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**Rural Regional Behavioral Health Policy Board**  
**MEETING AGENDA**  
**June 22, 2022**  
**1:00 PM to adjourn**

**In-person Meeting Location:** Conference Room at Humboldt County Library, 85 E. 5<sup>th</sup> St., Winnemucca, NV 89445

**Online/Phone Participation:**

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

**Members: Fergus Laughridge (Chair), Senator Pete Goicoechea, Bryce Shields,**

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 and May 17, 2022  
***For Possible Action***  
  
*(Fergus Laughridge, Board Chair)*

4. Discussion and Approval of the Proposed Topic for the Rural Regional Behavioral Health Policy Board's Bill Draft Request (BDR) for the 2023 Nevada Legislative Session.  
***For Possible Action***

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

The Rural Regional Behavioral Health Policy Board will hear, discuss, and possibly approve the proposed BDR topic of the launch of a statewide, cohesive, workforce pipeline to include providers for behavioral health services, including (but not limited to): Licensed Clinical Social Workers (LCSWs), Licensed Psychologists, Licensed Marriage and Family Therapists, Licensed Clinical Professional Counselors, Certified Alcohol and Drug Counselors, Licensed Alcohol and Drug Counselors, and Licensed Clinical Alcohol and Drug Counselors. As presented by Dr. Sarah Hunt (UNLV), the proposed model was implemented by Nebraska with great success, and has been successfully replicated in Illinois and Kansas. This pipeline would include and require collaboration on the part of K-12 education, NSHE institutions, coordinated internship sites, professional licensure boards, and supplemental programs to assist students in overcoming financial, cultural, geographical, and other challenges.

5. Discussion and Approval the Rural Regional Behavioral Health Policy Board's Proposed Bylaws ***For Possible Action***

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

As a part of the requirements for its operations, the Rural Regional Behavioral Health Policy Board is required to adopt bylaws to ensure transparency and optimal efficiency. The draft bylaws proposed are aligned with those of other Regional Behavioral Health Policy Boards that have been vetted and approved.

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, or designee)*

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.

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7. 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.

8. Presentation of Upcoming Opportunities to Implement Supportive Housing in Rural Nevada

**Informational**

*(Sarah Adler, Belz and Case Government Affairs)*

The National Alliance on Mental Illness (NAMI) Nevada has established as a priority creating supportive housing and housing for Extremely Low and Very Low Income Nevadans. This presentation explains how affordable housing is financed in Nevada and the necessary funding components for supportive housing, and suggests revenue streams that could be established to fund supportive, ELI and VLI housing.

9. 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)

10. 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.

11. Public Comment

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12. Additional Announcements

*Informational*

13. Adjournment – Chair (Fergus Laughridge)

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- **Department of Health and Human Services Website:**  
[https://dpbh.nv.gov/Boards/RBHPB/Board\\_Meetings/2018/Rural\\_Regional/](https://dpbh.nv.gov/Boards/RBHPB/Board_Meetings/2018/Rural_Regional/)
- **Nevada Public Notices:** [www.notice.nv.gov](http://www.notice.nv.gov)
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