

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

MINUTES

DATE: January 6, 2020
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 – Small 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
Ariana Saunders
Stacy Kollias

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT

Dawn Walker
Susan Maunder
Amber Neff
Rene Norris
Sondra Cosgrove

STAFF & GUESTS PRESENT

Rhonda Buckley, BBHWP
Dawn Yohey, BBHWP
Shelley Waldaias
Jasmine Cook, Clark County Social Service
Chaz Fernandez, NV Psychiatric Association
Frances Howze, CCSS
Stacy Burns, SRBHPB

1:30:00 begin time

1. Introductions, Announcements and Roll Call
Roll call conducted at 1:03 p.m., quorum not yet met; second roll call held at 1:14 p.m., quorum met.
2. Public Comment – Dawn Yohey with the Division of Public and Behavioral Health, advised the Council there will be a federal officer with the Mental Health Block Grant onsite (in Carson City), May 12-14 and one of the components of their visit is to meet with the council one of those three days. Shelley Waldaias introduced herself; she has applied for membership to the BHPAC and is awaiting acceptance notice from the Governors Boards.
3. Approval of Minutes from Nov. 4, 2019 Meeting
Chairman Ali Jai Faison asks for motion to accept minutes of the Nov. 4, 2019 meeting as presented. Charlene Frost motions to approve minutes; Dr. Greene seconds motion. All in favor say, ‘Aye,’ none opposed; motion carries.
4. Orientation Presentation to Behavioral Health Planning and Advisory Council Members – *Dr. Karen Greene*
Dr. Greene narrated her overview presentation for the Council members, offering key points of information they need to know. Information included the Governor’s Executive Order, Open Meeting Law, Community Mental Health Services Block Grant, DHHS Fact Book, members, subcommittees, BHPAC History, Goals and Resources for informational review. There were no questions after the presentation. Mr. Faison commended Dr. Greene for an excellent presentation.
5. Discussion on how to improve attendance and make recommendations as to how the Council, according to bylaws and purpose, can be more effective – *Ali Jai Faison*
Mr. Faison noted there is a severe struggle to make quorum, even with only 15 members on the Council at this time. He asked for anyone present at the meeting, or on the teleconference line had suggestions as to how to improve attendance. Dr. Greene noted with Mr. Faison reaching out to members and pointing out how important the job of the Council is to the community, she sees a renewed interest and hopes it will continue to grow. She added as members miss a meeting, they are given a reminder of how important the meetings are, and their presence is important. Char Frost made a similar comment. Mr. Faison asked Rhonda Buckley if she received notice from any members who said they would not be present at today’s meeting. Ms. Buckley noted two members gave her notice of their absence. Ms. Frost asked Ms. Buckley if she could email a list of Council members to current members. Ms. Buckley said yes, she would, and send it out that afternoon.
6. Brief review of each Council member’s job, title, position or works in the area of behavioral health, and what each does to advocate for those affected by or suffering from behavioral health issues – *Ali Jai Faison*
Mr. Faison began with a description of his employment history, current involvement with behavioral health and desires to find new ways help those with mental health issues.
Gillian Stover described her involvement in the community and her own issues with mental health and her passion to find resources for others.
Stacy Kollias, who has been a strong advocate for many years, voiced her involvement with mental health issues with her family, and how she sees a need for support for others with similar issues, as well as changing laws for family members of those with mental health issues.
Drew Skeen spoke of his involvement with community housing and trying to secure housing for those with mental health problems. He notes housing is a big problem facing the community.
Ariana Saunders also notes housing is a huge gap and needs to be a priority for those struggling with mental health issues.

Char Frost notes her favorite job is being a mom. Her sons both have mental disabilities, one who is high functioning, and this makes it difficult to obtain appropriate treatment.

Dr. Greene shares she has bipolar disorder but sees this as a motivation for her. She sees much stigma and wants to put an end to this because mental health issues do not have a determination of what it “looks like.”

Dr. Megan Freeman is the statewide manager for the Planning and Evaluation Unit of the Division of Child and Family Services for the State of Nevada, Las Vegas, and serves as the clinical and policy advisory for Children’s Behavioral Health for DHHS. Her job is to help direct quality and assurance of evaluation efforts both within DCFS children’s mental health program as well as overseeing quality reviews of detention facilities and foster care program.

7. Crisis Services Update – *Regional Behavioral Health Coordinator(s)*

Stacy Burns, coordinator for the Southern Regional Behavioral Health Policy Board, gave a brief update on how he and others have looked at surrounding states and their crisis services units being put in place in hospitals. Mr. Burns also fielded questions from the Council. Jasmine Cook, interim coordinator for the Clark Policy Board, mentioned they would be hosting a Crisis Mapping Workshop for providers and community members who are interested in participating.

8. Approve future agenda items

Mr. Faison asked Ms. Kollias if the draft letter was ready for presentation to the Council so it can be placed on the next agenda. Ms. Kollias said it would be ready. Mr. Faison asked Ms. Stover if she would be prepared with the resource guide information for the next meeting; she said she would. These two items to be placed on next agenda, after confirmation each are ready to present. And, to have information item on a strategic planning meeting.

9. Approve Future Meeting Date(s)

Mr. Faison mentioned the site visit to be made by federal officer of May 12, 13 and 14, and which date may be best for the Council members. Ms. Buckley will send a Doodle Poll to Council members asking for their input. A time is yet to be determined; a finalized agenda will be completed by Ms. Yohey in March. Mr. Faison motions for next meeting to be held at 1 p.m. on Feb. 3; Ms. Greene seconds. All in favor say, ‘Aye,’; none opposed. Meeting time/date set.

10. Public Comment

Ms. Frost noted the next meeting of the Clark Regional Behavioral Health Policy Board is Jan. 9, 2020, at 2 p.m. at the Grant Sawyer Building in Las Vegas, if anyone wanted to attend.

11. Adjournment

Mr. Faison motions for adjournment; Ms. Stover seconds. Meeting adjourned at 3:05 p.m.