would write a blurb regarding dedicated funding for crisis services. In addition, she would like to reach out to Pahrump since they are part of the board. Michelle Guerra noted she would also like to help draft something given her experience in the crisis field. Mr. Musgrove has also agreed to help. Ms. Cook has requested to receive more information to expand on mental health oversight agency and workforce development issues. In addition, Ms. Cook reminded everyone this is due by next Friday. Ms. Frost motions to have everyone approve moving forward to get the blurbs completed, and the CCMHC recommendations. Mr. Musgrove motions to approve; Ms. Guerra seconds. All in favor say, 'Aye,' none opposed/abstained. Motion carries.

10. Approval of Date for Next Meeting & Agenda Items

Ms. Frost would like to go back to quarterly meetings and suggested they meet again in March or April. The next meeting is scheduled for March 20 at 9 a.m. at the Grant Sawyer Building. An invitation will be sent out.

11. Public Comment – None.

12. Adjournment - Meeting adjourned at 4:24 p.m.