

DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES





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Bureau of Behavioral Health Wellness and Prevention (BBHWP)
Behavioral Health Planning and Advisory Council (BHPAC)
Meeting Minutes
Monday August 18th, 2025
11:00 a.m. PST Until adjournment

This meeting was held using remote technology in compliance with Nevada Revised Statute 241.023

Call to Order

Present Members:	Absent Members:
□ Anna Binder	□ Drew Skeen
□ Dr. Pearl Kim	□ Lori Kearse
□ Franklyn Morris	
□ Allison Wall	
□ Ariana Saunders	
□ French Dafinone	
□ Dr. Krista Hales	
□ Isabella Tran	
□ Sarah Dearborn	
□ Tiffany Bearden	
□ Jeneeah Girma	

Jennifer Simeo took roll call and it was determined that Quorum was met. Meeting called to order at 11:05 AM.

2. Public Comment

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No public comment was made.

3. Informational Only

Review of the WebBGAS Login website process – From the Division of Public and Behavioral Health.

Helen Byrd introduced herself and began presentation on WebBGAS. Ms. Byrd asked everyone to login with her stating login information is citizenny password is citizen.

Allison Wall asked if login username is Citizennv or Citizennevada.

Ms. Byrd confirmed CitizenNV is correct. Grants run for 2 years 2025-2026 and 2026-2027. Ms. Byrd informed Federal Budget year ends September 30th. You will start by selecting State Profile which will show how Nevada reports to SAMSHA. Ms. Byrd explained the information on the screen highlighting Administrator, Bureau Chief, Fiscal Manager and Deputy Bureau Chief for SUPTRS. Middle Column has CMHS information to include all the same information as SUPTRS. Ms. Byrd mention our Fiscal Contact is Evonna Lintz and that will be updated. Same goes for Pathway to Assistance for Transportation and Homelessness (PATH). Next step is selecting Existing Applications up top on the right. Once you open that page it will list all applications and mini applications which are basically status reports. Select FY 2026-2027 application at the top. SAMSHA was late on opening application usually opens in April, but this year it opened in July. Next you select View Application. Everything on this page is what we must submit on. The governor has delegated authority. Next is Planning tables which most are budget and Data. Next section is all requirements for discussion on. Ms. Byrd went through all 15 requirements. Ms. Byrd mentioned we can not use LGBTQ in any of our applications per instructed guidelines. Ms. Byrd explained that the Sapta Advisory Board has been folded into the BHPAC.

Anna Marie Binder asked about the public input period referring to how long the board needs to publish it to the public?

Ms. Byrd stated that the Bureau can determine the period of time but mentioned we have established 30 days generally.

Ms. Binder asked about the outreach that we do.

Ms. Byrd stated we publish on our website, Listserv, post in the 4126 building, bring it to the council in a presentation format.

Ms. Binder asked if they would be notified once submitted.

Ms. Byrd stated no that they will be notified in the public comment section. Continued mentioning block grant is due September 1st. Upload of documents will take place this week but will need to still go through the review and approval process. The document uploaded is a draft knowing it can change during the review and approval process.

Ms. Binder mentioned that the reports on WebBGAS when clicking on the 2025 MHBG state that none of the information is required. Mentioning that the process is disappointing.

Ms. Byrd answered, stating that what we are doing is answering specifically what's required under the report to submit. Ms. Byrd mentioned Ms. Binder previous and current frustration and stated that accessible outcome data for our programs and things we have funded in the past are not something we can fix at this point. The grant scope of works is written can be really challenging to be able to get good outcome data using clinical outcome data as a reference. Every year when we

update the scopes of work with a subaward we can change those scopes to reflect the data that we want. Ms. Byrd also mentioned that we will now have smart goals, and we will be the ones responsible for filling it out because if we have the providers do it, they will get to choose what data and information they submit which would affect the outcome data.

Ms. Binder thanked Ms. Byrd and asked when the grantees report.

Ms. Byrd provided an answer stating that monthly reports are required and quarterly reports depending on the agencies. We have added more quality assurance reviews to ensure that all the documentation gets reported by the scope of work.

Ms. Saunders asked when the deadline for comments was.

Ms. Byrd stated that the date is September 11th. Mentioning that in the past there haven't been meaningful opportunities for BHPAC to provide feedback as last year was really our first attempt, and this year we realized people had a challenge maneuvering through WebBGAS.

Dr. Kim Pearl clarified that we won't be able to see the proposal before it's submitted. Mentioning in the past we were able to see the proposal by PDF to provide feedback.

Ms. Byrd stated you will be able to see the application as soon as we start uploading the sections in WebBGAS. We may not send a draft PDF directly to you, but you will be able to see it online.

Dr. Pearl stated that it may be helpful to receive the final version of the applications before it is submitted so comments can be provided instead of going back and forth online.

Ms. Byrd stated this year is probably not as organized as we would have liked it to be. And that Next year we will try to organize this better. You will receive and notification when uploaded.

Dr. Pearl Kim mentioned our mission is to overlook the block grants and provided their recommendations if possible.

Ms. Binder mentioned to the right states that you I print if I click that I can print to PDF and share it out. I would like to receive notifications when ready and she will print them and send them out if needed. Also mentioned she would like to see the strategic plan with the complete application. Also, mentioning that the newer data collection will require BHPAC to be more strategic at our limited meetings will mean they will have to figure out how to get the data back out.

Ms. Byrd stated we are trying to get the agenda more focused on the Mental Health Piece for upcoming meetings. Also, she agreed about providing it before it is submitted and she will see what we can do to make that happen.

4. <u>Informational Only</u>

Review Mental Health Block Grant (MHBG) Application Structure in WebBGAS – From the Division of Public and Behavioral Health.

Combined with Agenda Item #3.

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No Public Comment.

6. Adjournment

Reminder next meeting is September 8th meeting adjourned at 12:08 PM.