

**RURAL REGIONAL BEHAVIORAL HEALTH POLICY BOARD  
AGENDA**

**DATE: April 7, 2023**

**TIME: 1:00 pm to adjourn**

**Meeting Location: Online Only**

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**1.) Call to Order and Roll Call** (Fergus Laughridge, Chair)

Members of the Rural Regional Behavioral Health Policy Board: Chair Fergus Laughridge, Brooke O'Byrne, Senator Pete Goicoechea, Dr. Erika Ryst, Matt Walker, Amy Adams, Amanda Osborne, Chris McHan, Patrick Rogers, Sarah Dearborn, Bryce Shields, and Jeri Sanders.

**2.) Public Comment:**

Public testimony under this agenda item may be presented by computer, phone or written comment. Due to time considerations, each individual offering public comment will be limited to not more than **three (3)** minutes.

**3.) For Possible Action: Review and possible approval of meeting minutes from March 3, 2023** (Fergus Laughridge, Chair)

**4.) For Possible Action: Summary of work conducted by the Rural Regional Behavioral Health Policy Board's Legislative Subcommittee to date, and possible direction from the Board.** (Valerie Haskin, Rural RBHC)

The Rural RBHC will give a brief presentation of the current activities and work of the Board's Legislative Subcommittee, including processes, bills discussed, and actions taken by the Subcommittee. The Rural Regional Behavioral Health Policy Board may or may not take action regarding subcommittee membership, or provide other direction to the members of the subcommittee.

The Board may discuss any of the proposed legislation listed below. At the discretion of the Chair and Board Members, the Board may vote to take an official position on one or more the bills reviewed and discussed. The Board may also decide to not take a position on one or more of the bills.

At the discretion of Chair Laughridge, non-members of the subcommittee and members of the public may be able to provide insight on legislation described here.

Note: to avoid violation of Open Meeting Law, there cannot be discussion of any legislation not listed here.

- Assembly Bill 37 Authorizes the establishment of the Behavioral Health Workforce Development Center of Nevada. (From the Rural RBHPB)
- Assembly Bill 45 Creates a program to repay the student education loans of certain providers of health care.
- Assembly Bill 52 Makes various changes to the Open Meeting Law.
- Assembly Bill 53 Revises provisions relating to sales of tobacco products.
- Assembly Bill 69 Expands the loan repayment program administered by the Nevada Health Service Corps to include certain providers of behavioral health care. (From the Washoe RBHPB)
- Assembly Bill 85 Establishes procedures to fix rates for certain health care goods and services.
- Assembly Bill 99 Revises provisions governing Medicaid rates of reimbursement.
- Assembly Bill 108 Enacts the Nurse Licensure Compact
- Assembly Bill 115 Revises provisions relating to substance use disorders.
- Assembly Bill 120 Revises certain provisions governing voluntary health care service.
- Assembly Bill 121 Revises provisions relating to incarcerated persons.
- Assembly Bill 122 Revises provisions relating to tobacco.
- Assembly Bill 132 Creates the Committee to Review Overdose Fatalities.
- Assembly Bill 135 Revises provisions relating to homelessness.
- Assembly Bill 137 Revises provisions relating to fetal alcohol spectrum disorders.
- Assembly Bill 138 Provides Medicaid coverage for certain types of behavioral health integration services.
- Assembly Bill 156 Revises provisions relating to substance use disorders.
- Assembly Bill 158 Revises provisions relating to emergency medical services.
- Assembly Bill 167 Makes various changes relating to dementia.
- Assembly Bill 170 Revises provisions relating to certain offenses involving concentrated cannabis.
- Assembly Bill 198 Revises provisions governing health care.
- Assembly Bill 201 Revises provisions relating to planning for the provision of behavioral health care.
- Assembly Bill 207 Revises provisions governing work-based learning programs.
- Assembly Bill 209 Revises provisions relating to certain providers of health care.
- Assembly Bill 219 Makes various changes to the Open Meeting Law.
- Assembly Bill 236 Revises provisions governing the practice of psychology.
- Assembly Bill 237 Makes revisions relating to Medicaid.
- Assembly Bill 240 Revises provisions governing the cultivation, growing or production of cannabis by certain persons.
- Assembly Bill 244 Revises provisions relating to certain mental or physical examinations.
- Assembly Bill 245 Revises provisions governing education.
- Assembly Bill 248 Makes an appropriation relating to health services in underserved areas.

