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June 1, 2026, Meeting Minutes

NOTICE:

1. The agenda items may be taken out of order.
2. Two or more items may be combined; and
3. Items may be removed from the agenda or delayed at any time.

1. Call to Order

It was determined that Quorum was met.

The meeting was called to order at 11:15 am.

Tierra Sears took roll call.

Present Members:	Absent Members:
Anna binder	Dr. Krista Hales
Sarah Dearborn	Pearl Kim
Lori Kearse	Drew Skeen
Arianna Saunders.	Allison Wall
Jeneeah Germa	Isabella Tran
Michael Galper	Montana Miller
Tiffany Bearden	Sam Kumar
Jamie Ross	
Lauryn Nunley	
Franklin Morris	

2. Public Comment

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No public comment was made.

3. For Possible Action, Information, and Discussion – Approval of Prior Meeting Minutes

Review and consideration of approval of March 2, 2026, Behavioral Health Planning and Advisory Council meeting minutes. The Council may discuss proposed corrections or clarifications and may take action to approve the minutes as presented or as amended.

Vice Chair Anna Marie Binder opened it up to approve our March 2nd, 2026, meeting minutes.

Vice Chair Binder stated, I am looking to see if there's any changes, corrections and then if not, I would be seeking a motion to approve those.

Laurie Kearse stated for the record, I'll make a motion to approve.

Vice Chair Binder: Can we get a second?

Michael Galper stated for the record, I made the motion to 2nd.

A unanimous vote was made by the council.

4. For Information and Discussion – Council Member Updates and Introductions

Council members will provide brief updates related to their roles, areas of expertise, or relevant behavioral health system developments. This item also provides an opportunity for introductions of new members and acknowledgment of member transitions, as applicable.

Vice Chair Binder stated today we do have Sam Kumar on the agenda, but he is not with us. So, if it's OK with everyone, we'll post table that for next meeting when he's here.

Sarah Dearborn shook her head 1st in agreement to approve the motion.

Ms. Kearse gave a thumbs up in agreement to 2nd the approval of the motion.

A unanimous vote was made by the council.

5. For Possible Action, Information, and Discussion – Presentation on Positive Behavioral Intervention System (PBIS) and Multi-Tiered System Support (MTSS) – Dr. Greenwald

The Bureau of Behavioral Health Wellness and Prevention will present an overview of proposed regulatory changes impacting behavioral health services and programs. The Council may ask clarifying questions, discuss potential system-level implications, and consider whether to provide feedback, recommendations, or formal input regarding the proposed regulations.

Vice Chair Binder introduced a long-awaited presentation on the Positive Behavioral Interventions and Supports (PBIS) system and the Multi-Tiered System of Support (MTSS).

Dr. Ashley Greenwald, joined by colleagues Dr. Lauren Brown and Dana Robinson, presented on behalf of the University of Nevada, Reno.

Dr. Greenwald, an associate research professor and director of the PBIS Technical Assistance Center for about 15 years, explained that she would give an overview of PBIS and MTSS.

Ms. Robinson would cover mental health initiatives within schools, and Dr. Brown would discuss PBIS-related work in youth correctional facilities and psychiatric residential treatment centers.

Dr. Greenwald noted that MTSS refers to a multi-tiered system of support.

Vice Chair Binder asked what happens when a student is identified as needing support but the school lacks funds to provide the services required by the MTSS model. Dr. Greenwald acknowledged that resources are limited across Nevada, with low ratios of licensed mental health professionals to students. She explained that schools not operating within an MTSS framework often rely heavily on Tier 3 crisis interventions, which limits prevention efforts for the broader student population. MTSS aims to shift more resources into preventative supports while reserving intensive interventions for the highest-needs students. She also noted that community partnerships can help expand capacity, and her colleague Ms. Robinson would discuss this further.

Ms. Kearse asked whether the program can support children in need who are homeschooled.

Dr. Greenwald responded that they currently have no way to identify homeschooled children for participation.

Dr. Brown thanked the group for the opportunity to present and introduced herself. She

explained that she would be discussing the facility-wide Positive Behavioral Interventions and Supports (PBIS) work conducted in various settings.

