

RURAL REGIONAL BEHAVIORAL HEALTH POLICY BOARD

AGENDA

DATE: November 16, 2022

TIME: 1:15 pm to adjourn

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1.) Call to Order and Roll Call (Fergus Laughridge, Chair)

Members of the Rural Regional Behavioral Health Policy Board: Chair Fergus Laughridge, Brooke O'Byrne, Senator Pete Goicoechea, Dr. Erika Ryst, Matt Walker, Amy Adams, Amanda Osborne, Sean Burke, Steven Brotman, Sarah Dearborn, Bryce Shields, and Jeri Sanders.

2.) Public Comment:

Public testimony under this agenda item may be presented by computer, phone or written comment. Due to time considerations, each individual offering public comment will be limited to not more than **three (3)** minutes.

3.) For Possible Action: Review and possible approval of BDR Development Subcommittee meeting minutes from August 12, 2022 (Fergus Laughridge, Chair)

4.) For Possible Action: Review and possible approval of meeting minutes from August 24, 2022 (Fergus Laughridge, Chair)

5.) Informational: Introduction of new member of the Board, Chris McHan, Chief at Elko County EMS (Fergus Laughridge, Chair; Valerie Haskin, Rural RBHC)

Since Sean Burke's retirement from Lander County EMS, the Board has been actively searching for a replacement to fill Mr. Burke's seat, which he has graciously maintained until an appropriate replacement could be selected. Mr. McHan was recommended to the Board by EMS

leadership, as well as fellow Board Member Amanda Osborne. Mr. McHan may introduce himself to the Board and may have the opportunity to provide any background on his experiences related to behavioral health that he chooses to share.

This position is appointed by the Administrator of the Division of Public and Behavioral Health, and so no action on the part of the Board is necessary.

6.) For Possible Action: Nomination and voting to replace Steven Brotman’s Board seat with Patrick Rogers (Fergus Laughridge, Chair; Valerie Haskin, Rural RBHC)

On October 26, 2022, Board Member Steven Brotman notified the Rural RBHC and Board Chair that he would be leaving his position at Nevada Health Centers at the end of November, and would no longer be able to serve as a member of the Board. He recommended Patrick Rogers, Behavioral Health Clinical Director at Nevada Health Centers as his replacement. Mr. Rogers has served on many other boards related to improving physical and behavioral health systems in Nevada, and has demonstrated passion, insight, and leadership in these capacities. Mr. Rogers may take the opportunity to introduce himself and field questions from the Board.

The Rural Regional Behavioral Health Policy Board may choose vote to approve Patrick Rogers to replace Steven Brotman on the Board, after which point Mr. Rogers would have voting privileges on all subsequent agenda items, and Mr. Brotman would be removed from Board membership. If the Board does not vote to approve Mr. Rogers as Mr. Brotman’s replacement, Mr. Brotman will remain a voting member of the Board for the remainder of the month of November, after which time the seat will become vacant until a candidate can be selected by the Board.

7.) Informational: Brief overview of progress of efforts related to the Rural Regional Behavioral Health Policy Board’s bill for the 2023 session of the Nevada Legislature (Fergus Laughridge, Chair; Valerie Haskin, Rural RBHC; and Dr. Sara Hunt)

The Board Chair, the Rural Regional Behavioral Health Coordinator (Rural RBHC), and Dr. Sara Hunt will provide a brief update regarding activities to build collaboration and communication regarding BDR 361, the Board’s BDR to develop the Behavioral Health Workforce Development Center of Nevada

8.) For Possible Action: Review and approval of draft language of BDR 34-361, for inclusion in the Rural Regional Behavioral Health Policy Board’s bill for the 2023 session of the Nevada Legislature (Fergus Laughridge, Chair; Valerie Haskin, Rural RBHC)

The Rural Regional Behavioral Health Policy Board will review and approve the draft language for BDR 34-361, which was developed by staff at the Legislative Counsel Bureau on behalf of the Board, based on the concepts and language the Board submitted for its bill draft request (BDR). The draft language has been sent to members of the Board for individual review, with any comments or suggested edits to be sent to the Rural RBHC. The Board may choose to

approve the language as it was written, accept and approve the language with edits suggested by board members and stakeholders to the Rural RBHC through individual review, accept and approve the language based upon further changes decided upon during this agenda item, or a combination of these options.

9.) Informational: Updates regarding the activities, resources, and challenges identified by the Rural Regional Behavioral Health Coordinator (Valerie Haskin, Rural RBHC)

Updates from the Rural Regional Behavioral Health Coordinator (Rural RBHC), regarding trainings undertaken and delivered; opportunities for policy improvement; new resources identified; progress of local projects; any new data or information available to guide the Board; service gaps and other challenges encountered in the region; upcoming state, local, and regional events; and recent activities undertaken by task forces and other entities relating to behavioral health.

10.) For Possible Action: Approval of draft letter to DHHS leadership regarding concerns over the long-term funding and programmatic focus of the Regional Behavioral Health Coordinator positions and administrative functions (Fergus Laughridge, Chair; Valerie Haskin, Rural RBHC)

During September 2022, the DHHS Division of Public and Behavioral Health (DPBH) informed all Regional Behavioral Health Coordinators (RBHCs) and the entities housing these programs that the scopes of work (SOWs) for the RBHC positions would be shifting to align with the three braided funding streams through which these positions are paid, and would now need to include administrative functions such as the completion and posting of meeting minutes. All RBHCs and most Board Chairs noted concerns over the potential for a change in focus of the RBHC roles to be less focused on the priorities of the Policy Boards and the needs of the communities they represent in order to meet grant requirements. DPBH staff responded by giving the RBHCs and their employers a “menu” of activity options that would fill the requirements for the grants. The RBHCs and their employers were then able to choose from those activities, so long as the distribution of time and effort is equal across the three grants. The grants in question include the Substance Abuse Block Grant (SABG), the Mental Health Block Grant (MHBG), and the State Opioid Response Grant (SOR). While the suggested activities may cover most of the efforts related to the position, there is still concern over a loss of current and future flexibility to meet the needs of the communities served by the RBHCs and the Boards, that the distribution across grants will weigh a heavier focus on substance/opioid misuse than communities are ready for, and the long-term sustainability of these positions. As the members of each of the Boards are appointed as volunteers, it is unlikely that the Board members themselves would have the capacity to take on more work related to the Boards if needed by a major change in focus or loss of the RBHCs. The Rural RBHPB will discuss the contents of the draft letter, and may move to approve and submit the letter as is, with recommended changes, or to take no further action on the letter.

11.) For Possible Action: Determination of Future Subcommittee Work (Fergus Laughridge, Chair; Valerie Haskin, Rural RBHC)

Members of the Rural RBHPB will discuss the nature and purpose of any subcommittees that may be formed by the Board, the frequency of subcommittee meetings, membership, duties, or any other pertinent items. The Board may vote to launch one or more subcommittees, or to defer action to a later meeting.

12.) For Possible Action: Determination and approval of future Rural RBHPB meetings through June 30, 2023 (Fergus Laughridge, Chair; Valerie Haskin, Rural RBHC)

The Board will work to determine its meeting schedule through the legislative session, which will likely close by June 30, 2023. A draft schedule for discussion and approval will be provided as a supporting document.

13.) 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. Public testimony under this agenda item may be online, by phone or written comment. Due to time considerations, each individual offering public comment will be limited to not more than **three (3)** minutes.

14.) Adjournment (Fergus Laughridge, Chair)

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