- Assembly Bill 256 Revises provisions relating to work-based learning programs.
- Assembly Bill 265 Revises provisions relating to mental health.
- Assembly Bill 267 Revises provisions governing cultural competency training.
- Assembly Bill 277 Establishes provisions governing rural emergency hospitals.
- Assembly Bill 397 Revises provisions governing public safety.
- Assembly Bill 403 Revises provisions governing halfway houses for persons recovering from alcohol or other substance use disorders.
- Assembly Bill 405 Revises provisions relating to court programs for the treatment of mental illness or intellectual disabilities
- Assembly Bill 435 Revises provisions governing behavioral health.
- Senate Bill 4 Revises provisions governing certain programs to pay for prescription drugs, pharmaceutical services and other benefits.
- Senate Bill 35 Establishes the crimes of low-level trafficking in fentanyl, mid-level trafficking in fentanyl and high-level trafficking in fentanyl.
- Senate Bill 43 Makes various changes relating to services for aging persons and persons with disabilities.
- Senate Bill 68 Establishes programs to provide certain assistance relating to housing. (From the Clark RBHPB)
- Senate Bill 91 Authorizes a licensed clinical alcohol and drug counselor to supervise a certified problem gambling counselor intern.
- Senate Bill 117 Revises provisions relating to Community Health Workers
- Senate Bill 118 Revises provisions relating to public health.
- Senate Bill 119 Provides for the continuation of certain requirements governing insurance coverage of telehealth services.
- Senate Bill 128 Revises provisions relating to fentanyl and certain related opioids.
- Senate Bill 142 Enacts the Homeless Persons' Bill of Rights.
- Senate Bill 150 Revises provisions relating to psychological assistants, psychological interns and psychological trainees.
- Senate Bill 155 Revises provisions relating to homeless persons.
- Senate Bill 156 Revises the Open Meeting Law.
- Senate Bill 167 Prohibits the imposition of step therapy under certain circumstances.
- Senate Bill 170 Revises provisions relating to crimes.
- Senate Bill 177 Imposes requirements governing Medicaid coverage of certain antipsychotic or anticonvulsant drugs.
- Senate Bill 183 Establishes provisions relating to the collection and destruction of unused drugs.
- Senate Bill 189 Makes an appropriation to Communities In Schools of Nevada for the purpose of providing integrated student support services.
- Senate Bill 191 Makes certain changes relating to applied behavior analysis.
- Senate Bill 194 Revises provisions relating to step therapy protocols.
- Senate Bill 195 Revises provisions related to cannabis.
- Senate Bill 197 Establishes and revises the penalties for certain offenses involving fentanyl and carfentanil.
- Senate Bill 199 Revises provisions relating to education.
- Senate Bill 210 Revises provisions governing state boards and commissions.
- Senate Bill 221 Revises provisions relating to Medicaid.
- Senate Bill 237 Revises provisions relating to crisis intervention.

- Senate Bill 242 Revises provisions relating to certain controlled substances.
- Senate Bill 267 Establishes provisions relating to insurance coverage of mental health services
- Senate Bill 284 Revises provisions relating to driving or operating certain vehicles or vessels while under the influence of alcohol or a controlled substance.
- Senate Bill 294 Revises provisions related to the safe storage of firearms.
- Senate Bill 300 Makes an appropriation from the State General Fund to the University of Nevada, Las Vegas, for a grant program for certain interns.
- Senate Bill 313 Revises provisions relating to mental health education.
- Senate Bill 343 Revises provisions relating to fentanyl and derivatives of fentanyl.
- Senate Bill 412 Revises provisions relating to criminal justice.

**5.) Informational: Presentation regarding county-level opioid needs assessment tool, process, and utility for counties.** (Dr. Amy Hyne-Sutherland, Public Health Coordinator at the Nevada Association of Counties)

During this presentation, Dr. Hyne-Sutherland will review the purpose, process, and tools for counties to complete county-level opioid needs assessments. Completion of the assessment process enables counties to apply for additional monies from the Fund for Resilient Nevada to implement programs, policies, and strategies to remediate damage incurred to their communities by the nationwide opioid crisis.

**6.) Informational: Updates regarding the activities, resources, challenges, and other work of the Rural Regional Behavioral Health Coordinator (Rural RBHC)** (Valerie Haskin, Rural RBHC)

Updates from the Rural Regional Behavioral Health Coordinator (Rural RBHC), regarding: trainings undertaken and delivered; opportunities for policy improvement; new resources identified; progress of local projects; any new data or information available to guide the Board; service gaps and other challenges encountered in the region; upcoming state, local, and regional events; and recent activities undertaken by task forces and other entities relating to behavioral health.

**7.) 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. Public testimony under this agenda item may be online, by phone or written comment. Due to time considerations, each individual offering public comment will be limited to not more than **three (3)** minutes.

**8.) Adjournment** (Fergus Laughridge, Chair)

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