



**WASHOE REGIONAL BEHAVIORAL HEALTH POLICY BOARD
MEETING MINUTES**

DATE: April 12, 2021

TIME: 3 p.m.

In accordance with Governor Sisolak’s Declaration of Emergency Directive 006; Subsection 1; The requirement contained in NRS 241.023 (1) (b) that there be a physical location designated for meetings of public bodies where members of the public are permitted to attend and participate is suspended.

Location: Zoom Meeting:

1. Introductions, Announcements, and Roll Call

The meeting was called to order by Vice Chair Shell at 3:04 P.M. A quorum was present.

Members Present: Steve Shell, Dr. Kristen Davis-Coelho, Jennifer Delett-Snyder, Cindy Green, Frankie Lemus, Henry Sotelo, Sandy Stamates, Dani Tillman

Members Absent: Julia Ratti, Assemblywoman Sarah Peters, Char Buehrle, Wade Clark, Tom Zumtobel

Guests Present: Dorothy Edwards, Coordinator, Washoe Regional Behavioral Health Policy Board; Teresa Etcheberry, Coordinator, Clark Regional Behavioral Health Policy Board; Jessica Flood, Coordinator, Northern Regional Behavioral Health Policy Board; Kim Donahue; Stacy McCool, Division of Public and Behavioral Health

2. Public Comment

There was no public comment.

3. Approval of Minutes for March 2021 Policy Board Meeting

Ms. Stamates moved to approve the minutes for March. Ms. Tillman seconded the motion. The motion passed without abstention or opposition.

4. Update on Senate Bill 69

Mr. Shell reported that SB 69 was presented on behalf of this board. It was passed by the Senate Committee on Health and Human Services on March 2 and was approved to move forward. Ms. Edwards stated bill language would be amended to include peers working with children with a CANS [child abuse neglect screening] background. When she has a better overview, she will let members know. The amendment will also clarify language to ensure it does not exclude those who provide service that is not a part of their regular job.

5. Approval of Board Letters of Support for Assembly Bill 181, SB154, SB156

Ms. Tillman moved to approve all three letters. Ms. Stamates seconded the motion. The motion passed without abstention or opposition.

6. Approval of Washoe County Behavioral Health Policy Board Annual Report, 2020
Ms. Edwards stated she made changes Ms. Stamates requested. She submitted the draft report to the commission. Mr. Clark moved to approve the annual report. Ms. Green seconded the motion. The motion passed without abstention or opposition.

7. Presentation of Regional Policy Board Behavioral Health Bills Agenda Item
Ms. Etcheberry stated the Clark bill would add language to SB 56 to include telephone in teleservices. This way, someone who does not have internet can receive behavioral health services via telephone. The bill had a \$30 million fiscal note attached. Amendments and a waiver from Medicaid were added, so it passed committee.

Ms. Flood reported the Northern Board thought it was important to have an accurate view of the system we have now. Senate Bill 50 will clarify mental health crisis hold law that was set up for the 1970s. They made changes to make it more modern and easier to understand. They updated the definition of chemical restraint to align it with FDA [Federal Drug Administration] guidelines and modern practices.

Mr. Sotelo applauded them for working on making the language more understandable.

Ms. Edwards reported the bill from the Rural Board passed out of committee with 10 or 12 amendments. It will expedite and simplify licensure for mental health providers. Ms. Flood added the bill was seen as helpful from a rural perspective, but providing services to minorities or vulnerable populations makes the bill tricky to pass.

8. Approval of Future Agenda Items

- Update on the crisis stabilization center. Ms. Tillman stated there would be more details to share in early summer.
- Report on managed care organizations (MCOs) Medicaid RFC [residual function capacity] was issued in mid-March and is due back to the state by mid-May. Letters of intent will go out to the MCOs by June 14; award letters will go out by September 7, with an effective date of January 1, 2022.
- A presentation by Dr. John Packham from the University of Nevada, Reno, on his research into workforce development
- A summary on the behavioral health bills, which ones passed, and how they will affect us

Ms. Delett-Snyder announced the prescription drug takeback is schedule for April 24, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. The Drug Enforcement Administration's website will list all locations.

9. Public Comment

Ms. Donahue thanked board members for their work. She announced a virtual summit with break-out sessions on suicide prevention training, addiction, recovery,



COVID-19, and food and housing. Information can be found at <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/nevada-community-faith-leaders-summit-tickets-150136449161>.

10. Reminder of Next Meeting Date

The next meeting will be held June 14 at 3 p.m.

11. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 3:52 p.m.