Dr. Brown explained that her team supports four youth facilities by providing training and coaching in PBIS across all tiers. They tailor PBIS practices to fit the unique needs of facilities, which differ from traditional school settings due to smaller populations and specialized circumstances. To stay current, they participate in communities of practice, collaborate with other programs, and engage in professional activities such as presentations and publications. She highlighted that facilities use a data dashboard allowing detailed analysis of trends, individual youth, staff patterns, and times of day, which help guide decision-making. Brown shared three years of outcome data from Summit View, noting significant reductions in restraint use chemical restraints dropped from 25 in 2019 to between one and two annually since 2021.

Two facilities, PRTF North and Summit View Youth Center, recently received statewide recognition for exemplary PBIS implementation. Additionally, the team launched a Community Practice and Leadership Summit, bringing all four facilities together to share successes, challenges, and strategies. A second summit is scheduled for July. She ended by thanking the group for their time.

Following Dr. Brown's presentation, Vice Chair Binder invited questions.

Ms. Kearse asked how juvenile justice facilities ensure they are implementing PBIS with fidelity and how that fidelity is tracked.

Before returning to Dr. Brown's broader concern, Vice Chair Binder clarified a point from a previous meeting: Summit View does allow family visitation and holds monthly in-person graduations with families invited. She noted that visitation may look different due to staffing, but it does occur.

Dr. Brown explained that her concern centers on the importance of consistent family engagement, especially given the trauma youth experience when separated from their families. She emphasized that when staffing shortages limit visitation, an operational issue becomes a burden on children and families, which she believes should never happen.

Vice Chair Binder acknowledged the concern and agreed that Summit View has long-standing operational challenges that merit further discussion.

Vice Chair Binder then shared that she had emailed the Council a Department of Justice request for public comments regarding mental health care and conditions in juvenile justice facilities.

Ms. Sears confirmed she would distribute it and moved the meeting forward to the next portion of the presentation due to time constraints.

Vice Chair Binder noted that the Council's data subcommittee has been formed and will likely engage with the PBIS/MTSS team when appropriate. She then closed agenda item 5.

6. For Possible Action, Information, and Discussion –Future Meeting Agenda Planning

Discussion of potential agenda topics for upcoming meetings, including priority issues, data needs, and coordination with subcommittee work. The Council may take action to identify, prioritize, or schedule future agenda items.

Vice Chair Binder reminded members that during the March 2nd meeting, seven top priorities were identified from the new strategic plan. Because limited feedback was received, she selected MTSS as the focus for the current meeting, noting its strong alignment with multiple strategic plan areas.

Jamie Ross then requested a future presentation covering all projects funded through the Mental Health Block Grant, explaining that while MTSS is a major component, she would like the Council to see the full scope of funded initiatives.

Ms. Sears added that for the July meeting, CMHS will present on the CMHS Block Grant, and in September the SOR/CRISIS Block Grant presentation will occur. She cautioned that these presentations are substantial and will likely take up most of those agendas.

Vice Chair Binder continued the planning discussion, noting that the data subcommittee has been formed and will likely engage with PBIS/MTSS presenters when appropriate. She revisited

the seven strategic-plan priorities identified at the March 2nd meeting and suggested keeping upcoming agendas light due to summer scheduling challenges and difficulty achieving quorum.

She proposed a brief check-in on the anti-stigma campaign, but Stephanie Cook clarified that the contract will go before the Board of Examiners in July, making September a more appropriate time for an update.

Helen Byrd suggested providing an update on the Nevada 988 branding efforts.

Vice Chair Binder agreed, noting that it has been some time since the Council received information from the 988 team.

Ms. Byrd recommended coordinating with Rachel for accurate details.

Vice Chair Binder emphasized that the Council must achieve quorum for the next two meetings because of required federal grant presentations.

Megan Quintana joined briefly to clarify that the City of Henderson is working on an agreement that would allow 988 to directly dispatch calls to their mobile response team, but the pilot is not yet active. The long-term goal is to expand this dispatch capability statewide.

Vice Chair Binder requested that Ms. Quintana include an update on the pilot in her next presentation.

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No public comments were made.

8. Adjournment

The meeting will be adjourned.

Ms. Kearse raised her hand to request a future agenda item.

Vice Chair Binder advised her to email staff with the request.

Vice Chair Binder adjourned the meeting at 1:00 PM.