

RURAL REGIONAL BEHAVIORAL HEALTH POLICY BOARD

AGENDA

DATE: January 10, 2023

TIME: 12:00 pm to adjourn

Meeting Location: Online Only

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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, Chris McHan, Patrick Rogers, 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 meeting minutes from December 21, 2022 (Fergus Laughridge, Chair)

4.) For Possible Action: Review of Rural Regional Behavioral Health Policy Board's Draft 2023 Priorities. (Fergus Laughridge, Chair; Valerie Haskin, Rural RBHC)

The Rural Regional Behavioral Health Policy Board reviewed its past priorities and re-structured its priorities for 2023. This agenda item is to review and approve the Board's draft 2023 priority content and priority structure, as discussed in the December meeting and re-built by the Rural RBHC. These priorities will be shared with the Governor's Commission on Behavioral Health by the end of January, 2023, but may also be shared with other bodies, as requested.

5.) For Possible Action: Building and Approval of Rural Regional Behavioral Health Policy Board’s Recommendations to the Governor’s Commission on Behavioral Health. (Fergus Laughridge, Chair; Valerie Haskin, Rural RBHC)

Every year, each of the Regional Behavioral Health Policy Boards is tasked with submitting their recommendations regarding funding, policy, and programming to the Nevada Governor’s Commission on Behavioral Health (CBH). For 2023, the CBH has requested a one-page format to improve the utility of these recommendations, rather than submitting the Boards’ respective annual reports. These recommendations are due to the CBH at the beginning of February.

The Rural Regional Behavioral Health Policy Board will review a draft one-page recommendation document developed by the Rural Regional Behavioral Health Coordinator (Rural RBHC) based upon the Board’s 2023 priorities as discussed during its December 2022 meeting and Agenda Item 4, identifying edits to be made, and accepting the final recommendation document with or without proposed changes.

6.) For Possible Action: Review and Approval of Letter to Governor-Elect Lombardo Regarding the Rural Regional Behavioral Health Policy Board’s Priorities and Special Concerns Regarding the Behavioral Health Concerns of Specific Professions (Fergus Laughridge, Chair; Valerie Haskin, Rural RBHC)

The Board will review a letter drafted by the Rural Regional Behavioral Health Coordinator (Rural RBHC) on behalf of the Board to ensure Governor-Elect Lombardo is aware of the Board’s Priorities, as well as concerns of Board Members and stakeholders regarding the behavioral health challenges that may be experienced by persons engaging in specific professions. These professions include first responders, law enforcement, dispatch, health care, and school staff. While persons in these professions often have the same access to behavioral health services as other members of the public, the specific environments in which they work and the culture of these professions may often have additional stressors or even trauma exposure that most members of the public will never experience. It is hoped that as Governor-Elect Lombardo transitions into his new position, he keeps the elevated risks for behavioral health issues experienced by these professionals in mind when considering any shifts in policies or programming.

7.) Informational: Updates regarding the activities, resources, challenges, and potential upcoming legislation affecting behavioral health identified by the Rural Regional Behavioral Health Coordinator, and current bills affecting behavioral health in the Rural Region: AB 6, AB 9, AB 37, AB 45, AB 69, and SB 68. (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.

The Rural RBHC will also outline bills publicly available on NELIS that affect behavioral health programs and services, or those which may otherwise affect the Rural Regional Behavioral Health Policy Board in any other way. Current bills for the upcoming 82nd Session of the Nevada Legislature that will be discussed are listed in the table below.

Bill Number	Topic
Assembly Bill 6	Revises provisions relating to the cost of health care.
Assembly Bill 9	Revises provisions governing regional behavioral health policy boards. (From the Northern RBHPB)
Assembly Bill 37	Authorizes the establishment of the Behavioral Health Workforce Development Center of Nevada. (From the Rural RBHPB)
Assembly Bill 45	Creates a program to repay the student education loans of certain providers of health care.
Assembly Bill 69	Expands the loan repayment program administered by the Nevada Health Service Corps to include certain providers of behavioral health care. (From the Washoe RBHPB)
Senate Bill 68	Establishes programs to provide certain assistance relating to housing. (From the Clark RBHPB)

8.) 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.

9.) Adjournment (Fergus Laughridge, Chair)

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