

Diapering Resources Committee Meeting Minutes, April 27, 2018

Item 1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 8:32 AM on April 27, 2018, by Julia Peek, the Deputy Administrator of Community Services at the Nevada Division of Public and Behavioral Health (DPBH). The meeting was held at the DPBH Central Office at 4150 Technology Way, Room 303, Carson City, Nevada 89706. It was video-conferenced to Southern Nevada Adult Mental Health Services, Rawson-Neal Room B-193 at 1650 Community College Drive in Las Vegas, Nevada 89146. The meeting also had a teleconference option.

Members present:

- Jessica Roew
- Brian “Mitch” DeValliere
- Joe Dibble
- Alex Pennington
- Denise Tanata
- Kim Amato
- Kayelynn Ogden
- Alison Weir
- Ashley VanBrocklin
- Julia Peek

Members absent:

- Ann McIntyre
- Tess Opferman
- Pam Russell
- Shane Piccinini

Item 2. Public Comment

There was no public comment

Item 3. Election of Chairperson

Kim Amato, founder and executive director of Baby’s Bounty was nominated and accepted the chair role of the committee. She was voted into this role unanimously.

Item 4. Review Assembly Bill (AB) 340 and Deliverables

The intent of AB 340 was reviewed, and the group reviewed the deliverables associated with the Committee. Denise mentioned that the bill initially was written to establish a voucher program for low-income families for diapering resources. There was a fiscal note and that was later removed when the bill was revised. It was amended to develop the Committee to assess the resources and needs this biennium to understand what additional resources are needed in the future.

Item 5. Adopt Committee Bylaws

The Committee reviewed and revised the draft bylaws and adopted a final version with minimal edits. The final version will be posted on the DPBH website.

Item 6. Review Current Membership and Determine if Additional Membership is Needed

The Committee thought additional membership or participation would be beneficial from DETR, DWSS – Employment and Support, Three Square Food Bank and rural food banks, Medicaid/CHIP, ADSD, NDE/childcare, DWSS – childcare block grant, Early Head Start, Regional Centers, and the DHHS Grants Unit.

Item 7. Identify and Develop a Summary of Current Diapering Resources in Nevada

Some options for developing or growing the current diapering resources in Nevada may include:

- Waiver with Medicaid (already have the Katie Beckett Waiver)
- Supports for Welfare to Work
- Temporary Aid to Needy Families (TANF)

There are already established programs through Huggies, but they donate to Diaper Banks primarily. There are some companies that offer discounts, such as Jet.com and First Quality.

There is a bill in Congress that may develop federal funding for diapering resources, so the Committee will also monitor this opportunity for funding/supports.

Alison was going to provide the Committee with information on what other states have done to establish diapering resources in their states/communities.

Item 8. Determine the Gaps for Diapering Resources for Low-income Residents

It was difficult to determine gaps without fully understanding current efforts in this area. The Committee decided to develop a survey to assess organizations and agencies that provide diapers and diapering resources. Denise offered to draft the survey.

It was discussed that there are an estimated 2,300 children under the age of 2 years that could benefit from a program for diapering resources in the state. The expected cost for 3 months of support for each of these children would exceed \$675k/year.

Item 9. Identify Funding Opportunities for Diapers and Diapering Supplies

This item was tabled. Julia is going to reach out to the State Grants Office to see if they can research funding opportunities and present the findings at the next meeting.

Item 10. Determine 2018 Future Meeting Dates

It was decided a meeting would occur on June 4th for a 2-hour block of time.

Item 11. Recommendations for Next Meeting/Future Agenda items

The agenda for the June 4th meeting will include:

- Review of Diapering Resources Survey Results
- Discussion of current resources and gaps analysis and make recommendations of how to move forward
- Overview of other possible funding options and make recommendations of how to move forward

Item 12. Public Comment

There was no public comment.

Item 13. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 9:22 AM.