



*Southern Regional Behavioral
Health Policy Board*

Coordinator Update

June 29, 2023

Annual Report Overview (2022)

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Report submitted on April 28, 2023



2022 Work Scope Areas

- Treatment

- Education

Behavioral Health Services to persons with:

- Serious Mental Illness (SMI)

- Co-occurring Use Disorders (SUD), including opiate dependence/use.



Coordinator and Board Priorities (2022)

- Coordination with local taskforces
- Legislative
- Strategic Planning
- Education and Advocacy
- Meetings (3)
- Presentations (3 plus)
(CHW, Dementia, BDR Concepts - Transportation)

Current Policy Board Membership

- Chair: Franklin Katschke, Lincoln County Public Defender
- Vice Chair: Kevin A. Osten-Garner, PsyD, Executive Director and Chief Psychologist, Adler Community Health Services
- Boonn Hem, Certified PRSS, SMS, CHW, Nye Communities Coalition
- Assemblyman Gregory Hafen II, Legislator/ District 36
- Missie Rowe, CEO/Administrator, Grover C. Dils Medical Center
- Stacy Smith, Executive Director, Nye Communities Coalition
- Scott Lewis, Chief, Pahrump Valley Fire & Rescue
- Sarah Dillard, Rural Program Director, Community Chest Inc.
- Whitney Koch Owens, PsyD, Owner, The Evidence Based Practice of Nevada
- Coleen Lawrence, MSSL, EJD, Project Director CCBHC, Thrive, CPLC NV
- Brenda O'Neil, Health Manager, Duckwater Shoshone Tribe



Open Board Positions

Representative of law enforcement, with knowledge & experience with persons needing behavioral health services. *Senate Majority Leader*. Section 3, subsection (4)

Representative of residential treatment facility, transitional housing or other housing program serving persons with mental illness or who abuse alcohol or drugs. Section 3, subsection 8(b) Board Members nominate or replace.

Southern Behavioral Health Region

- *North of 38th parallel in Nye County (Tonopah) plus Esmerelda, Lincoln, and Mineral Counties*
- Less than 28,000 square miles across southern Nevada
- Total population estimated to be less than 15,000.

Demographics and Geography

County	Seat	Population (2022)	Area (2020)
Esmerelda	Goldfield	744	3,582 sq. mi.
Mineral	Hawthorne	4,525	3,751 sq. mi.
Nye Northern	Tonopah	Less than 5,000 approx.	9,737 sq. mi. approx.
Lincoln	Pioche	4,482	10,633 sq. mi.

