

NORTHERN REGIONAL BEHAVIORAL HEALTH POLICY BOARD

Meeting Minutes

DATE: January 5th, 2022

TIME: 2:00 p.m. to Adjournment

Meeting Locations

This meeting will be via teleconference at:

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1.) Call to Order and Roll Call (Chair Taylor Allison) – 2:05

Members:

Dr. Ali Banister (Vice-Chair)

Dr. Robin Titus

Laura Yanez

Nicki Aaker

Shayla Holmes

Erik Schoen

Absent Members:

Taylor Allison (Chair)

Lana Robards

Sheriff Ken Furlong

Dr. Amy Hyne-Sutherland

Sandy Wartgow

2.) PUBLIC COMMENT

Public testimony under this agenda item may be presented by a computer, phone, or written comment. Due to time considerations, each individual offering public comment will be limited to not more than **three (3)** minutes. None given.

3.) For Possible Action: Review and possible approval of meeting minutes December 1st, 2022, meeting (Chair Taylor Allison and Board members).

Ms. Nicki Aaker motioned to approve the minutes, which was seconded by Mr. Erik Schoen. None opposed, motion carried.

4.) Informational: Presentation on Nevada's behavioral health system funding streams and financing mechanisms, including Medicaid reimbursement and grant funding through the Nevada Department of Health and Human Services (Shannon Bennett, Health Bureau Chief, Department of Health and Human Services Division of Public and Behavioral Health & Cody Phinney, MPH, Deputy Administrator, Department of Health and Human Services Division of Public and Behavioral Health).

Shannon Bennett briefed the presentation as seen in the attachment, and found through the video link. The different types of funding, between one time and continuous, was broken down. The legislature passed SB-390 to be able to collect a fee up to \$0.35 to fund the crisis response system in various ways. Ms. Bennett discussed taking temporary regulations to the board of health on January 20th, 2023, and the sustainable funding expected.

Dr. Robin Titus asked for clarification on operating costs, and how much it will cost to sustain these programs and what will the gap be?

Ms. Shannon Bennett will figure out what Medicaid will and will not pick up and seek the data for insured and noninsured to find true data.

Mr. Erik Shoen added his experience as an agency that has also received the funding from COVID, and the title wave of infusion that will end in a year or two to suggest working on alternate funding development to fill in the gap.

Ms. Nicki Aaker asked in the interest of rural counties when addressing about the one time funding, and assertive community treatment GOV ARPA funds that both Washoe and Clark are enlisted to.

Ms. Cody Phinney clarified that these services that are already running in both Washoe and Clark are targeted by GOV ARPA funds to sustain and maintain operations following COVID.

5.) Informational: Presentation on the Clark Regional Behavioral Health Policy Board Bill - SB68 (BDR 25-303) Establishes programs to provide certain assistance relating to housing (Sarah Adler & Char Frost, Chair Clark Regional Behavioral Health Policy Board)

Ms. Sarah Adler discussed revenue streaming to create housing for the most vulnerable Nevadans, with the current \$0.10 of every \$500 (\$80) goes to the Real Property Transfer Tax (RPTT) being increased to \$0.20 of every \$500 (\$160). It was discussed that these funds can be used for both supportive housing and housing stability, supporting those in crisis, low income Nevadans, or those with disability. Supportive housing was shown to be more cost efficient long term, comparatively 3 days at UMC was equivalent to 3 months at CCDC was equivalent to 1 year of supportive housing. Vulnerable people being housed at affordable rates and safe environments will later impact law enforcement, jails, healthcare workers and facilities and families, and allows for impact from social service agencies, opportunities for recovery, and job/career opportunities. Additional information can be found on the attachment.

- 6.) For Possible Action:** Review, discussion, and possible approval of updates to the Board Regional Behavioral Health Authority Bill AB9 proposed language based on community feedback (Board Members and Cherylyn Rahr-Wood, Regional Behavioral Health Coordinator)

Regional Behavioral Health Coordinator, Cherylyn Rahr-Wood, stated that the Bill AB9 needed additional language in order for it to function correctly. Cherylyn Rahr-Wood stated that Medicaid will be bringing a new bill forward to be more involved in MCOs.

Dr. Robin Titus explained that the Bill might not accomplish what everyone wanted but will help move things forward.

