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Bureau of Behavioral Health Wellness and Prevention (BBHWP)  
Behavioral Health Planning and Advisory Council (BHPAC)  
Meeting Minutes  
Monday, April 1, 2024  
10:00 a.m. PST until adjournment

The meeting was held using remote technology in compliance with *Nevada Revised Statutes* 241.023.

1. Call to Order- Ali Jai Faison, BHPAC Chair

Chair Faison asked Jennifer Simeo to do roll call. Member present included:

1. Anna Binder
2. Ali Jai Faison
3. Lori Kearse
4. Dr. Pearl Kim
5. Dr. Mavis Major
6. DeNeese Parker
7. Ariana Saunders
8. Misty Shore
9. Drew Skeen (logged in late)
10. Allison Wall
11. Dr. Mae Worthey Thomas

Members absent included:

1. French Dafinone
2. Sarah Dearborn
3. Krista Hales
4. Jeannie Hua

2. Public Comment

There were no other public comments.

3. Approval of March 4, 2024, BHPAC Meeting Minutes-For Possible Action  
Ali Jai Faison, BHPAC Chair

Ms. Parker motioned to approve the minutes. Ms. Saunders seconded. Ms. Shore abstained as she was not present. All other members voted in favor. Motion passed.

4. Updates from Chairs of Rural Subcommittee, Legislative Subcommittee, and Promotions Subcommittee on the latest meetings, upcoming meetings, and subcommittee work, including proposed art contest, logo, and pamphlet – For Possible Action

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Ms. Wall gave an update on the Rural Subcommittee meeting held on March 13<sup>th</sup>, 2024. She advised that they had come up with several ideas. The first was to communicate with LCB office for identifying upcoming BDR's. Would also like to reach out to NAMI to start a conversation regarding their work and seeing how we can support Rural areas. The Subcommittee also has an interest in the Regional Health Policy Board, specifically the Rural division. Dr Kim mentioned she would like to hear from the Rural Mental Health Service pilot program that's in Elko. Lastly the subcommittee would like to see the report shared about the tribal members that were treated out of state, that was brought in the BHPAC meeting. Ms. Binder gave a couple of updates that will be covered in the Rural Subcommittee Meeting, including the limitations of information from LCB and interest in the Attorney General's Office work with tribal communities. The next meeting is being scheduled.

Ms. Binder gave an update on the Legislative Subcommittee. She advised they would have a presentation from the Southern Region Policy Board at their next meeting and that they passed a motion to have someone from the Northern and Washoe Regional Health Boards come speak. She stated she is also speaking with Dr. Jacobs at NAMI to extend an invitation for a presentation. Ms. Binder discussed analyzing SAMHSA data. She asked the committee for ideas on how to complete this task.

Dr. Major gave an update on the Promotions Subcommittee. She talked about their work developing a logo to start their initiative. She stated Ms. Hua is going to draft 8 different designs for the committee to review at their next meetings on April 11<sup>th</sup>. Dr. Major also talked about looking at an older BHPAC brochure to see if it was usable.

5. Discussion of future agenda items- Informational Only

Ali Jai Faison

Chair Faison discussed an upcoming meeting he has on April 5<sup>th</sup> with Mr. Schiraldi who was just appointed as the Secretary of the Maryland Department of Juvenile Justice. Chair Faison stated Mr. Schiraldi has created a program called Suitcase of Supports, which he notes has done wonders for the youth in the state of Maryland by reducing incarceration and recidivism rates. Chair Faison will see if he is able to present to BHPAC so Suitcase of Supports can possibly be brought to the state of Nevada.

Ms. Binder asked about a DOJ report update. She noted the recent public input session surrounding policies being implemented as a response to that report. Ms. Binder also suggested reaching out to The Harbor in Clark County.

Dr. Major expressed an interest in inviting a representative from Washoe County as they are in the process of expanding crisis response services, within the Northern Nevada Mental Health Center, and adolescent treatment programs. Ms. Binder added that the regional policy boards could present on this topic. Ariana Saunders wanted clarification on who oversees the allocation of these crisis response services.

Ms. Kearse wanted to bring back discussion about follow-up questions the committee had regarding the April 2023 presentation by Dr. Ruth Condray regarding Mental Health Block Grant Service funding, including outcomes of grant and services provided. Chair Faison discussed having this as a future agenda item as well presentations from Mr. Schiraldi, DCFS Juvenile Justice, and The Harbor.

Ms. Binder stated she would like someone to help the legislative committee go through the SAMHSA data. Dr. Pearl Kim offered to help with this data. Ms. Binder and Dr. Pearl Kim agreed to have further discussions.

6. Public Comment

There were no public comments.

7. Adjournment

Ali Jai Faison, BHPAC Chair

Meeting was adjourned at 10:45am