

**NORTHERN REGIONAL BEHAVIORAL HEALTH POLICY BOARD  
AGENDA**

**DATE: December 7<sup>th</sup>, 2023  
TIME: 2:00 p.m. to Adjournment**

**Meeting Locations**

**This meeting will be held in-person and via teleconference (hybrid) at:**

**Join us in-person here..**

Carson City Fire Station  
777 S. Stewart St.  
Carson City NV 89701  
(775)887-2210  
Inside Conference Room

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**NOTE:** Agenda items may be taken out of order, combined for consideration, and or removed from the agenda at the chairperson's discretion.

**AGENDA**

- 1.) Call to Order and Roll Call  
(Chair – Shayla Holmes / Vice Chair – Amy Hyne-Sutherland)

**Members:**

Dr. Ali Banister  
Dr. Robin Titus  
Laura Yanez  
Nicki Aaker  
Lana Robards

Sheriff Ken Furlong  
Shayla Holmes  
Erik Schoen  
Dr. Amy Hyne-Sutherland  
Sandy Wartgow  
Dr. Alana Rogne  
Daria Winslow

2.) **PUBLIC COMMENT**

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3.) **For Possible Action:** Review and approve the agenda for December 7<sup>th</sup>, 2023, policy board meeting. (Chair Holmes and Policy Board Members)

4.) **For Possible Action:** Review and possible approval of meeting minutes from August 3<sup>rd</sup> and November 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2023. (Chair Holmes and Policy Board members)

5.) **For Possible Action:** Public Comment discussion. Will there be public comment af (Chair and Policy Board Members)

6.) **For Possible Action:** Nomination of Board Member and Vote to Submit to the Governor for appointment: Rep. of, NRS 433.429.5: The Speaker of the Assembly shall appoint to each policy board one member who represents extensive experience in the delivery of social services in the field of behavioral health, including, without limitation, directors, or officers of social service agencies in the behavioral health region.

Previous Incumbent: Shayla Holmes, Lyon County Health and Human Services, Lyon County

Candidate: Chair Shayla Holmes, Lyon County Health and Human Services, Lyon County  
(Vice-Chair Hyne-Sutherland, Policy Board Members)

7.) **For Possible Action:** Nomination of Board Member and Vote to Submit to Senate Majority Leader for appointment: Rep. of Law Enforcement, NRS 433.429.4: The Majority Leader of the Senate shall appoint to each policy board one member who represents law enforcement agencies and who has experience with and knowledge of matters relating to persons in need of behavioral health services.

Current Incumbent: Sheriff Kenneth Furlong, Carson City Sheriff's Department

Candidate: Sheriff Kenneth Furlong, Carson City Sheriff's Department  
(Chair Holmes, Policy Board Members)

8.) **For Possible Action:** Nomination of Board Member and Vote to Submit to the Speaker of the Assembly for appointment: Rep. of Criminal Justice System, NRS 433.429.3: The Speaker of the Assembly shall appoint to each policy board one member who represents the criminal justice system.

Previous Incumbent: Ali Banister, Juvenile Probation, Carson City

Candidate: Ali Banister, Juvenile Probation, Carson City  
(Chair Holmes, Policy Board Members)

9.) **For Possible Action:** Nomination of Board Member and Vote to Submit to Administrator, Division of Public and Behavioral Health: NRS 433.429.7(c): Member who represents providers

of emergency medical services or fire services and has experience providing emergency care to behavioral health patients; may be a physician or a paramedic.

Previous Incumbent: Sandy Wartgow, Division Chief - EMS, Carson City Fire Department

Candidate: Sandy Wartgow, Division Chief - EMS, Carson City Fire Department

(Chair Holmes, Policy Board Members)

**10.) For Possible Action:** Nomination of Board Member and Vote to Submit to Policy Board Members: NRS 433.429.8(b): Member who represents the interests of owners or administrators of residential treatment facilities, transitional housing or other housing for persons with a mental illness or persons who have an alcohol or other substance use disorder.

Previous Incumbent: Lana Robards, Executive Director - New Frontier, Churchill County

Candidate: Lana Robards, Executive Director - New Frontier, Churchill County

(Chair Holmes, Policy Board Members)

**11.) For Possible Action:** Nomination of Board Member and Vote to Submit to Policy Board Members: NRS 433.429.8(c): Member who is health officer of a county or who holds a position with similar duties or, if no such person is available, an employee of a city, county, or Indian tribe who has experience in the field of public health.

