

Division of Public and Behavioral Health
Behavioral Health Planning and Advisory Council

MINUTES

DATE: November 4, 2019
TIME: 1 p.m. to Adjournment

	<i>Meeting</i>	<i>Videoconference</i>
LOCATION:	Division of Public and Behavioral Health 4126 Technology Way, Second Floor Conference Room – Suite 201, Carson City, NV	Bureau of Health Care Quality and Compliance, 4220 Maryland Parkway, Building D – Large Conference Room, Suite 810, Las Vegas, NV

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BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT

Ali Jai Faison
Gillian Rae Stoddard
Dr. Karen Greene
Alyce Thomas
Drew Skeen
Charlene Frost
Dr. Megan Freeman
Sondra Cosgrove
Dawn Walker
Susan Maunder

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT

Rene Norris
Stacy Kollias (excused)
Amber Neff
Ariana Saunders

STAFF & GUESTS PRESENT

Rhonda Buckley, BBHWP
Brook Adie, BBHWP
Patrick Bozarth, Community Counseling Center
Raul Martinez, BBHWP
Lea Cartwright, Nevada Psychiatric Association

1. Introductions, Announcements and Roll Call
Roll call conducted; quorum met.
2. Public Comment – None.
3. Approval of Minutes from Sept. 9, 2019 Meeting
Charlene Frost makes a motion to accept the minutes of Sept. 9, 2019; Gillian Stover seconds. All in favor say, ‘Aye,’ none opposed; motion carries.
4. Discussion Regarding Specific Needs for a Promotional Budget from the Combined Mental Health and Substance Abuse Prevention and Treatment Block Grant allocated to the State of Nevada, for the Council
Bureau Chief Brook Adie addressed the Council to let them know she could not find a ‘trail’ of when funding had stopped and what activities individuals were doing regarding the funding. She let the Council know the application for the block grant has been written. She asked the Council to identify their needs for a budget, and what do they want to accomplish with the budget. Ms. Adie mentioned there are no funds; however, if there are funds the Council would like to request, it would be through the next legislative session. She asked the Council to start to identify activities they would like to do outside of what the Bureau is available to provide or needing staff, now is the time to have those conversations. Mr. Faison mentioned the Council, in the past, had a budget they utilized for Mental Health Awareness Month (May). Ms. Adie mentioned the Council could partner with others who are funded by DPBH. Ms. Adie asked Ms. Buckley to reach out to Robin Reedy at National Alliance on Mental Illness to see if she would be a guest at a future BHPAC meeting. Ms. Buckley said she would. Ms. Frost noted various children’s health consortia do activities throughout the year and this may be an opportunity to partner with them as well. Dr. Greene said if they could identify a couple organizations that are doing efforts the Council would partner with, figure out what is something the Council could do. Susan Maunder noted the Council participated in the past at an event called ‘Spring Fling,’ and if it is an event to possibly participate in again. Dr. Greene asked if the Council wanted to focus on awareness or action. Alyce Thomas mentioned in the past the Council has done ‘action’ work but would like to see the council do more awareness. Ms. Stover suggests helping those who do not have health insurance but need medication. Several board members agreed. Ms. Adie clarifies with Mr. Faison to have a budget for promotional items if a Council member were to attend public events. Ms. Adie said she would be willing look into the events to see if it’s appropriate and what funds may be available. Ms. Adie asked the council to figure out what activities or events are coming up (Mental Health Awareness Month in May), and level of participation. And the possibility of DPBH staff to attend events as well. Discussion continued on how help can be made to those with mental health issues. Ms. Adie noted there are resources available through Crisis Services of Nevada, Substance Abuse help line, and Office of Suicide Prevention. She suggested engaging with Crisis Services of Nevada and Office of Suicide Prevention and looking at their resources to be sure they have updated information, and possibly having a representative from these organizations speak on their services at a future Council meeting, as well as Dr. Woodard from the Bureau of Behavioral Health Wellness and Prevention.
5. Update on Per Diems/Stipends to Council Members
Administrative Assistant Rhonda Buckley gave an update on per diems and “stipends” due to Council members. Ms. Buckley informed all they must have a completed I9 packet in with the Division to ensure they would receive compensation in the form of per diem. Ms. Buckley will email the packet to all members; they are to complete the mileage to and from meeting location and get back to her via email. Ms. Frost asked for clarification on the mileage being considered per diem; Ms. Buckley let her know mileage is per diem. Stipends were voted into the bylaws by a prior Council, which was not in accordance with the Governor’s proclamation. Ms. Buckley let

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Chairman Ali Jai Faison this would need to be brought up in a future meeting, to remove the “stipend” from the bylaws. Per diem (mileage), which has variables, is based on travel from “normal” start of travel to meeting, and return. And, may include cost incurred for care of a loved one for member to attend.

6. Review and Approve Draft Letter to the Governor/Medicaid Director/Interim Finance Committee Item to be covered by Stacy Kollias and Rene Norris. Neither in attendance; moved to December agenda.
7. Public Comment – Lea Cartwright with the Nevada Psychiatric Association spoke regarding agenda item 4 and outreach for Mental Health Awareness Month. The NPA has done a Mental Health Awareness campaign via social media promotion in which they post daily, resources in the state, what’s happening in areas, who a person can contact locally and they’re always looking for partners with this campaign. In May 2020, they may focus on parody – which deals with insurance issues. They also partner with NAMI Nevada. Ms. Adie announced DPBH has sent out applications for the First Episode Psychosis program for competitive bids and was awarded to Mojave Mental Health in Las Vegas, partnering with University of Nevada, Las Vegas. They will go through a “navigate training” and be the second location in the state; the first being Carson Tahoe Hospital in Carson City. They receive set-aside funds from Mental Health Block Grant to focus program dollars on early serious mental illness and first episode psychosis. Our hope is that they will start seeing patients in March. They would serve adolescents and adults. A second announcement by Ms. Adie, is that on Nov. 19, 2019, a DPBH staff member who has been working on the Behavioral Health Preparedness Plan will speak at the Resilience Commission, AB206(11), which is addressing behavioral health needs in an emergency or disaster. Dr. Woodard is giving and presentation to the Interim Committee on Healthcare, also in November. Dr. Greene mentioned she put together a “manual” for the Council, that will be presented at the December Council meeting.
8. Adjournment – Meeting adjourned at 2:06 p.m.