Source: <https://www.census.gov/quickfacts/fact/table/US/PST045222>

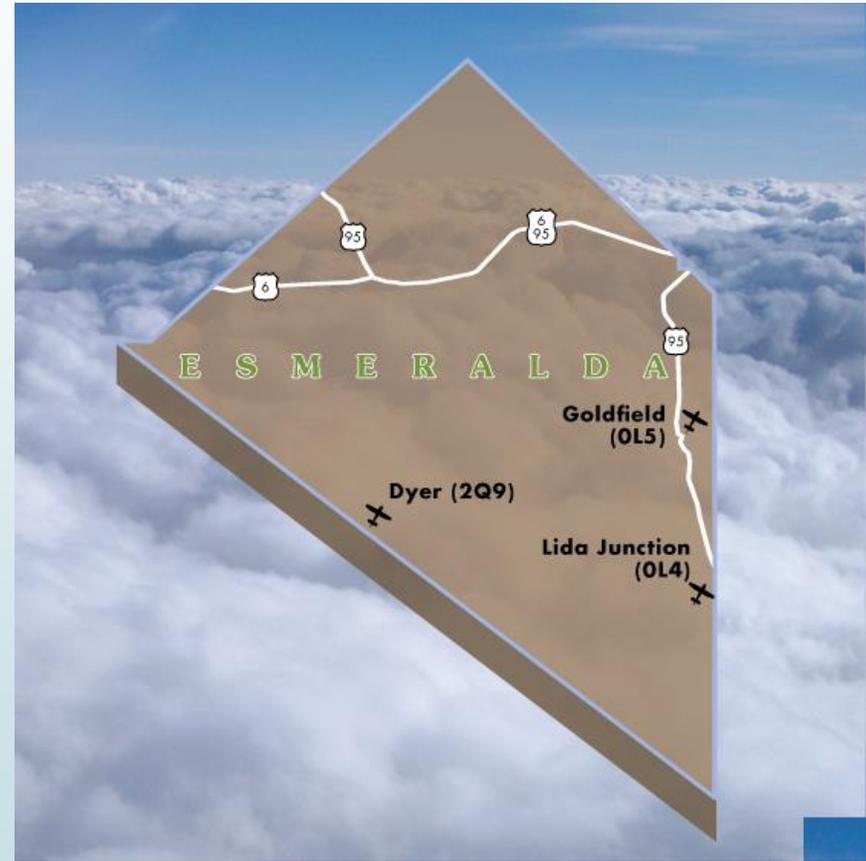


Race/Hispanic Origin Demographics (2022)

County	White	Black or African American	American Indian or Alaska Native	Asian	Native Hawaiian & Other Pacific Islander	Two or More Races	Hispanic or Latino	White Alone, not Hispanic or Latino
Esmerelda	82.8	3.8	7.5	.9	.1	4.8	19.9	63.8
Mineral	68.1	4.9	18.3	3.6	.3	4.9	14.5	59.8
Nye	87.6	4.0	2.0	2.1	.7	3.6	16.6	73.2
Lincoln	90.5	3.1	2.4	.9	.4	2.7	7.8	83.9

Source: <https://www.census.gov/quickfacts/fact/table/US/PST045222>

Esmeralda County



Sources:

