

Nevada Association of County Human Services Administrators

Minutes

June 11, 2019

Active Members:

Mary Jane Ostrander, Carson City

Shannon Ernst, Churchill County (phone)

Tim Burch, Clark County (phone)

Shayla Holmes, Lyon County

Karyn Smith, Nye County (phone)

Karen Beckerbauer, Douglas County

Elaine Zimmerman, Lincoln County (phone)

Desiree Barnson, White Pine County (phone)

Debbie Lee, Mineral County (phone)

Associate Members:

Jodi Qualls, Douglas County

Guests:

Vinson Guthreau, NACO

Jessica Flood, Regional Behavioral Health Coordinator (phone)

Item 1: Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 10:08am by Tim Burch.

Item 2: Introductions

Tim Burch asked those attending the meeting to introduce themselves and introductions were made.

Item 3: Public Comment

Tim Burch inquired as to whether there was any public comment. There was none.

Item 4: Verification of the Posting of the Agenda

Karyn Smith verified the agenda had been posted according to NRS.



Item 5: Review and Adoption of Agenda

Tim Burch called for a motion to adopt the agenda as submitted. Karen Beckerbauer made a motion to adopt the agenda as submitted. Mary Jane Ostrander seconded the motion, and it was passed unanimously.

Item 6: State of Nevada Aging and Disabilities Services Update

Tabled for next month, as there was no representation present.

Item 7: Regional Behavioral Health Efforts

Jessica Flood from the Northern region stated she has a couple of legislative updates, Regional Behavioral Health Policy Boards are out and three out of four of the bill drafts have passed. Some of the changes that were created are from her region board and they have standardized and clarified the involuntary mental health hold process, so they will be working on developing and pushing out education around that later this year. The big takeaway for this group is that the 72 hours will start at the writing of the legal hold from here on out. Jessica also updated that the previous Southern Board is no longer active and they have now developed a Fifth Region which is considered Rural and will consist of Lincoln, Nye, Esmeralda and Mineral Counties, with Clark County being on its own. They have also provided AA staff to the board and a Data Analyst. The Washoe Policy board focused on developing a crisis stabilization unit within a psychiatric facility that was geared at creating a fund mechanism for the managed care so that will only impact Washoe and Clark Counties, but it standardizes a new type of service for Nevada. Also, AB 378 passed which creates a mechanism to place legal holds on youth in schools when they cannot find parents.

Additional updates that Jessica thought was important, they are developing a statewide crisis intervention training website that can foster collaboration between all the crisis intervention training programs. For those of you that do not know what crisis intervention training is; it is forty hour training for law enforcement to help them become more skillful in mental health de-escalation and interacting with the people who are having a behavioral health crisis. If anyone is interested in participating in that training, let Jessica know so that she can put you on the committee, as there will be a committee of crisis intervention training coordinators that can be the steering committee for the development of the website.

The Governor is going to have a opioid summit, it is being held August 14-15 and they are developing a one day symposium for mobile outreach safety teams "M.O.S.T" lead which is Clark County's opioid diversion team which is centered on developing statewide collaboration, increasing awareness of these programs for counties that do not have these programs. This symposium will be held the day before the Governors summit at the same location.

Item 8: Updates Maximizing County Medicaid Workshops

Karen stated she was waiting for legislative session to close before updating because last conversation with Nevada Rural Hospital Partners it became a conversation about whether it is a budget discussion or a Medicaid State Plan discussion and she didn't want it to become a discussion during session, at this point she will reach out to that group and see if she can get other meetings scheduled to talk about the possibility of creating a new provider type that is a community health worker. Karen stated she is open to other suggestions to add to that conversation and she will include Karyn on the scheduling of that

meeting so that she can get it out to entire group. Tim stated that would be appreciated, due to, in Clark County there has been a recent loss of funding around the health district nurse family partnership in regards to funding from HRSA, they are looking at how they can step in and utilize community health workers which are half the cost of a Public Health Nurse to try and provide some support and services, so they are really interested in how those services might be billable, as well. Karen stated that would be a great part to have in the conversation, as we have a number of regional grants, like the opioid planning, the MOST grant, "first episode psychosis" that are really focused on the community health workers roll and she would really like to move forward with formalizing that as a reimbursable service before absolutely everything starts being called a community health worker and we get way far away from its intent, which is a fear of hers. Tim stated he had a quick question; he is looking at how they give some of their clients who have come through treatment and are now successfully housed and are stable and trying to get them out of the "backside of housing" and continue them through to employment so we can free slots up for other people, he is looking at how do we develop relationships with community colleges.

