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

DATE: September 18, 2019 TIME: 9 a.m.

Meeting Location:

Division of Public and Behavioral Health
4150 Technology Way, Room 303
Carson City, Nevada 89706

TELECONFERENCE: 1-669-900-6833 / Access 485972675

1. Introductions, Announcements, and Roll Call

Members Present: Assemblywoman Robin Titus, Adrienne Sutherland Renwick, Dave Fogerson, Amy Hynes-Sutherland

Staff and Guests Present:
Jessica Flood, Coordinator

2. Introduction of Appointed Members

Board appointments were recently reset to comply with Assembly Bill (AB) 76 guidelines, requiring seven members for an operating board. Four of the seven members have been appointed and were present, creating quorum.

3. Public Comment

There was no public comment.

4. Selection of Board Members for the Following Areas of Representation Identified in AB 76:

Dr. Titus was appointed by the legislative commission and Adrienne Sutherland-Renwick, Dave Fogerson and Amy Hynes-Sutherland were appointed by the Division of Public and Behavioral Health administrator. As a quorum, they can appoint 6 additional members to the board as identified in AB76, including a:

- Representative from a community-based organization providing behavioral health services;
- Representative of a residential treatment facility, transitional housing, or other housing program serving persons with mental illness or who abuse alcohol or drugs;
- County health officer or their representative; or similar public health position from city, county, or tribe;
- Licensed Nevada clinical psychiatrist or psychologist (with PhD); if none are available, health care provider who has experience working with 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;"

- Patient who has received behavioral health (including substance abuse) services in the region or their family member; if those people aren't available, an advocate for behavioral health patients and their families.

Taylor Allison, ED of Partnership Douglas County applied to be appointed to the position of "Representative from a community-based organization providing behavioral health services." All current board members voted to appoint her into that position on the board.

Nicki Aaker, Director of Carson City Health and Human Services applied to the board for the position of "County health officer or their representative; or similar public health position from city, county or tribe." All current board members voted to appoint her into that position on the board.

Dr. Joseph McEllistrem, Director of Forensic Health Services at Carson City and Douglas County jails, and Dr. Dan Gunnarson, Psychologist with Aging and Disability Services Division Rural Regional Center, both applied for the position of as a licensed Nevada clinical psychiatrist or psychologist (with PhD); if none are available, health care provider who has experience working with persons with mental illness or who abuse alcohol or drugs. Ms. Allison moved to appoint Dr. McEllistrem, stating that he was integral in developing and formalizing the region's MOST and FASTT programs and his continued participation is important in completing that initiative. Dave Fogerson seconded that motion. All current board members voted to appoint him to the Board.

No one was present or had been identified for the role of a private or public insurer representative; if not available, another person who has experience in the field of insurance or working with insurers. This position has been a gap on the Board for the past two years. She asked Board members and the audience to reach out to her regarding candidates for the position. The board will keep this position open until the next meeting.

Sandie Draper, family advocate with the National Alliance on Mental Illness Western Nevada, applied to be appointed to the position of a patient who has received behavioral health (including substance abuse) services in the region or their family member; if those people aren't available, an advocate for behavioral health patients and their families. All current board members voted to appoint her.

5. Selection of New Northern Regional Behavioral Health Policy Board Chair
Ms. Flood and Mr. Fogerson decided to wait to vote on a new chair since several members were pending appointment to the Board. She asked the Board to appoint Mr. Fogerson as temporary chair. Dr. Titus so moved. All members voted to approve

his appointment. Mr. Fogerson stated that Ms. Flood would continue to facilitate meetings.

6. Update by Regional Behavioral Health Coordinator
Ms. Flood provided an update on initiatives related to the Board including the upcoming Crisis Now Summit, October 18, in Las Vegas. Part of the initiative is to integrate the OpenBeds system that will allow the state to see all behavioral health beds available throughout the state. She also gave an update on the symposium held in August to spread awareness about mobile outreach to co-responder teams across the state, especially to rural counties lacking MOST. The symposium was a result of the legislature's failure to pass AB 191 funding MOST in rural counties. Dr. Titus remarked the bill failed because there had not been enough outreach to committee chairs over identifying this as a funding priority.
 7. Update Regarding Developing Next Steps in AB 85 (Development of Statewide Education for Judges, Hospitals, and Community Partners, Development of Regulations)
Ms. Flood provided an update on AB 85. She stated the Statewide Mental Health Crisis Hold Workgroup was drafting recommendations for regulations identified in the bill including medical clearance, behavioral health transportation, involuntary administration of medication, and data collection for mental health crisis holds. Draft regulations will be presented at the next statewide committee meeting. She also gave an update on the mental health crisis hold education packets which should be ready for distribution on January 1, 2020.
 8. Review of Next Steps for Northern Regional Behavioral Health Policy Board Strategic Planning Scheduled for October 23-24, 2019
Ms. Flood gave an overview of the Board's timeline for upcoming months. She is coordinating with Heather Kerwin to conduct a ripple effect mapping workshop on October 23 to document the region's efforts and successes in behavioral health over the past five years. She asked the Board to extend the time on October 24 so they could have a full day dedicated to strategic planning. Ms. Flood will work with the chair to develop a Board report for the Commission on Behavior Health. That usually has a November 1 deadline.
 9. Public Comment
Ms. Allison asked for a discussion about AB 291, Nevada's red flag law, to be placed on the agenda for the next meeting. Ms. Flood said she would do so.
 10. Adjourn
The meeting was adjourned at 10:05 a.m.
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