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Behavioral Health Planning and Advisory Council
Quarterly Meeting Minutes
August 13, 2015

Videoconference Locations

Department of Public and
Behavioral Health (DPBH)
4150 Technology Way,
Third Floor, Room 301
Carson City, NV 89706

Desert Regional Center
(DRC)
1391 S. Jones Blvd.
Las Vegas, NV 89146

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Health Services (NNAMHS)
480 Galletti Way, Bldg. 2A
Sparks, NV 89431

1. Call to Order, Roll Call, and Introductions:

The Chair called the meeting to order at 9:06 a.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT

Alyce Thomas, Chair, Consumer
Rene Norris, Vice Chair, Family Member
Ali Jai Faison, Expressions BHSF
Debra Parra, Nevada Housing Division
Denise Everett, Quest Counseling
Dawn Walker, CFMP
Kevin Quint, Substance Abuse Prevention and
Treatment Agency
Michael McMahon, Bureau of Health, Wellness and
Prevention

Katherine Mayhew, Division of Child and Family Services
Hillary Jones, Division of Health Care Financing and Policy
Robert Volk, Consumer
Sharon Wilson, Department of Corrections
Susan Maunder, Consumer

William Kirby, Substance Abuse Prevention and
Treatment Agency
Heather Kuhn, Substance Abuse Prevention and Treatment
Agency

MEMBERS ABSENT

LaJune Primous, Family Member
Cynthia Matteson, Consumer
Marion Scott, Consumer
Elizabeth Burcio, Consumer

Susan Orton, Consumer
Anis Abi-Karam, Private Practice
Barbara Jackson, Consumer
Mechelle Merrill, Department of Employment, Training
and Rehabilitation

STAFF & GUEST

Barry Lovgren, Private Citizen
Michelle Berry, CASAT
Skip Farley, Foundation for Recovery
Heidi Gustafson, Foundation for Recovery

Julie Slabaugh, Senior DAG
Susan Sliwa, Senior DAG
Sara Weaver, Administrative Support
Cheryl Baldovi-Manville, Administrative Support
Melanie Harrill, Administrative Support

2. Public Comment

No Public Comment.

3. Review and vote to approve the minutes from the Council's Quarterly Meeting of June 18, 2015

Motion:

- Rene Norris made the motion, accepting the changes to the minutes.
- Dawn Walker second the motion. Motion passed.

4. Update on the Nevada Commission on Behavioral Health

Tabled for next meeting on October 15, 2015.

5. Statewide Peer Leadership Advisory Council update

Michelle Berry reported the Peer Leadership Advisory Council quarterly meeting was held on August 12, 2015.

The Nevada Partnership for Peer Support, NV.PPS.com website is in operation. All of the Nevada county contacts services, and videos with the exception of Esmeralda County are currently listed on the website. Adding private practitioner information to the website was discussed.

A Code of Ethics webinar to be presented possibly in the fall. A Community Outreach Plan literature being developed for distribution to general public regarding peer support.

Continuing educational videos for peer support skills are available on the CASAT website.

6. Overview of the Governor's Interagency Council on Homelessness

Michael McMahon provided an update on the ICH CABHI Strategic Plan Implementation Workgroups; the Council is hoping to get the Workgroups first meeting scheduled soon. The Council will be working on Nevada's State Plan for the Homelessness.

7. Review of the SAPTA-Mental Health Block Grant

Kevin Quint updated on the joining of the SAPTA and Mental Health in January. Working together on the writing and combined submitting of the Block Grant to SAMHSA. Mr. Quint would like comments and suggestions from Council Members and public on the Block Grant application once it is on the website and Suis hoping to have a special teleconference at this point. The Substance Abuse Block Grant is 16.5 million dollars, and the Mental Health Block Grant is 4.5 million dollars. The integrating of Behavioral Health with Primary Care is not in the works yet, that is still to come.

Mr. Quint informed the Council Members the grant starts October 1, 2015.

Mr. Quint announced that Cody Phinney is the Division Administrator for the Department of Public and Behavioral Health.

8. Update on Technical Assistance Grant for Planning Councils

Mr. McMahon discussed the Technical Assistance Grant where a group would be working one-on-one with the advisory boards and helping with the integration of the Mental Health and the Substance Abuse.

SAMSHA strongly recommended the State of Nevada to apply for the funds of the Technical Assistance Grant; the State of Nevada staff will prepare this application. Mr. McMahon and Heather Kuhn will finalize the grant within the next week.

Alyce Thomas and Ms. Norris are willing to seek the Technical Assistance Grant.

9. Committee Reviews

- Executive Committee (Two members are needed to fill this committee – Adult & Child Planners)
- Behavioral Health Promotion Committee (Vacancies)
- Nominating Committee (Vacancies and Pending Members)
- Rural Monitoring Subcommittee (Vacancies)
- Bylaws Ad Hoc Committee- this meeting is scheduled for September 10 at 9:00 a.m.

Pending applications:

- Heather Kuhn – application pending for the DBPH Adult Planner

Email Melanie Harrill, mharrill@health.nv.gov requesting to be a member of one of six sub-committees.

10. Public Comment

Barry Lovgren, a private citizen; inquired about if and when the Block Grant will be posted to the website.

Mr. Quint informs Mr. Lovgren it will be posted on our website. If anyone who would like a hard copy of the Block Grant application, we would be more than happy to send it to them. Sara Weaver informed Mr. Lovgren that there is a mailbox on Outlook where Mr. Lovgren can go to post comments on the Block Grant application, and where he can request a hard copy of the Block Grant if he chooses so.

Hilary Jones with Medicaid inquired about HIV testing being a part of the Block Grant. Mr. Quint confirmed that the testing is in the Block Grant.

Mr. McMahon informed the Council Members about the Behavioral Health Advisory Council Composition form and asked the members to fill out the form and return this form to staff.

11. Discuss date of the Council’s next quarterly meeting on October 15, 2015, and open discussion on proposed agenda items

- Ms. Thomas wants a list of each of the committee member’s duties and what each committee is about. Mr. McMahon will follow up on this.

12. Adjournment

Denise Everett motioned to adjourn the meeting. Ms. Norris second the motion. Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 10:23 a.m.