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

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

1. Call to Order– Ariana Saunders, BHPAC Chair, BHPAC Chair

Chair Saunders asked Jennifer Simeo to do roll call. Members present included:

1. Anna Binder
2. Dr. Krista Hales
3. Dr. Mavis Major
4. DeNeese Parker
5. Ariana Saunders
6. Allison Wall
7. Dr. Mae Worthey-Thomas

Members absent included:

1. French Dafinone
2. Sarah Dearborn
3. Lori Kearse
4. Dr. Pearl Kim
5. Misty Shore
6. Drew Skeen

A quorum was met.

2. Public Comment

There were no public comments.

3. Approval of June 3, 2024, BHPAC Meeting Minutes – For Possible Action Ariana Saunders, BHPAC Chair

Dr. Major moved to approve the meeting minutes. Ms. Parker seconded the motion. All members were in favor. The motion passed.

4. Presentation from Renown Health on new behavioral health services coming to Nevada – Informational Only Steve Shell, MBA, Vice President, Renown Health

Mr. Shell from Renown presented information regarding a crisis stabilization center they will be opening in a few months. He explained it will be a 24/7 walk in center that will serve as a diversion from an emergency room or jail. He stated the goal of the center will be to assess and triage individuals and get them transferred to the most appropriate community resource within 23 hours of arrival, whether it be inpatient or outpatient care. Mr. Shell stated the center will accept adults 18 years and older and will follow the living room model with 35 chairs. He stated there will also be 10 beds for individuals needing extended care. Mr. Shell stated the center will employ RNs, LCSWs, and peer support specialists. He stated there will be a grand opening and he would let the council know the date once it's established. Mr. Shell also discussed the possibility of a program for youth in the future and working with Washoe County on the West Hills Hospital re-opening.

5. Updates from Chairs of Rural, Legislative, and Promotions Subcommittees on latest meetings, upcoming meetings, subcommittee work, and possible vote on a revised BHPAC brochure – For Possible Action Ariana Saunders, BHPAC Chair

Ms. Binder provided an update on the Legislative Subcommittee, advising they heard a presentation from the Northern Regional Behavioral Health Policy Board which aligned with the other presentations regarding transportation being a need for the community. Ms. Binder also stated that she is very interested in hearing from Tammy Allen who runs Solutions on Sunset.

Ms. Wall then advised, for the Rural Subcommittee, that she too is interested Ms. Allen but would like to see her establishment in Alamo. She advised that she did not have any other updates.

Dr. Major gave an update regarding the Promotions Subcommittee. She reported that they are working on getting their first publication finalized and wanted to get approval on the brochure they had developed. She also stated they would like to get approval on a newsletter that could be sent out monthly. Dr. Major stated it would contain information regarding resources and meeting information, for example. Ms. Binder moved to approve the brochure. Dr. Major seconded the motion. All members agreed. The motion passed. Ms. Binder moved to approve the newsletter. Dr. Major seconded the motion. Dr. Worthey-Thomas did not agree while all others did. Chair Saunders said the motion passes with the qualification of checking terms of accountability.

6. Public Comment

There were no public comments.

7. Adjournment -Ariana Saunders, BHPAC Chair

The meeting was adjourned at 11:03am.