

**NORTHERN REGIONAL BEHAVIORAL HEALTH POLICY BOARD
REGIONAL BEHAVIORAL HEALTH AUTHORITY SUBCOMMITTEE
DRAFT MEETING MINUTES**

August 3, 2022

10:00 AM to Adjournment

Note: Agenda items may be taken out of order, combined for consideration, and or removed from the agenda at the co-chair's discretion.

1.) Call to Order and Roll Call

Co-Chair, Nicki Aaker

Co-Chair, Shayla Holmes

Members Present:

Co-Chair Nicki Aaker

Co-Chair Shayla Holmes

Laura Yanez

Sheriff Kenny Furlong

Taylor Allison

Members Absent:

Erik Schoen

2.) Public Comment:

Ms. Cherylyn Rahr-Wood reminded the subcommittee board, when speaking, they are to state their name. If there is a vote, the entire subcommittee must be on camera, and not to place information or links into chat.

3.) For Possible Action: Discuss and possible approval of draft changes to the existing NRS 433C language. Board members participating on the Regional Behavioral Health Authority (RBHA) subcommittee and Cherylyn Rahr-Wood, Regional Behavioral Health Coordinator.

Ms. Taylor Allison stated due to the subcommittee meeting on July 26, 2022, falling out of Open Meeting Law compliance, she would give a brief summary of what was discussed in the meeting.

Ms. Allison stated she and Ms. Rahr-Wood have been working on updating NRS 433C. These updates have not been sent out yet because it is still being reviewed. Comments made by the members will be addressed as well. The subcommittee worked out the language they want to use.

Co-Chair Shayla Holmes stated the overview Ms. Allison is presenting includes item four on the agenda, **approval of the engagement plan, and problem statement, possible**

solutions and potential state holders. Co-Chair Holmes inquired of the subcommittee, if they would like to conclude action on item number four right now and make the motion approving this portion of the document with minor edits, giving leeway to Ms. Rahr-Wood to make those edits or, send edits individually, not as a group, via email directly to Ms. Rahr-Wood to look over and have it come back for a vote.

Sheriff Furlong stated though he is not opposed to making a motion he would like clarification as to whether the subcommittee is coordinating with the counties or regional health.

Co-Chair Nicki Aaker stated what the subcommittee is doing in NRS 433C, is looking at changing the language so either counties or as a region, there can forward movement without having to pay the 10 per cent. Later, they will identify how they want this to look within county specific or region.

Sheriff Furlong stated he is hesitant because they could be working in a vacuum. Sheriff Furlong inquired if the county commissioners, board of supervisors or health authorities are all aware of what the subcommittee is doing.

Co-Chair Holmes stated NRS 433C right now, as it exists, gives counties the enabling language to do this. What it does not give the counties, is the enabling language to regionalize or partner with other counties to move forward as a group or district. Given the financial constraints plus the 10 per cent match, the existing language makes it impossible for any of the rural counties to stand up their authority. The counties have the ability to do this but only as single entities in existing legislation.

Sheriff Furlong made a motion to approve item number four on the agenda with minor edits.

Ms. Laura Yanez second the motion.

The motion passed unanimously.

Ms. Allison continued with item number three on the agenda in addressing the language for possible changes to NRS 433C making it more enabling for the Regional Behavioral Health Policy Boards.

Co-Chair Holmes moved for a motion of recommendation for NRS 433C be presented as a draft document to the Northern Regional Behavioral Health Policy Board (RBHPB) at their meeting on August 4, 2022.

Ms. Laura Yanez made the motion of recommendation for NRS 433C as a draft working document with edits be presented to the Northern RBHPB.

Ms. Allison second the motion.

The motion passed unanimously.

4.) Taken out of Order.

For Possible Action: Discuss and possible approval of the engagement plan including

problem statement, possible solutions, and potential stakeholders. Board members participating on the Regional Behavioral Health Authority (RBHA) subcommittee and Cherylyn Rahr-Wood, Regional Behavioral Health Coordinator.

This item was discussed and voted on in item number three above, paragraphs three, four, five, six, and seven.

- 5.) **For Possible Action:** Vote to propose recommendations for Northern Regional Behavioral Health Policy Board for consideration. Board members participating on the Regional Behavioral Health Authority Subcommittee.

Co-Chair Aaker stated as the subcommittee we are recommending this move forward as our Bill Draft Request (BDR).

Ms. Allison stated the language should include moving forward as a proposed BDR. Co-Chair Aaker agreed with Ms. Allison the language should be included.

Co-Chair Aaker motioned this item of recommendation be passed.

Ms. Allison second the motion.

The motion was passed unanimously.

- 6.) **For Possible Action:** Determine date of next meeting. Future meeting dates are subject to change. Board members.

The subcommittee agreed to meet on August 23, 2022, at 12:30 p.m.

Co-Chair Holmes moved for a motion for the date of the next subcommittee meeting.

Co-Chair Aaker made the motion.

Ms. Yanez second the motion.

Motion passed unanimously.

- 7.) **Public Comment:**

Ms. Rahr-Wood stated she will have to get the agenda to the Division of Public and Behavioral Health (DPBH) as soon as possible due to the time frame and asked Co-Chair Aaker and Co-Chair Holmes to meet later in the afternoon to go over some items.

Co-Chair Aaker stated she does not but is comfortable with what Co-Chair Holmes and Ms. Rahr-Wood decide.

Co-Chair Holmes stated she will meet with Ms. Rahr-Wood as requested.

Co-Chair Aaker stated she might not be able to make the Northern Regional Behavioral Health Policy Board's meeting on August 4th.

- 8.) **Adjournment:**

The meeting adjourned at 11:28 a.m.

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