

WASHOE REGIONAL BEHAVIORAL HEALTH POLICY BOARD
DRAFT MEETING MINUTES
350 South Center St., 1st Floor, Reno, Nevada
1001 Ninth St., Building B, Reno, Nevada
DATE: August 8th, 2022
TIME: 3:00 p.m. to Adjournment

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

1.) Call to Order/Roll Call: Chair, Julia Ratti/Vice Chair, Steve Shell

Members Present:

Julia Ratti, Chair
Vice Chair, Steve Shell
Assemblywoman, Sarah Peters
Sandy Stamates
Dr. Kristen Davis-Coelho
Cindy Green
Lt. Wade Clark
Peter Ott

Members Absent:

Dr. Traci Biondi
Frankie Lemus
Henry Sotelo

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.

There was no public comment.

3.) Action Item: Approval of Policy Board Minutes for June 13th, 2022, and July 11th, 2022.
Chair, Julia Ratti/Vice Chair, Steve Shell

Chair Ratti entertained a motion for the June 13 meeting minutes to be approved.
Ms. Sandy Stamates made the motion to approve.
Mr. Peter Ott seconded the motion.
The motion passed unanimously.

Chair Ratti entertained a motion for the July 11 meeting minutes to be approved.
Ms. Stamates made the motion to approve.

Ms. Cindy Green seconded the motion.
The motion passed unanimously.

- 4.) **Action Item:** Discussion and Approval of Bill Draft Request concepts, based on presentations from previous policy board meetings of March 14, April 11, May 9, June 13, and July 11, 2022.

The Board discussed seven concepts:

1. **Community Health Workers (CHW):** How to expand Medicaid reimbursement for CHWs and the supervision of behavioral health clinicians.
2. **Behavioral Health Workforce 1:** Addressing the shortage of providers and reviewing training, incentive programs which will be invested to increase graduates.
3. **Behavioral Health Workforce 2:** Creation of a common definition for clinical supervision which will align with accreditation standards of combined education bodies and licensing boards.
4. **Standards/Policies for Children's System of Care:** Establish in statute, the authority for the Department of Child and Family Services (DCFS) to establish standards for providers, allowing the development of a baseline/policies and monitor through certification.
5. **Law Enforcement Diversion and Deflection:** Propose specific policy modernizing language in NRS 458.175 around civil protective custody and come into line with existing standards of care.
6. **Supportive and Other Housing for Very Low and Extremely Low-Income Nevadans:** Increase the Real Property Transfer Tax to a new Deep Subsidy Account.
7. **Collaborative Care Model for Substance Use Disorder (SUD):** Legislation to support the Collaborative Care Model (CoCM) through turning on the Current Procedural Terminology (CPT) codes to cover CoCM; and supporting state implementation and system transformation to improve overall health outcomes, resolve health inequities and save costs.

After discussing each item, the Board selected to pursue for their Bill Draft Request, item number two, Behavioral Health Workforce 1.

Chair Ratti entertained a motion for approval of the BDR. The motion was seconded, and the Board passed the motion unanimously.

- 5.) **Action Item:** Discussion and Approval of Future Agenda Items.

Ms. Dorothy Edwards stated Ms. Stephanie Brown, Director of Business Development

Of Willow Springs Center, would like to present at the September meeting.
Chair Ratti entertained a motion for approval. The motion was seconded, and the Board passed the motion unanimously.

6.) Informational: Reminder of Next Meeting.

Chair Ratti reminded the Board the next Regional Behavioral Health Policy Board meeting will take place September 12, 2022, at 3:00 p.m. PST. Location will be provided on that meeting's agenda.

7.) Public Comment:

There was no public comment.

8.) Adjournment:

The meeting adjourned at 3:46 p.m.

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