Item 9: Update on IAF Application Reimbursement

Vince stated that there are no updates presently.

Item 10: National Association Conference

Vince states that Dagny did not leave him any information or updates on this item. Shannon also stated she has no updates as well, although, Shannon did state there were two requests, one to form a committee to meet that is separate from NACO. Tim was speaking to Arianna about having a Behavioral Health Individual there to present. Tim states that Arianna has RSVP'd for that event. Shannon states that Dena Schmidt has also agreed to attend. The second request was having a presentation on Behavioral Health efforts during the Health and Human Services committee, which is occurring on that Friday afternoon. Tim stated he will follow up with Arianna.

Item 11: Meet and Greet with Richard Whitley

Shannon stated Dagny is the coordinator for this and as far as she is aware, Richard has indicated he wants to bring all his administrators and that will hopefully happen at the September annual meeting. Vince stated this Meet & Greet will happen at the September meeting. Karyn stated that this will occur on September 27th. Vince stated he will update Dagny.

Item 12: Treasurer's Report

Mary Jane stated the Treasurer's Report was sent out; there were no changes in the bank accounts. The checking account balance is \$789.31, and the savings account balance is \$3,818.84, with a total balance of \$4,608.15. Bank statement is most likely on her desk today as she usually gets it after the meeting each month. She did hear from the IRS and they requested additional information and they are providing that to them as soon as possible. Mary Jane stated they are not sending out anything related to dues until they have confirmation that they have the tax I.D number back. Tim asked if there were any bills that needed to be authorized and Mary Jane stated there were none. Karen made a motion to accept and approve the Treasurer Report for May 2019, as presented. Karyn seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

Item 13: Setting of Annual Dues

Tabled for next month, based on Mary Jane's update on item 12.

Item 14: Review and Approval Minutes

Shannon made a motion to approve the minutes from the May 7, 2019, meeting, as presented. Karen seconded the notion, and it passed unanimously.

Item 15: NACO staff updates

Vince stated nothing to add, as it was addressed in item 11.

Item 16: Legislative updates

Tim asked for overall comments or review from everyone. Vince stated from NACO's point of view there will be some county impacts and budget item changes as well as Medicaid assessment changes, prevailing wages and workmans' comp changes as well. Shannon stated session was miserable, "guardianship got killed". Vince asked for more specific details. Shannon stated there are a lot of policy changes in regards to guardianship, which will have a huge impact on how things are currently done and it will most likely hold up some cases. As she rolls out the new policies she will let everyone know. Tim stated that in regards to child welfare and CPS for Clark County there were 51 bills submitted and 5 were actively opposed, zero passed and two were down sized to planning bills. Shannon stated that she sent a link out with a list of all the bills that passed. Tim reminded everyone that information is available on the Google drive and everyone should be able to access it.

Item 17: Indigent Policy Crosswalk update

Tim stated after reviewing the minutes from the last meeting, he doesn't have any updates except working on policy. Karen stated that it had been discussed to possibly get an intern to take this on. Karyn stated it was addressed at the May meeting on item 12. Tim stated will re-address at next meeting, and if anyone has any suggestions on possible candidates for this, perhaps Social Worker students from UNLV, to inform at next meeting.

Item 18: Comments, Updates and Reports

Mary Jane stated that she has been approached by all five of the Carson City Funeral homes, requesting to increase the County cremation reimbursement rates. The funeral homes are stating they have not received an increase in reimbursement rates in about 25 years. The funeral homes are asking to increase the reimbursement rate to \$995.00 for county cremation. She will keep everyone posted on the outcome of this issue.

Item 19: Scheduling Next Meeting

It has been decided that the next meeting will be 12:00 p.m., July 12, 2019, tentatively at the Clark County Social Service conference room. Tim will update everyone at a later date to confirm location and time.

Karyn stated that the August 13th meeting will need to be changed to August 12th at 11:00 a.m due to a scheduling conflict. Everyone agreed.

Item 20: Requested Items next Agenda

There were no suggestions on future agenda items.

Item 21: Public Comment

There was no public comment.

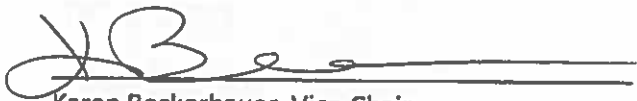
Adjournment

There being no further business to come before the committee, Tim Burch called for a motion to adjourn the meeting. Shannon Ernst made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 10:56 a.m. Karen Beckerbauer seconded the motion, and it was passed unanimously.

APPROVED: _____



Tim Burch, Chair
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Karen Beckerbauer, Vice-Chair
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