

Diapering Resources Committee Meeting Minutes, June 4, 2018

Item 1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 11:02 AM on June 4, 2018, by Chairwoman Amato. 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
- Alison Weir
- Pam Russell
- Julia Peek

Members absent:

- Ann McIntyre
- Tess Opferman
- Shane Piccinini
- Ashley VanBrocklin
- Kayelynn Ogden (notified DPBH prior of her inability to attend)

Item 2. Public Comment

There was no public comment

Item 3. Review of Diapering Resources Survey Results

Ms. Peek provided the report of the survey results to the Committee. The summary noted:

- How many families/individuals receive diaper/diapering resources each month: *ranged from 0 to 350 families/individuals/month*
- How many diapers does your organization provide to families/individuals per month: *ranged from 0 to 14,000/month*
- Eligibility: *tended to relate to poverty level or enrollment in program*
- Primary sources for diapers/diapering resources: *in-kind donations from public*
- How often do you run out of supplies: *greatest response was every 2 to 3 months and never*
- Would your organization distribute diapers and diapering resources if they were available to you: *yes at 81.25%*

The Committee discussed the need to review the results by organization to more fully understand the gaps and resources. For example, it was noted that the reason organizations may note they do not run out of supplies is

because they may not provide diapering resources at all or they monitor and control their inventory, so are turning clients away. The Committee discussed the need to collect additional information from those organizations providing diapers. Specifically, the Committee needs to know what sizes of diapers they have in stock as there are known limits with diapers size 4 and larger. There is also a need to see if clients are being turned away to control inventory and if there is a wait list. Ms. Peek will follow up with those organizations through email/phone to determine the additional information.

Item 4. Discussion of current resources and gaps analysis and make recommendations of how to move forward

Based on agenda item #3, there is a need to further define the gaps by geographic location as well as inventory (diaper sizes, etc.) to define the true needs. As indicated earlier over 80% of survey respondents would provide diapering resources if they had them available. The Committee recommended researching if Home Visiting Programs and WIC locations could be distribution sites/opportunities. Staff from each program will be following up on this request. Neither program has funds to purchase the actual supplies. There was also discussion about the need to ensure we are reaching homeless, undocumented and transitioning families who may not be accessing other government social service programs.

Item 5. Overview of other possible funding options and make recommendations of how to move forward

Based on the review provided via email by the States Grants Office, there are no resources outside of those already utilized and reviewed by the Committee. The most feasible options going forward are:

- Annually promote and support the Diaper Drives
- Review if a bill draft request is needed for general fund support to either bulk purchase diapers for distribution to low-income families or to direct fund the diapering banks and other organizations.
- Determine if a voucher program could be established

Item 6. Public Comment

Ms. Peek noted that there is a report to the DHHS Director by June 30, 2018, so the Committee needs to hold another public meeting to edit, review, and approve that report. Ms. Peek will draft the report and the meeting will be held via teleconference on Tuesday, June 26, 2018 at 11:00 AM.

Item 8. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 11:43 AM.