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Behavioral Health Planning and Advisory Council (BHPAC) Rural Subcommittee

Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, March 13, 2024, 2:00 p.m. PST until adjournment

1. Call to Order –  
Allison Wall, Rural Subcommittee Chair

Brianna Wesolowski took roll call.

Members Present

Allison Wall  
Anna Binder  
Dr. Pearl Kim

Members Absent

Ali Jai Faison  
Ariana Saunders

Quorum was met.

2. Public Comment

There were no public comments.

3. Discussion on how the Rural subcommittee can best support rural areas– For Possible Action  
Allison Wall, Rural Subcommittee Chair

Chair Wall opened the topic up for discussion. The committee discussed several topics and Ms. Binder moved for the following motion: Subcommittee to establish communication with the LCB office for purposes of identifying upcoming BDR's; Subcommittee would also like to reach out to NAMI and invite them to have a conversation regarding their work: Subcommittee has interest in the Regional Health Policy Board, specifically the Rural division, to have them come speak; Lastly, the subcommittee would like to see the report shared about the tribal members that were treated out of state that was brought up in the BHPAC meeting. Dr. Kim added she

would like to hear from the Rural Mental Health Service pilot program that is in Elko. Ms. Binder accepted the amendment of the motion. Dr. Kim then seconded the motion. Motion passed.

4. Discussion of future agenda items – Informational Only  
Allison Wall, Rural Subcommittee Chair

Chair Wall advised that with the previous motion, once they find out these updates, it will effectively coordinate agenda items. Ms. Binder wanted to add that they might not hear back on a couple of the items for a couple of meetings. She also added she would like to go over national trends in rural communities. Dr. Kim added that she would like to see the data for the national trend of mental health in the rural area and the trend in Nevada rural areas, with it broken down into categories such as children, seniors, teenagers, and so forth.

5. Public Comment –

There were no public comments.

6. Adjournment –  
Allison Wall, Rural Subcommittee Chair

The meeting was adjourned at 2:52 pm.

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