<https://www.dot.nv.gov/mobility/aviation/airport-directory/esmeralda-county>

<https://www.accessesmeralda.com/>

Mineral County



Walker
Lake

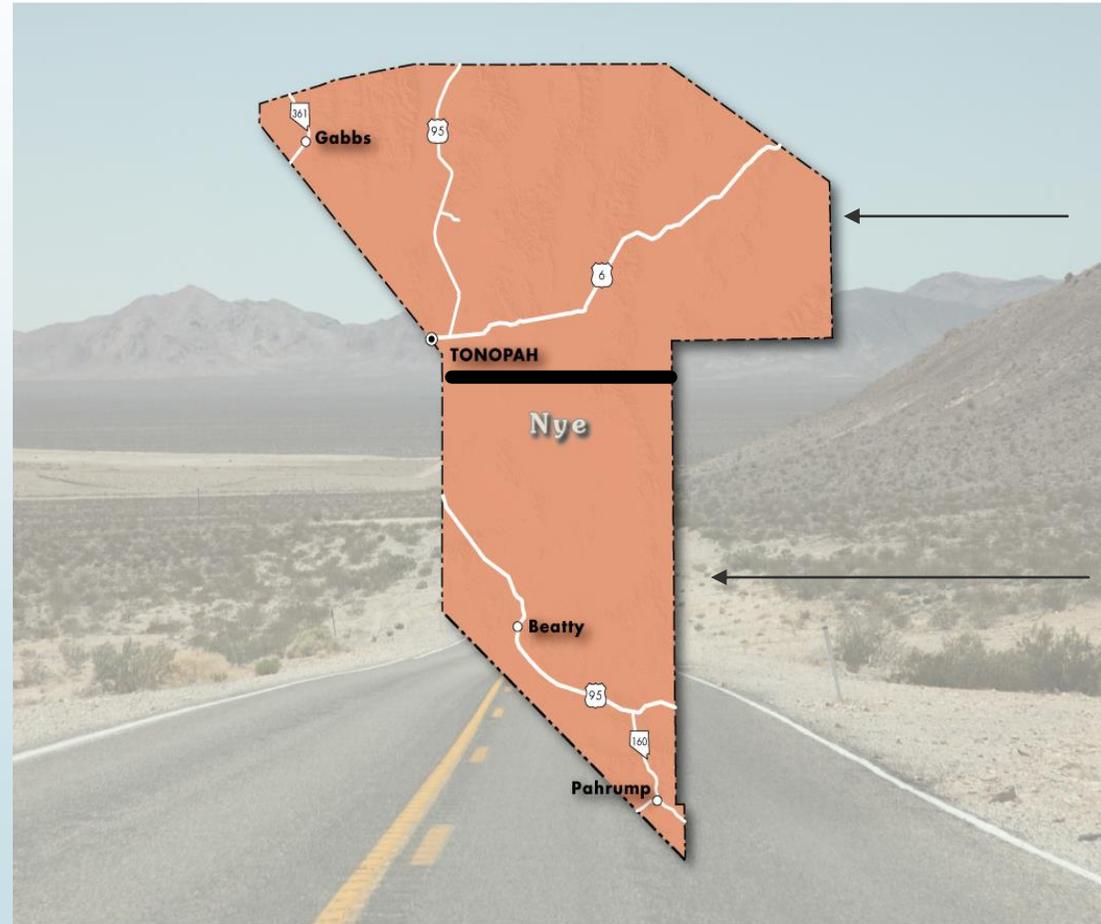


Sources:

<http://mineralcountynv.us/>

https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Mineral_County,_Nevada

Nye County – North of the 38th Parallel

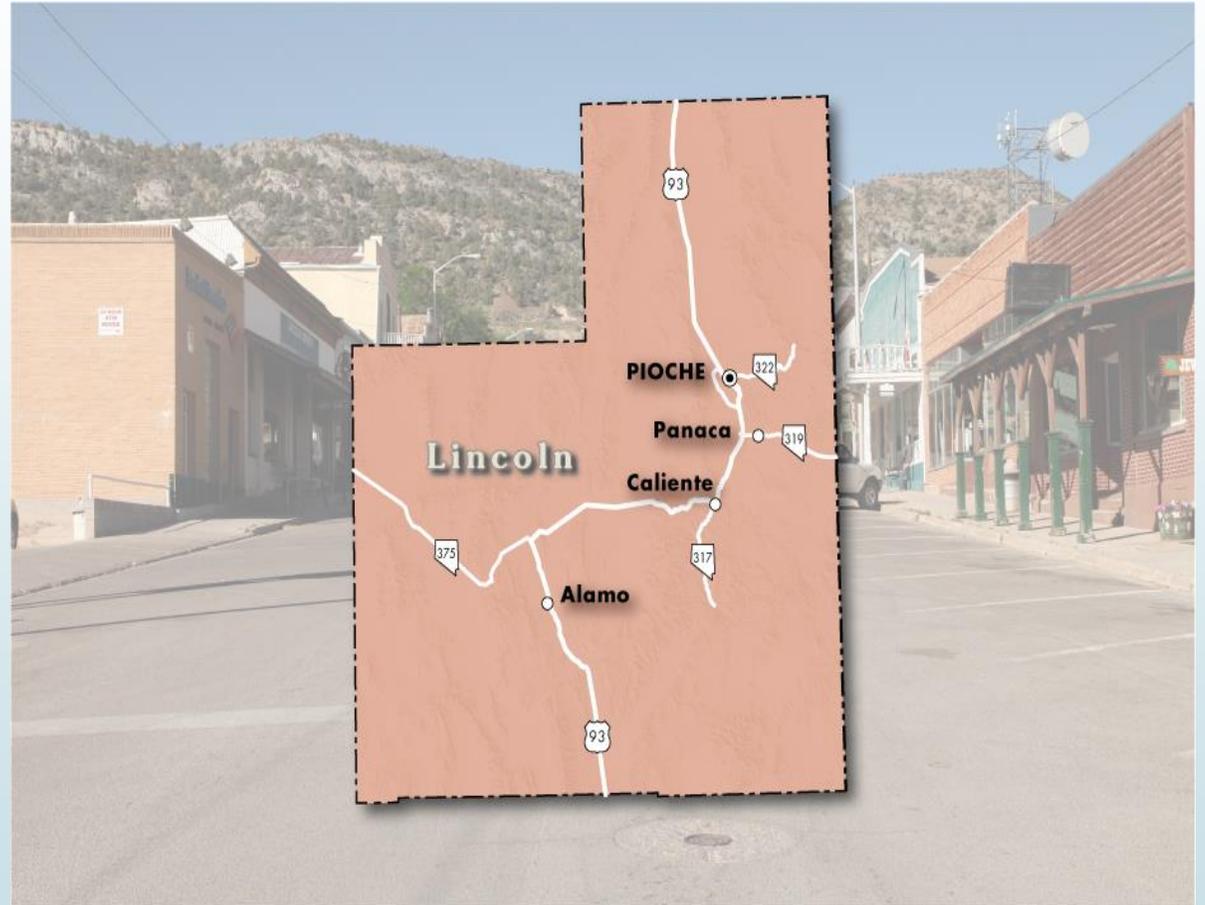


Northern Nye County
- Tonopah
- Gabbs

Southern Nye County
- Pahrump
- Beatty

Sources: <https://www.nyecountynv.gov/>
https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Nye_County,_Nevada

