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Bureau of Behavioral Health Wellness and Prevention (BBHWP)
Behavioral Health Planning and Advisory Council (BHPAC)
Meeting Minutes
Wednesday, August 21, 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
Ariana Saunders, BHPAC Chair

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

1. Anna Binder
2. Dr. Krista Hales
3. Lori Kearse
4. Dr. Pearl Kim
5. Ariana Saunders
6. Misty Shore
7. Drew Skeen
8. Allison Wall

Members absent included:

1. French Dafinone
2. Sarah Dearborn
3. Dr. Mavis Major
4. DeNeese Parker
5. Dr. Mae Worthey-Thomas

A quorum was met.

2. Public Comment

There was no public comment.

3. For Possible Action-Approval of July 1, 2024, BHPAC Meeting Minutes
Ariana Saunders, BHPAC Chair

Vice Chair Binder made a motion to approve the meeting minutes. Dr. Hales seconded the motion. Mr. Skeen abstained. All others voted in favor. Motion carried.

4. For Possible Action-Discussion and agreement on plan for how the council will provide final feedback and recommendations to the state on the FY25 Mental Health Block Grant application
Ariana Saunders, BHPAC Chair

Council members were provided a tutorial on how to access the MHBG application in WebBGAS. After discussion, Vice Chair Binder made a motion for council members to provide their feedback to Chair Saunders by Thursday, August 29, 2024, for submission by Chair Saunders to the state by Friday, August 30, 2024. Ms. Shore seconded the motion. All voted in favor. Motion carried.

5. Informational Only-Updates from Chairs of Rural, Legislative, and Promotions Subcommittees on latest and upcoming meetings and subcommittee work
Ariana Saunders, BHPAC Chair

Allison Wall, Chair of the Rural Subcommittee, reported that they had not met since the last council meeting, and they needed to reschedule a future meeting.

Vice Chair Binder, Chair of the Legislative Subcommittee, reported she was writing a draft letter for their upcoming meeting. Ms. Binder reminded council members of an invitation from Solutions on Sunset to tour their facility. Chair Saunders and Dr. Kim expressed an interest in visiting the facility. Vice Chair Binder stated the subcommittee would like to have a presentation from the Nevada Children's Mental Health Consortium. Dr. Kim reported she was working on a one-page PDF of the BHPAC brochure. Jennifer Simeo reported to the council that the approved BHPAC brochure was available on the BHPAC webpage.

Dr. Mavis Major, Chair of the Promotions Subcommittee, was not present to provide an update.

6. Public Comment

Ms. Binder reported that BDRs were being released, and there were around 400 already. Helen Byrd reported that BDRs were due by February 3, 2025.

7. Adjournment
Ariana Saunders, BHPAC Chair

The meeting was adjourned at 10:53am.