

**RURAL REGIONAL BEHAVIORAL HEALTH POLICY BOARD
MEETING MINUTES**

DATE: July 7, 2023

TIME: 1:00 pm to adjourn

Meeting Location: Online Only

1.) Call to Order and Roll Call (Valerie Haskin)

The Rural Regional Behavioral Health Policy Board members present: Chair Fergus Laughridge, Brooke O’Byrne, Matt Walker (tardy, excused), Amy Adams, Amanda Osborne, Chris McHan, Patrick Rogers, and Sarah Dearborn.

Members Absent: Senator Pete Goicoechea (absent), Dr. Erika Ryst (excused) Bryce Shields (excused), and Jeri Sanders (excused).

2.) Public Comment:

No public comment was made.

3.) For Possible Action: Review and possible approval of meeting minutes from June 2, 2023 (Fergus Laughridge, Chair)

Motion to approve the draft minutes without edits made by Amanda Osborne; seconded by Patrick Rogers. Passed unanimously.

4.) For Possible Action: Discussion and possible approval of the Rural Regional Behavioral Health Policy Board’s Legislative Subcommittee Overview Report of the 82nd (2023) Session of the Nevada Legislature (Valerie Haskin, rural RBHC)

Ms. Haskin presented a brief overview of the report regarding the outcomes of the 82nd regular session of the Nevada Legislature. Documentation of the report was provided as backup.

As requested by Chair Laughridge and other Chair members of the subcommittee, Ms. Haskin prepared a report on all Bills that were discussed at some point by the legislative subcommittee. The report includes a background of why the report is written, what happened with AB 37, successes, challenges, and lessons learned. Ms. Haskin provided all the Bills that were passed and signed by Governor Lombardo alongside a summary of the Bill, all bills that were vetoed by the Governor, which included AB 201 and AB 265 due to unfunded mandates, and ending with Bills that died. Ms. Haskins added at the bottom a brief summary of some of the major changes that may be expected system-wide and different pieces of the Behavioral Health field.

Motion to approve the Report of the 82nd Session accepted as written made by Brooke O’Byrne; seconded by Chris McHan. Passed unanimously.

5.) For Possible Action: Determination and approval of Rural RBHPB Strategic Planning Process through September 2023 (Valerie Haskin, Rural RBHC)

Ms. Haskin proposed, with the Board's approval, to take the information from the 2023 Properties and Solutions and organize them into different activities that could be completed by the board within the context of meetings over the course of the next three years. This will narrow down the long list of possible items since the solutions that were proposed within the original document were external to the Board. Documentation of the report was provided as backup.

A survey will be prepared and sent out individually to the board for their feedback. The Board will choose 2-3 Projects on which it will focus its attention over the following three years.

Ms. Haskins asked the Board for their feedback on the proposed SP process. Mr. Rogers commented that it is a tight timeline but is feasible and requested for the reports to be sent out again to the Board members. Ms. O'Byrne agreed the plan was feasible.

Motion to approve the Strategic Planning Process as provided made by Sarah Dearborn; seconded by Patrick Rogers. Passed unanimously.

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

Ms. Haskin reviewed the Rural RBHC Activity report, regarding Task Forces, Travel and Training, CIT, Assistance with SMART Recovery Facilitator Training, Life and Social Curriculum, Legislature, Administrative, Gaps and Challenges, and Opportunities and Suggestions. Documentation of the report was provided as backup.

Chair Laughridge highlighted as the Board and the Rural RBHC work on programs in individual counties that we are looking to replicate that across the region. Opportunity may involve being established in one county and how we pull the resources from one area to another.

Chair Laughridge requested Ms. Haskins to provide more information about the Urban counterparts since it's a little more challenging out there.

7.) Public Comment

Chair Laughridge conveyed his gratitude for each Board member being involved in this, being spread out through the Rural Region, and being able to make changes in the State, not only focusing on the rural areas, and having a global vision of improving mental health across the state and the resources. Chair Laughridge commends each Board member.

8.) Adjournment (Fergus Laughridge, Chair)