Lincoln County



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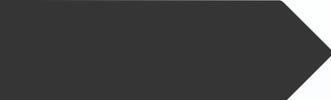
<https://lincolncountynv.org/>

https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Lincoln_County,_Nevada

Southern Behavioral Health Region



Source: <https://mapgeeks.org/nevada/>



Current Deliverables and Scope of Work (2023)

Work Scope Areas

- ▶ Alcohol, tobacco, and other drug (ATOD) use/misuse prevention
- ▶ Mental Health (MH)
- ▶ State Opioid Response (SOR)

Overview

- ▶ *Goals and Objectives*
- ▶ *Activities and Strategies*
- ▶ *Documentation to Monitor Progress and Deliverables*
- ▶ *Evaluation*



Goals and Objectives: Activities/Strategies

Goal 1: Stay Abreast of Resources and Data Available to Region

Objective 1: Identify and track resources & data available in the region.

Activities/Strategies

- Survey southern region to identify the resources and data available
- Publish and maintain resources and data at: <https://nvbh.org/southern-behavioral-health-region/>.

Objective 2: Regularly inform the Southern Regional Behavioral Health Policy Board (SRBHPB) about resources.

Activities/Strategies

- Inform members of the board on updated strategies in the region at each board meeting.
- Provide quarterly progress reports to the board regarding the gaps in services and needs.



Goals and Objectives: Activities/Strategies

Goal 2: Promote Priorities and Educational Materials

Objective 1: Collaborate with community stakeholders and State to promote education and awareness using materials, programs, services, technical assistance, and outreach efforts.

Activities/Strategies

Attend meetings with content area focus and provide regional updates, information, and data available on priorities.

Objective 2: participate in networking and technical assistance activities to address priorities.

Activities/Strategies

Attend stakeholder meetings in region to give recommendations on neighborhood-based empowerment models using action planning and collaborative systems related to content areas.