Ms. Nicki Aaker clarified the coordinator's importance in correlation to the board, and how to prioritize funding to sustain the function of coordinator.

Ms. Shayla Holmes echoed what Ms. Nick Aaker's statement while also adding the need for clarification regarding state employees and their advocating between community versus state. Dr. Robin Titus clarified that there is high importance to ensure that if there were a state employee that they could remain independent. Will reach out LCB to see what it would look like to fund and manage their job duties and responsibilities.

Ms. Colleen Lyons suggested the board apply and accept grants to cover the cost of staffing, duties, and responsibilities. Board Coordinators clarified that there is not enough manpower to manage the money as requested, and as a band aid the licensure language will cover where this will fall short.

In interest of time, Dr. Robin Titus discussed the process of the voting on Bills and noted the presence of a quorum to expedite processes in the interest of time management.

Ms. Shayla Holmes to motion to approve the Bill drafted as amended and presented. Ms. Nicki Aaker to second. None opposed, motion carried.

- 7.) For Possible Action:** Review, discussion, and possible approval regarding the updated Northern Region Behavioral Health Policy Board action plan for the 2023 Nevada Legislative Session –

Regional Behavioral Health Authority Bill Draft Request (Board Members and Cherylyn Rahr-Wood, Regional Behavioral Health Coordinator)

Board Coordinators suggested no action was needed, and that presentation will be updated for a brief at a later date.

- 8.) **Informational:** Regional Behavioral Health Coordinator and board members or taskforce appointee updates on mental health and substance use/opioid concerns, initiatives, successes and gaps in their area of specialty (Cherylyn Rahr-Wood, Regional Behavioral Health Coordinator, Board members or appointees)

Behavioral Health Task Force Updates:

Carson City: Ms. Nicki Aaker. No updates.

Lyon County: Ms. Shayla Holmes. Massive power outages and how to meet the needs of the most vulnerable. Emergency Operations Plan was discussed, and power was restored but planning on flooding moving forward.

Douglas County: Ms. Daria Winslow. Presentations on BDR and Emergency Op plan. UNR YRBS data with substance used in Douglas. Service GAP assessment. Working on human trafficking prevention and awareness for the month of January, providing education to services and assistance.

Churchill County: Not present.

Story County: Mr. Erik Schoen. Discussed the basic human needs, power and utility bills rising, as well as a need for food during the holiday season. Providing opportunities for identification of evidence-based practices.

Coordinator: Board Coordinator to discuss assisting the elderly population with weather induce hazards. Will move forward discussing the finalized Bill language. CIT coordinator meetings will be brought in to see how to move forward and to create guides to follow CIT international. Carson City Health and Human Services is looking for additional housing for residents of Carson Pines to find housing. Behavioral Health Committee Strategic Plan is done and is ready for distribution to highlight resources progress and develop systems that provide opportunities for individuals to receive assistance in integrated communities that reflect their choices.

- 9.) **For Possible Action:** Discussion/Approval of Future Agenda Items.
SURG – Substance Use Response Working group will be finalizing their report.

Valerie Haskins will be presenting on the rural regions Bill AB37 authorizing the establishment of the Behavioral Health workforce.

Dr. Titus recommended that the board be cautious of writing letters of support prior to the Bill's wording being finalized and submitted.

Medicaid will be doing a presentation on the Quadrennial Rating Review and Q and A will follow.

March - Dorothy Edwards will present on Washoe's Bill AB69 Expanding the loan repayment program.

March - State to do a presentation on the 2022 opioid assessment, Coordinator will reach out to other counties that have done opioid assessments to do presentation as well.

March/April - Coordinator will do overview of the boards strategic plan from 2021 and the board will address concerns for update.

10.) Informational: Next meeting is on February 2nd, 2022, at 2:00 PM until adjourned.

11.) PUBLIC COMMENT

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Nicole Mara: Education and Information Officer with Nevada Pediatrics Psychiatric Solutions Program: presenting a workshop to better understand how trauma can affect the child, family, caretakers, and those who work with children. 23-24 Feb 9am to 2:30 pm 8 CEUs available. Please contact NVPeds@dcs.nv.gov for additional information.

12.) Adjournment.

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