

# RURAL REGIONAL BEHAVIORAL HEALTH POLICY BOARD

## Minutes

DATE: January 27, 2023

TIME: 12:00 pm to adjourn

Meeting Location: Online Only

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### 1.) Call to Order and Roll Call (Fergus Laughridge, Chair)

Members of the Legislative Subcommittee of the Rural Regional Behavioral Health Policy Board present: Chair Fergus Laughridge, and Chris McHan. Jeri Sanders was excused.

### 2.) Public Comment:

- Laura Oslund, Executive Director of PACE Coalition: Audit article in the Elko Daily Free Press described the deplorable conditions in some of Nevada's private youth residential treatment centers.
  - Article link: [https://elkodaily.com/news/state-and-regional/auditors-wary-of-child-health-safety-in-nevada-care-centers/article\\_1506ccdf-c484-5de1-afc2-c9b3d433319d.html](https://elkodaily.com/news/state-and-regional/auditors-wary-of-child-health-safety-in-nevada-care-centers/article_1506ccdf-c484-5de1-afc2-c9b3d433319d.html)
- Char Frost, Chair, Clark Regional Behavioral Health Policy Board: clarification to Ms. Oslund's comment; the article referenced a legislative audit.
  - Link to Audit Report: <https://www.leg.state.nv.us/division/Audit/Full/BE2024/LA24-06%20-%20Governmental%20and%20Private%20Facilities%20for%20Children%20-%20Inspections%20December%202022%20Report%20FINAL%20WEBSITE.pdf>

### 3.) Informational: Presentation from NAMI Nevada Regarding Engaging in Educational and Advocacy Efforts Without Lobbying. (Robin Reedy, Executive Director, NAMI Nevada; Laura Yanez, Executive Director, NAMI Western Nevada)

Ms. Reedy, Executive Director of NAMI Nevada, delivered a brief regarding the differentiation between education, advocacy, and lobbying in the context of participation of Board Members and Stakeholders during the 82<sup>nd</sup> session of the Nevada Legislature.

Ms. Reedy stated that February 16, 2023 will be “Mental Health Day” at the Nevada Legislature. There will be an evening reception starting at 6pm at the NAMI Nevada office in Reno.

**4.) For Possible Action: Development and Approval of Subcommittee Process for Providing Support for Legislation During the 82<sup>nd</sup> (2023) Session of the Nevada Legislature.** (Fergus Laughridge, Chair; Valerie Haskin, Rural RBHC)

Ms. Haskin presented an initial framework from which the Subcommittee could build two processes: The first, to hear and declare an official stance on bills affecting behavioral health; and the second being a process for the Subcommittee to follow in developing and submitting amendments to AB 37. The meeting schedule for the Subcommittee was also discussed as it aligned with legislative timelines and regular meetings of the Rural Regional Behavioral Health Policy Board.

Both processes were accepted (motion by Chris, Second by Fergus. Passed unanimously), and with direction given to Ms. Haskin to develop a process for the Subcommittee to propose amendments to other bills, to be brought to the Subcommittee’s February 10, 2023 meeting for review and possible approval.

**5.) Informational: Review of Current Bills Related to Behavioral Health** (Fergus Laughridge, Chair; Valerie Haskin, Rural RBHC)

The bills listed in the table below were reviewed briefly by Ms. Haskin.

Bill Number	Topic
Assembly Bill 6	Revises provisions relating to the cost of health care.
Assembly Bill 9	Revises provisions governing regional behavioral health policy boards. (From the Northern RBHPB)
Assembly Bill 37	Authorizes the establishment of the Behavioral Health Workforce Development Center of Nevada. (From the Rural RBHPB)
Assembly Bill 45	Creates a program to repay the student education loans of certain providers of health care.
Assembly Bill 69	Expands the loan repayment program administered by the Nevada Health Service Corps to include certain providers of behavioral health care. (From the Washoe RBHPB)
Senate Bill 68	Establishes programs to provide certain assistance relating to housing. (From the Clark RBHPB)

Dr. Sara Hunt (with permission from Chair Laughridge) announced that the Nevada System of Higher Education (NSHE) Chancellor Erquiaga is intending to present AB 37 alongside other bills that affect NSHE to the Board of Regents at their meeting on February 2, 2023.

Chair Laughridge asked Ms. Haskin to send the full bills to all members of the Rural Regional Behavioral Health Policy Board as soon as possible, so all Board members could review the content before the next Subcommittee meeting and voice concerns to Ms. Haskin.

No action was taken on this agenda item.

**6.) Public Comment**

No public comment was provided.

**7.) Adjournment** (Fergus Laughridge, Chair)

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