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Bureau of Behavioral Health Wellness and Prevention (BBHWP)

Behavioral Health Planning and Advisory Council (BHPAC) Legislative Subcommittee

Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, April 24, 2024

1:00 p.m. PST until adjournment

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

1. Call to Order - Anna Binder, Legislative Subcommittee Chair
Chair Binder asked Jennifer Simeo to do roll call.

Members present included:

Anna Binder
Jeannie Hua
Lori Kears
Misty Shore
Ariana Saunders

Members absent included:

Dr. Pearl Kim

2. Public Comment

There were no public comments.

3. Approval of February 28, 2024, Legislative Subcommittee Meeting Minutes- For Possible Action

Ms. Saunders made a motion to approve the minutes. Ms. Hua seconded the motion. Ms. Shore abstained as she was not present for the meeting. All other members voted in favor. Motion passed.

4. Southern Regional Behavioral Health Policy Board presentation - Informational Only
Mark Funkhouser, Southern Regional Behavioral Health Coordinator

Mr. Funkhouser provided a PowerPoint presentation which can be found on the BHPAC meetings webpage. He discussed an overview of the Southern Regional Behavioral Health Policy Board and

their roles, functions, and duties, and identified regional strengths, highlights, gaps, and barriers. Three specific gaps and barriers were discussed including transportation, crisis stabilization and response, and barriers to access services and insurance. Mr. Funkhouser took questions from members. Chair Binder advised she would share the presentation with the BHPAC Rural Subcommittee as the presentation also aligns with their work.

5. Discussion of 2024 Legislative Subcommittee meeting schedule-For Possible Action
Anna Binder, Legislative Subcommittee Chair

Ms. Kearse motioned for the next meeting to be May 22nd at 10:00am. Ms. Saunders seconded the motion. All members voted in favor. Motion passed.

6. Discussion of future agenda items-Informational Only- Anna Binder, Legislative Subcommittee Chair

Chair Binder stated the Legislative Council Bureau sent over some information that should be looked at by the subcommittee and asked Ms. Simeo to put this on a future agenda. Chair Binder advised she had given Eric Jimenez from the State Treasurer's Office Ms. Simeo's contact information to schedule a presentation regarding a tuition reimbursement program for the rural areas. Ms. Simeo said she has not received any communication from the State Treasurer's Office. Ms. Kearse commented that both presentations should maybe be submitted to the full council. Ms. Simeo advised she would put forward on the agenda for the full committee.

Ms. Saunders stated she will reach out to the Clark County Regional Health Policy Board to present for a future meeting.

Ms. Binder further suggested that the subcommittee maybe meet with Medicaid and legislators that are allies for behavioral and mental health.

7. Public Comment

There were no public comments.

8. Adjournment- Anna Binder, Legislative Subcommittee Chair

The meeting was adjourned at 1:50 pm.