Documentation to Monitor Progress and Deliverables and Evaluation

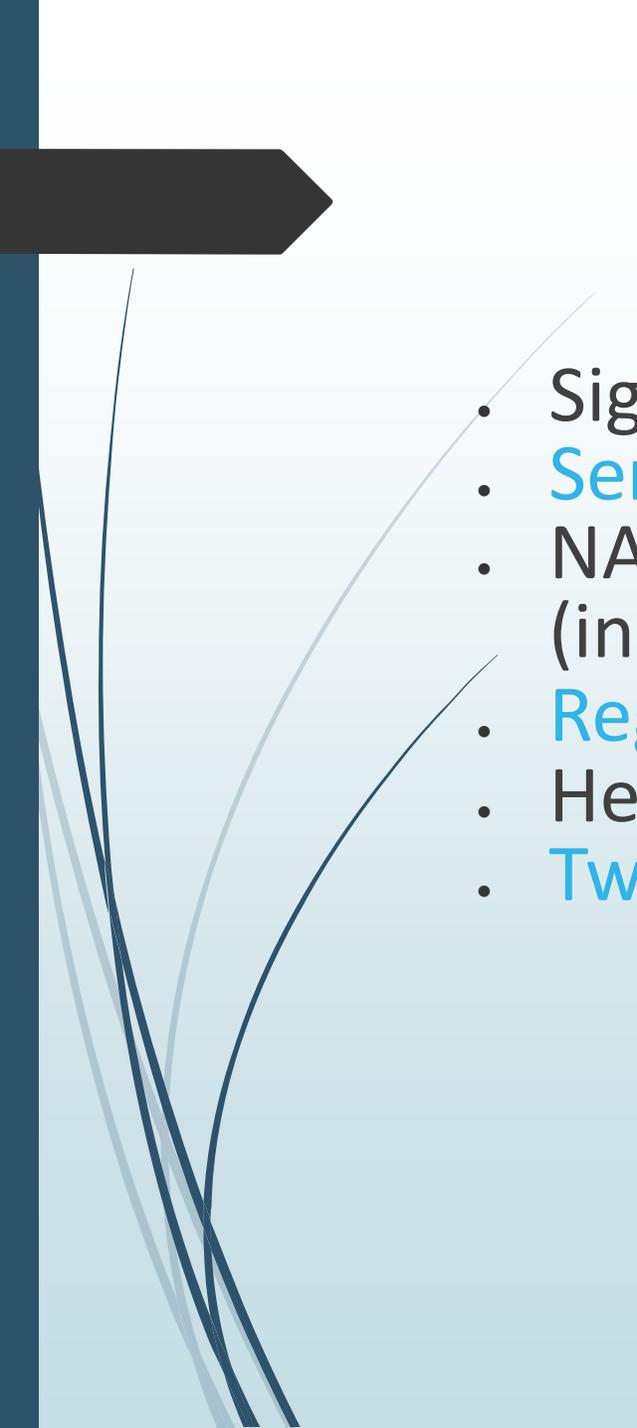
Documentation to Monitor Progress

- ▶ Meeting notes, agendas, and minutes
- ▶ List of resources, data sources, and survey results.
- ▶ Board agendas and minutes submitted monthly
- ▶ Entries into <https://nvbh.org/southern-behavioral-health-region/>
- ▶ Quarterly Reports

Evaluation

Coordinator, President, and Board members to ensure all were achieved by the due date. Attendance at stakeholder meetings and a complete list of the empowerment models will be a part of the evaluation.

Grant Due Date for All Deliverables: September 30, 2023



Regional Strengths and Highlights

- Significant creativity and resilience of stakeholders
- **Serious collaboration among agencies**
- NAMI and other non-profits and providers in region (in-person/telehealth)
- **Regional Specialty Courts - adult drug courts**
- Healthcare and behavioral health (outpatient) clinics
- **Two hospitals in the region**
 - Mt. Grant General Hospital (Hawthorne – Mineral County)
 - Grover C. Dils in Caliente (Lincoln County)

Local Strengths and Highlights

- Community coalitions in Nye and Lincoln counties also serving Esmerelda.
- FASTT and MOST Teams in Nye County – deflection and diversion
- Multi-Disciplinary Team (MDT) – Mineral
- Restart Mineral Behavioral Health Group
- Only harm reduction vending machine in rural areas (Hawthorne)

Southern Region Gaps Re-visited (2022)



**BEHAVIORAL
HEALTH
WORKFORCE**



**ACCESS TO CARE
IN ALL TREATMENT
LEVELS**



**ACCESS TO CARE
FOR UNINSURED
AND
UNDERINSURED
POPULATION**



TRANSPORTATION



**KNOWLEDGE OF
STATEWIDE AND
COMMUNITY
PROGRAMS AND
RESOURCES**



Needs - Barriers and Gaps (2022-2023)

- Scarcity of behavioral health clinical services/providers
- Lack of behavioral health workforce across region including retention
- Lack of BH supportive housing/residential services/treatment.
- Long waits for evaluations and intensive residential care access
- Need to travel long distances for specialized and intensive care
- Transportation to access medical care
- Mental health crisis transport
- Homelessness and affordable housing
- Scarcity of dental and primary care and mobile clinics



Additional Opportunities

- Local Supports for guardianship process
- Examine need for prevention, educational programs, youth development, and school-based programs
- Need for increased education – stigma & harm reduction
- Need for increased parental engagement
- Limited foster care and licensed daycare
- Limited funding and resources in some areas
- Training including crisis planning and support

Priority Recommendations and Strategies

- Networking and building relationships and working with NRHP, board, hospitals, and local/regional/state/tribal stakeholders.
- More data and resource review and collection to support reporting.
- Ongoing review of strengths, needs, opportunities, barriers, and gaps.
- Strategies, priorities, and recommendations on neighborhood-based empowerment models using action planning and collaborative systems.
- Work to support behavioral health task groups in the region.
- Increased focus on training and support for the behavioral health coordination and workforce in the southern region.
- Support and advocacy for increased funding, resources, staffing, and technical assistance for the southern region.



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Questions or Comments?

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