



**Rural Regional Behavioral Health Policy Board
MEETING AGENDA
May 17, 2022
1:00 PM to adjourn**

In-person Meeting Location: Conference Room at The Family Support Center, 1200 East Winnemucca Blvd, Winnemucca, NV 89445

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1. Call to order/roll call – *Chair (Fergus Laughridge), or designee*

Members: Fergus Laughridge (Chair), Senator Pete Goicoechea, Bryce Shields, Jeri Sanders, Matt Walker, Amy Adams, Sean Burke, Amanda Osborne, Brooke O'Byrne, Steven Brotman, Sarah Dearborn, and Dr. Erika Ryst.

2. Public comment
(Action may not be taken on any matter brought up under this agenda item until scheduled on an agenda for a later meeting)

3. Review and Approval of Minutes from April 27, 2022 **For Possible Action**
(Fergus Laughridge, Board Chair)

4. Discussion and Approval of Letter Regarding Behavioral Health Licensure and Workforce Concerns to the 2022 Joint Interim Standing Committee on Health and Human Services **For Possible Action**
(Fergus Laughridge, Board Chair and Valerie Haskin, Rural Regional Behavioral Health Coordinator)

As a part of the Board's role of providing advocacy to policy-makers regarding the needs and challenges of the citizens utilizing the behavioral health system and providers of services within the Rural Region, the Rural Regional Behavioral Health Policy Board will review and approve a letter for submission to the Joint Interim Standing Committee on Health and Human Services that outlines the Board's primary concerns and potential solutions to these issues.

5. Discussion and Approval of Letters to Licensing Boards Affected by Senate Bill 44 (2021) Regarding Further Concerns Regarding Licensure of Behavioral Health Providers ***For Possible Action***

(Fergus Laughridge, Board Chair and Valerie Haskin, Rural Regional Behavioral Health Coordinator)

After hearing presentations from the four licensing boards affected by Senate Bill 44 (2021) during its March meeting, the Rural Regional Behavioral Health Policy Board will review and approve letters to the licensing boards that outlines the Board's continuing concerns regarding licensure processes and potential solutions to these issues. Four letters will be reviewed and approved, one each to the following licensing boards:

- a. The Nevada Board of Examiners for Social Workers
- b. The Nevada Board of Psychological Examiners
- c. The Nevada Board of Examiners for Marriage and Family Therapists & Clinical Professional Counselors
- d. The Nevada Board of Examiners for Alcohol, Drug, and Gambling Counselors

6. Presentation of the Nationwide Rollout of the 988 Crisis Hotline and Efforts Across Nevada to Prepare for Implementation and Bolstering Crisis Response

Informational

(Kendall Holcomb, Public Information Officer, Nevada Department of Health and Human Services, Division of Public and Behavioral Health - Nevada Resilience Project)

Just as 911 serves as the nationwide emergency call number for medical, fire, or other emergencies, 988 will serve as a nationwide mental health crisis line that will connect callers to crisis resources, regardless of location. 988 will be rolling out nationwide on July 16, 2022, and stakeholders across the state have been hard at work to ensure a successful launch of the program. This presentation will update the Rural Regional Behavioral Health Policy Board and meeting attendees regarding how 988 will work, how callers will be connected to local services, and how local first

responders will be affected.

7. Presentation of the Nebraska Workforce Development Model and Possible Solutions for Nevada's Behavioral Health Workforce Shortages

Informational

(Dr. Sara Hunt, Assistant Dean of Behavioral Health Sciences; Director, UNLV Mental/Behavioral Health Training Coalition; Associate Professor, Psychiatry and Behavioral Health at the University of Nevada, Las Vegas)

Dr. Sara Hunt will present a successful workforce development model adopted in Nebraska that addresses behavioral health workforce shortages across their state. From this model, Dr. Hunt will also provide ideas as to how Nevada's current educational and licensing systems could be ameliorated to bolster the number of high-quality behavioral health providers available to communities across the state.

8. Presentation Regarding the Expanded Use of Peer Recovery Support Specialists Within the Nevada Behavioral Health System.

Informational

(Laura Yanez, Executive Director of NAMI Western Nevada)

In this presentation, Ms. Yanez will outline the current scope of work that could be completed to persons certified as a Peer Recovery Support Specialist (PRSSs), and how PRSSs could be better utilized across the behavioral health system to fill gaps and improve patient experiences.

9. Supportive Housing – An Opportunity for Nevada to Bridge Gaps and Improve Patient Outcomes

Informational

(Ariana Saunders, Training Center Associate Director and Brooke Page, Southwest Director at CSH)

In this presentation, Ms. Saunders will outline the means by which supportive housing projects can assist in stabilization and recovery for persons with behavioral health challenges. This presentation will also discuss current opportunities for counties and municipalities to develop high-quality supportive housing programs with increased funding available to them for these projects.

10. Rural Regional Behavioral Health Coordinator Update

Informational

(Valerie Haskin, Rural Regional Behavioral Health Coordinator)

Updates will be given regarding the activities of the Rural Regional Behavioral Health Coordinator since the previous meeting (April 27, 2022)

11. Board Member Roundtable Discussion

Informational

(Fergus Laughridge, Board Chair and Valerie Haskin, Rural Regional Behavioral Health Coordinator)

Members of the Rural Regional Behavioral Health Policy Board will discuss their current activities or concerns related to behavioral health as they are encountered in their respective communities and professions.

12. Public Comment

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13. Additional Announcements

Informational

14. Adjournment – Chair (Fergus Laughridge)

AGENDA POSTED AT THE FOLLOWING LOCATIONS:

- **Department of Health and Human Services Website:** https://dpbh.nv.gov/Boards/RBHPB/Board_Meetings/2018/Rural_Regional/
- **Nevada Public Notices:** www.notice.nv.gov
- **In-Person Location:** The Family Support Center, 1200 E. Winnemucca Blvd, Winnemucca, NV 89445

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