
**NORTHERN REGIONAL BEHAVIORAL HEALTH POLICY BOARD
DRAFT MINUTES**

DATE: October 31, 2019 TIME: 1 p.m.

Meeting Location:

Division of Public and Behavioral Health
4150 Technology Way, Room 303
Carson City, Nevada 89703

TELECONFERENCE: 888-363-4734 ACCESS CODE: 3865799

1. Introductions, Announcements, and Roll Call

Members Present: Dave Fogerson, Interim Chair; Dr. Joseph McEllistrem; Ali Banister; Nicki Aaker; Taylor Allison; Sheriff Ken Furlong; Sandra Draper; Amy Hyde-Sutherland

Member Absent: Adrienne Sutherland

Staff and Guests Present: Adrian Redwick, Jimmy Lau, Laura Yanez, Pamela Johnson, Linda Lang, Dan Gunnarson, Jen Thompson, Wendy Madson, Julia Peek, Rick Porzig
Mr. Fogerson determined a quorum was present

2. Public Comment

There was no public comment.

3. Appointment of Board Members for the Following Areas of Representation in Assembly Bill (AB) 75, Section 3.8 passed in 2019 session regarding how Regional Health Policy Board members are appointed and by whom):

- Representative of residential treatment facility, transitional housing, or other housing program serving persons with mental illness or who abuse alcohol or drugs;
- Private or public insurer representative; if not available, another person who has experience in the field of insurance or working with insurers.

Ms. Flood introduced Lana Robards, Executive Director of New Frontier in Fallon, as a candidate for the position as a representative of a residential treatment facility.

Ms. Banister moved to recommend Ms. Robards for the position of representative of residential treatment facility, transitional housing or other housing program serving persons with mental illness or who abuse alcohol or drugs. Sheriff Furlong seconded the motion. The motion carried without opposition or abstention.

Ms. Flood introduced Matt Law as a candidate as a private or public insurer representative. Ms. Banister moved to appoint him for the position. Ms. Yeager seconded the motion. The motion carried without opposition or abstention.

4. Board Member Updates on Behavioral Health Concerns, Initiatives, and Successes in Their Areas of Specialty

Mr. Fogerson discussed suicides, other statistics and responses, and teaming up with others to assist those in crisis. Board members shared their concerns about suicide and workforces with high suicide rates.

5. Regional Behavioral Health Coordinate Update on Current Local, Regional, and Statewide Efforts and Initiatives

Ms. Flood noted that six Board members attended the Crisis Now Summit which emphasized training and community training. The next Crisis Now Summit will be paired with the National Alliance of Mental Health Nevada conference in May.

6. Workshop on Ripple Effects Mapping

The workshop was facilitated by Heather Kerwin, focusing on review and documentation of the region's behavioral health initiatives and achievements over the past five years, including the Regional Behavioral Health Coalition and County Behavioral Health Task Force activities and successes. Board members can identify and discuss past behavioral health initiatives, activities, and successes in the region. Ms. Flood described how the workshop would benefit the Board and the region. Ms. Garropolo spoke on public health issues and encouraged all in attendance to participate in an interview to be able to map effects for the workshop.

7. Public Comment

There was no public comment.

8. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned.