Board and Rural RBHC 2020 Activity Highlights

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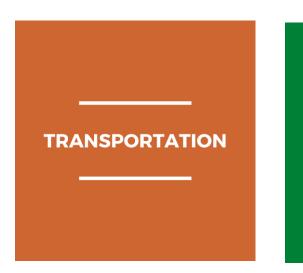
Review of 2020 Board Priorities

Review of Board and RBHC activities as they relate to Board Priorities

Other activities and highlights

System-wide challenges

Rural Regional Behavioral Health Policy Board 2020 Priorities



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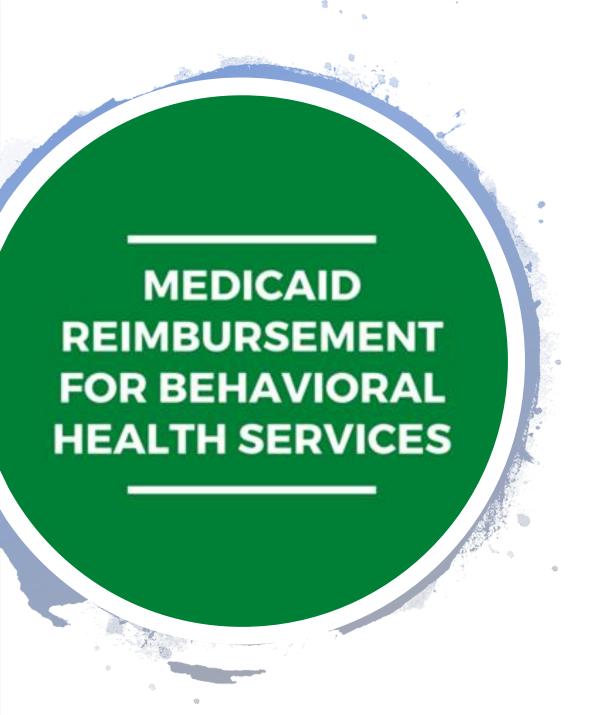








- Statewide Behavioral Health Transportation Workgroup Launched
 - Currently in 3 workgroups
 - Strong start, but staff attrition has caused pause
- Medicaid Non-Emergency Transportation Program
 - Workshop last fall
 - Low reimbursement rates are problematic



- Major hits to state budgets from COVID-19 response and mitigation
- Have not been able to make progress due to funding concerns
- 2020 and beyond: focus on maintaining funding for BH services; identify specific services for increased reimbursement



- BDR Development Workgroup and SB 44
- Worked to connect interns with supervisors as possible
- Opportunity: tap into Nevada Health Corps (through Office of Rural Health)



- Substance Misuse Specialist team: focus on data collection
- Governor's Challenge Elko Dispatch Data project from Elko County Zero Suicides
- Largest Challenge: COVID response (time/staff), lack of buy-in at local level



- Rural RBHC speak to Board purpose/function at every new venue or meeting
- Sharing RBHC/Board activities on social media (best engagement: LinkedIn and Facebook)
- Challenge: time content creation, scheduling, etc

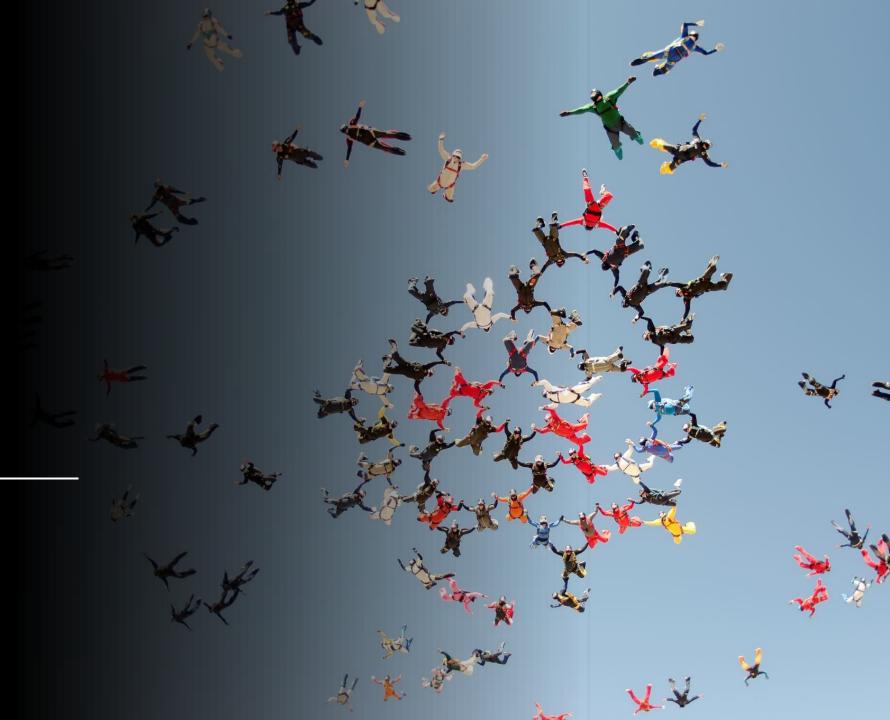


- Few opportunities to target specific groups amidst COVID response
- Working with NV Dept. of Education and Integrative Youth Mental Health Coordinator (Dana Walburn)
- Advocating for region to access any opportunities through Office of Suicide Prevention or others
- Challenge: some school Boards/districts, parental concerns, elders are hard to reach



- Participation in Nevada
 Governor's Challenge Team to end
 suicide among service members,
 veterans, and families (SMVF)
- Advocated for region to get <u>both</u> expansion team opportunities (Elko and Winnemucca)

Non-Priority Activity Highlights



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- Completion of regional Crisis Services
 Assessment: Before moving forward, we need more MOUs among existing agencies, improved referrals/warm hand-offs, better communication
- Assisting with Zero Suicides Academy (strategic planning and policy writing)
- Behavioral Health Task Forces
- Substance Misuse Specialists: resources for stakeholders

Non-Priority Activity Highlights

- Substance Misuse Specialists: resources for stakeholders
- Collaboration with Northern RBHC: Multi-Disciplinary Team (MDT) Development Guidebook (70% complete)
- Behavioral Health Evidence-Based Practice Guide (90%) complete
- Assisting HGH staff with information and resources to launch Crisis Stabilization Center, as able

Applicable Statewide Challenges:

- COVID response created a difficult dynamic in which to move some priorities forward
- Culture shifts needed: prepare for grant/funding opportunities long before they arrive.
 - MOUs and referrals
 - Improved inter-agency communication
 - Data has value!
 - Have skeleton program plans
 - Program evaluation aids the business case

Questions?

