

**RURAL REGIONAL BEHAVIORAL HEALTH POLICY BOARD**  
**Humboldt County Library**  
**Conference Room**  
**85 East 5th Street, Winnemucca, NV 89445**  
**APPROVED MEETING MINUTES**  
**8/24/2022**  
**1:15 P.M. to Adjournment**

**The meeting was held in person and using remote technology in compliance with Nevada revised Statutes 241.023.**

- 1.) Call to Order/Roll Call - Chair, Fergus Laughridge or designee.**

**Members Present:**

Chair, Fergus Laughridge  
Coordinator, Valerie Haskin  
Brooke O’Byrne  
Senator, Pete Goicoechea  
Dr. Erika Ryst  
Matt Walker  
Sean Burke  
Steven Brotman  
Jeri Sanders

**Members Absent:**

Amy Adams  
Sarah Dearborn  
Bryce Shields

- 2.) Public Comment:**

There was no public comment.

- 3.) Action Item:** Review and possible approval of meeting minutes from June 22, 2022.  
Fergus Laughridge, Chair

Chair Laughridge asked for a motion to approve.  
Mr. Matt Walker motioned for approval.  
Dr. Erika Ryst second.  
Motion passed unanimously.

- 4.) Informational:** Brief Overview of the Subcommittee’s Work to Date and Draft Concepts for Bill Draft Request (BDR) Inclusion.  
Fergus Laughridge, Chair; Valerie Haskin, Rural Regional Behavioral Health Coordinator (RBHC), and Dr. Sara Hunt

After the subcommittee meeting which took place on August 12, 2022, Dr. Sara Hunt and Ms. Valerie Haskin (RBHC), began working on the Bill Draft Request . They looked at what the Board liked between the Nebraska and Illinois models and produced a model which might work best for Nevada.

Ms. Haskin walked the Board through the language of the Bill Draft Request (BDR). The Board suggested a preamble be added which states the nature of the problem in Nevada and to state this in such a way readers, who are not board members, can follow the purpose of the Bill Draft Request and what the Board is trying to achieve. Chair, Laughridge stated he would like this worded in a very concise and brief manner.

Ms. Haskin went through the BDR, explained the wording used, and the NRS statutes pertaining to the Regional Boards. The Board had no questions regarding the Infrastructure, Recruitment, Retention of New and Existing Workforce, Training, Reporting, Data Collection, Analysis and Program Evaluation. The Board's main concern is the fiscal note that will be attached to this BDR.

Dr. Ryst stated a fiscal note will have to be included and inquired how funding is going to be provided. Dr. Ryst also inquired how funding was provided for the Nebraska and Illinois models.

Ms. Haskin stated no additional taxes were created, they are funded through their state's General Fund appropriation. Those state's, however, include only psychologists and psychiatrists whereas Nevada's will be including more types of providers.

Mr. Steven Brotman inquired about the start-up costs.

Ms. Haskin added clarifying language regarding Mr. Brotman's concern.

Dr. Ryst inquired about the need to be more specific with the funding monies.

Ms. Haskin stated the Legislative Counsel Bureau (LCB) will give a draft on the concept language in November. The LCB will do the research for the start-up costs and funding and fiscal impact.

Senator Pete Goicoechea stated this will go through the Ways & Means committee.

Senator Goicoechea stated now is the time to submit this BDR. In 2025, it will be more difficult to achieve this.

- 5.) **Action Item:** Approval of Draft Language for the Rural Regional Behavioral Health Policy Board's BDR, to be submitted on or by September 1, 2022.  
Fergus Laughridge, Chair

Chair Laughridge stated the BDR looks very good and moved for a motion to approve.

Dr. Ryst motioned to accept the current BDR with the amendments.

Mr. Walker second the motion.

The motion passed unanimously.

- 6.) **Action Item:** Approval of Bylaw Amendments to Reflect Office of the Attorney General's Feedback. Fergus Laughridge Chair, Valerie Haskin, Rural RBHC

The Deputy Attorney General brought to the attention of Ms. Haskin, RBHC, an

omission to the recently revised Bylaws for the Rural Regional Behavioral Health Policy Board. The omission is in **Section 5.2 Composition of Subcommittees**. The additional wording will read “Subcommittee members will be listed on the subcommittee agendas. To reach quorum, one-half plus one of the subcommittee members list must be present.”

Chair, Laughridge moved for a motion to approve the amendment.

Mr. Walker made the motion.

Ms. Jeri Sanders second the motion.

The motion passed unanimously.

- 7.) **Action Item:** Determination of Future Subcommittee Work. Fergus Laughridge, Chair; Valerie Haskin, Rural RBHC

Ms. Haskin inquired of the Board, if they would like to continue with the subcommittee or perhaps develop other subcommittees. Ms. Haskin suggested a subcommittee be formed to write letters of support.

Chair Laughridge would like a subcommittee focused on the Legislative Session. He would like to visit this topic at the October meeting.

Ms. Haskin stated agenda item number seven is tabled until the October meeting.

- 8.) **Public Comment:**

There was no public comment.

- 9.) **Adjournment:** Chair, Fergus Laughridge

Chair, Laughridge reminded the Board the next meeting will take place October 26, 2022, at 1:15 p.m.

Chair Laughridge announced there will be an opportunity for anyone interested in sitting on the board, who is an emergency medical services representative, to please apply. This seat is appointed by the Public & Behavioral Health Administrator.

The meeting was adjourned at 2:17 p.m.