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**BEHAVIORAL HEALTH PLANNING AND ADVISORY BOARD (BHPAC)  
RURAL SUBCOMMITTEE  
MEETING MINUTES  
5/24/2022  
1:00 pm to Adjournment**

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

**1. Call to order/roll call – Dana Walburn (Chair)**

**2. Members Present:**

Dana Walburn, LCSW, French Dafinone Psychologist, Marshal Hernandez DETR

**Members Absent:** Dr. Pearl Kim

**Guests:** Kendall Holcomb Public Information Officer HHS, Jeannie Hua, Tray Abney, Jennie Bear, Janice Stenson, Abigail Hatefi, Vanessa Diaz, J'Amie Webster-Fredrick, Stacy McCool, Jennifer Tongol, Anna Kicks, Denys Williams

**3. Public comment**

Ms. Holcomb, Public Information Officer for Department of Health and Human Services would like to provide an update on two projects that are relevant to the community.

The first project in process is the Mobile Crisis Response Team (MCRT). We are working on a campaign refresh because a study done in 2021 found that there are several rural and frontier citizens who are reporting that they are not aware of behavioral health crisis services within their community. The MCRT program received a grant allowing for new critical outreach for these communities which includes media spots, public service announcements, billboards, brochures, and pocket cards.

Ms. Holcomb mentioned that the second project is a subgrant for the agricultural community. This comes through realizing an increase in mental health symptoms with ranchers and farmers being unable to access the appropriate mental health care. This subgrant is through Health and Human Services in partnership with Nevada Resiliency Project. Something new we are starting is Train the Trainer and Applied Suicide Intervention Skills Training (ASIST), which is a suicide prevention training through the Office of Suicide Prevention. There will be training opportunities for 50 community members within White Pine, Churchill, and Elko. This campaign will include postcards that will be provided in local community centers. There will also be public service announcements on TV, radio, and billboards.

4. **For Possible Action:** Approve Pervious Meeting Minutes  
No previous minutes, first meeting

5. **For Possible Action:** Adopt and develop presented template for subcommittee talking points.

Ms. Walburn proposes to have monthly updates from rural and frontier Nevada around behavioral health. She would like to invite guest speakers, provider, coordinators to the monthly meetings.

Ms. Walburn made motion to have monthly updates.

Motion was second by Mr. Hernandez

motion was passed unanimously.

6. **Informational:** Report from subcommittee members who attended meetings with other agencies for promotion and partnering.

Chair Walburn asks if any members attended meeting with other agencies for promotion and partnering?

Mr. Hernandez states he had not attended in an official capacity that most of his meetings are with school districts. I can provide updates from those.

Mr. Hernandez relates that he met with representatives of Clark County School District in terms of transition age, young adults. Talking about services focusing on mental health. Individuals that have access that have documented disabilities that have individual education plans or 504 accommodations.

Chair Walburn gives updates in the integration capacity. The most relevant that are important for this team is the gaps and needs across the state of Nevada regarding behavioral health services.

Chair Walburn continues that a couple of years ago the state Medicaid plan was amended to allow for expanded services to be gilled to school districts. Outside of the IEPs which means that youth and families may access therapy, clinical individual, or family therapy at a school site. Allowing the school district to bill Medicaid.

Chair Walburn believes that in the next several years school sites will become a more robust entrance for behavioral healthcare. She adds that she would like to see more speakers from Rural Frontier Nevada.

7. **For Possible Action:** Approve for next steps and planned activities for the Subcommittee

Chair Walburn motions to meet monthly for the next couple of months with updates from regional, rural behavioral health coordinators, and updates on providers enrolling in Frontier Nevada. After these updates we can decide to meet every other month. Motion was second by Mr. Dafinone. Motion was passed unanimously.

8. **Informational:** Review Bylaws Pertaining to Subcommittee  
This was tabled until next meeting because bylaws were not available.

9. **Public Comment**

*(Action may not be taken on any matter brought up under this agenda item until scheduled on an agenda for a later meeting)*

Chair Walburn suggests that the next meeting be on June 21<sup>st</sup> being consistent with scheduled meetings at 1 pm.

10. **Adjournment** – *Dana Walburn, Chair 1:56 pm*

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