Previous Incumbent: Nicki Aaker, Director - Carson City Health and Human Services, Carson City

Candidate: Nicki Aaker, Director - Carson City Health and Human Services, Carson City

(Chair Holmes, Policy Board Members)

**12.) For Possible Action:** Nomination of Board Member and Vote to Submit to Policy Board Members: NRS 433.429.8(f): Member who has received behavioral health services in this state, including, without limitation, services for substance use disorders, or a family member of such a person or, if such a person is not available, a person who represents the interests of behavioral health patients or the families of behavioral health patients.

Previous Incumbent: Laura Yanez, Executive Director - NAMI Western Nevada, Carson City

Candidate: Laura Yanez, Executive Director - NAMI Western Nevada, Carson City

(Chair Holmes, Policy Board Members)

**13.) Informational:** Presentation on the roles and responsibilities of the Prevention Specialist. (Natalie Powell, Director Nevada Certification Board, CASAT-UNR)

**14.) Informational:** Presentation on roles and responsibilities of the Peer Recovery Support Specialist (PRSS) profession. (Jordan Baez, PRSS-S, CHW II Project Coordinator, CASAT-UNR)

**15.) Informational:** Presentation on the Community Health Worker (CHW I and II) profession. (Jay Clausen-Kolbert, Project Manager Nevada CHW Association / Wendy Madson, Health Community Coalition)

**16.) For Possible Action:**

Review and possible action on the board priorities/goals. Discuss how to move forward and focus on the top priorities/goals. (Regional Behavioral Health Coordinator, Policy Board Members)

Goal 1: To have flourishing behavioral health supports and services across the spectrum; possible services (direct and community) available to the entire continuum of care— across the life span (regional/statewide).

Goal 2: Northern Region communities will have robust and vibrant social connectivity opportunities for its community members across the lifespan.

Goal 3: Regional/Statewide deflection and diversion programs will be unified in goals, outcomes, and policy structure (post release, mandated, voluntary, etc.).

Goal 4: Address the various social determinates of health (SDoH) in the Northern Region focusing on housing (affordable and supportive) as well early childhood care/education.

Goal 5: (3 and 5 are closely aligned) Crisis response will be tailored to meet the Northern Region's community's needs by maximizing existing programs and services. Think innovatively on how to sustain and build up these programs and services.

Goal 6: The Regional Behavioral Health Policy board will have a solid built structure that ensures its effective with its mission including coordinator role.

**17.) Informational:**

Regional Behavioral Health Coordinator and Board Member updates regarding mental health and substance use/opioid misuse (SUD/ODU) concerns, initiatives, upcoming trainings and events, and overall successes and gaps in their area of specialty. (Regional Behavioral Health Coordinator, Policy Board Members)

**18.) Informational:**

Local Behavioral Health Taskforce updates regarding mental health and substance use/opioid use (SUD/ODU) concerns, initiatives, trainings, data reports, successes, and gaps in each area. (Board Behavioral Taskforce appointees)

**Behavioral Taskforce Board Representatives/designees by county:**

- Carson – Nicki Aaker
- Churchill – Gabrielle Stone
- Douglas – Daria Winslow
- Lyon – Shayla Holmes
- Storey – Erik Schoen

**19.) For Possible Action:**

Discussion/Approval of Future Agenda Items:

JAN – presentation Medicaid for PRSS/CHW reimbursement - Sarah Dearborn or colleague

Presentation on Crosswalk for PRSS/CHW/(?)PS – Kim Riggs

AVEL/VCC program – Laura Yanez NAMI WNV

FEB - MCO expansion Presentation – Elyse Monroy and Sarah Dearborn

Statewide Coalition Update presentation – Jamie Ross

MAR – SafeVoice presentation and update on data – Desiree Mattice

Rural Children's Behavioral Health Consortium update on Strategic plan and updates - Chair Melissa W.

APR. – Charlie Health virtual IOP program – Ashana Viswaruban

**20.) For Possible Action:**

Next meeting January 4<sup>th</sup>, 2023 – Teleconference only

**21.) PUBLIC COMMENT**

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**22.) Adjournment** (Chair and/or Vice Chair)

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4600 Kietzke Lane Suite I-209

4150 Technology Way, Carson City, Nevada

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If you need supporting documents for this meeting, please notify Cherylyn Rahr-Wood, Northern Regional Behavioral Health Coordinator, at (775) 827-4770 ext. 15 or by email at [cherylyn@nrhp.org](mailto:cherylyn@nrhp.org)