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NEVADA CHILDREN'S BEHAVIORAL HEALTH CONSORTIUM

DECEMBER 7, 2023

MEETING MINUTES

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This meeting used Microsoft TEAMS technology for video and audio capability.

VOTING MEMBERS PRESENT:

Alexa Rodriguez
Amanda Haboush-Deloye
Char Frost
Ellen Richardson-Adams
Jennifer Bevacqua
Jessica Goicoechea-Parise
Karen Taycher
Katherine Loudon
Marla McDade-Williams
Meambi Newburn Johnson
Melissa Washabaugh
Michelle Sandoval
Natalie Sanchez
Riquee Robb
Sandy Arguello
Sarah Dearborn

VOTING MEMBERS ABSENT:

Braden Schrag

STAFF AND GUESTS:

Amna Khawaja
Annah-Lizah Meadors
Anthony Lee
Antonina Capurro
Belz & Case Government Affairs Scribe by Rewatch
Beverly Burton
Bob Weires
Britt Young
Courtney Hack
Danielle Mull

Dominique Carter
Dr. Christine Moninghoff
Eileen Hough
Jacqueline Wade
Joseph Filippi
Kary Wilder
Kathryn Rosaschi
Kristen Rivas
Kristen Valentine
Leah Dods - Foster Kinship
Lisa Mariani
Lori Follett
Marcel Brown
Nicole Mara
Patricia Leyva
Ronald Engebretson
Sabrina Schnur
Samantha Jayme
Shannon Hill
Shaquita Jones
Tina Gerber-Winn
William Wyss

1. **Call to Order and Introductions.** – *Ellen Richardson-Adams, Chair*

The meeting was called to order at 2:08 pm.

2. **Public Comment.**

- Britt Young announced that Nevada PEP and UNLV are collaborating on a new program for families and youth, ages 11 and under. The program is designed to support caregivers of children with challenging behaviors by providing free virtual coaching sessions and developing individualized plans for families to work on strategies to improve the behaviors. The program is offered to families of children with a development disability (e.g., autism, intellectual disability, Down syndrome) who live in Clark, Esmeralda, Lincoln, Mineral and Nye counties. She will send the program flyer to Kary Wilder for distribution to the listserv.
- Char Frost announced Magellan Healthcare is holding December Family Listening sessions in December. She will send the flyer to Kary Wilder to share with everyone.
- Ellen Richardson announced that the Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS) is providing support for anyone impacted by the recent UNLV shooting. She encouraged everyone interested in more information to contact her directly.

3. **For Possible Action.** Approval of the November 7, 2023 Meeting Minutes – *Ellen Richardson-Adams, Chair*

Sarah Dearborn requested a correction be made to Page 6, Medicaid Update, second paragraph (DOJ/DCFS should be changed to DOJ/DHCFP) .

MOTION: Char Frost made a motion to approve the November 7, 2023 Meeting Minutes with the correction as noted by Sarah Dearborn.

SECOND: Marla McDade-Williams

VOTE: Unanimous with no opposition, Riquee Robb abstained.

4. For Information Only. Announcements – *All Members*

None.

5. For Information Only. Care Management Entity (CME) Presentation – *Lisa Mariani, Chief Executive Officer, Magellan Behavioral Health of Nevada, Inc.*

Lisa Mariani experienced technical difficulties and Char Frost gave the presentation. Ms. Frost shared a PowerPoint presentation giving an overview of Magellan Healthcare services and timelines for enhancing behavioral health services for Nevada’s most vulnerable children. Magellan Healthcare has over 50+ years providing evidence-based innovations and programs for providing emotional wellbeing and mental health services, and partners with state, county and other governmental agencies (Louisiana, Wyoming, Virginia, Pennsylvania, Florida).

Magellan was awarded the new Nevada DCFS contract and will build on the state’s successes to enhance and expand access to community-based services and supports for children and youth, and their families, with complex behavioral health needs who are at risk for out-of-home placement. Magellan Healthcare will coordinate with providers and organizations to provide services for children and youth (aged 3 – 20) based on assessed need, regardless of insurance type. Children and youth with no health insurance may also receive services. Access to services will be provided for high fidelity wraparound and other care coordination services, emergency and planned respite, home and community-based treatment, and family and youth peer support.

Magellan will partner with as many interested child-serving parties as possible including: agencies, community service entities, school programs, tribes, and other community members invested in supporting children and families. Formal relationships will be established with managed care organizations (MCOs) and other payors to coordinate care across systems.

The full program implementation timeline was reviewed with the first date of services targeted for February 1, 2024.

Ms. Frost clarified that services will also be provided to undocumented children with no health insurance. Natalie Sanchez asked about the appropriate contact at Magellan for obtaining credentials to get on the Magellan panel and Char Frost put Tiffany Hart’s email address in the Chat. Melissa Washabaugh asked about providers for medication management and counseling and Ms. Frost explained Magellan is contracting with providers in the community for these services. Magellan is currently hiring high fidelity wraparound coordinators and recently hired a clinical director. Bob Weires inquired about aligning and coordinating services with school

programs and expressed interest in helping push out information to school counselors, social workers, psychologists and nurses.

Marla McDade-Williams clarified that this a pilot program that DCFS has funded with Magellan which is not going to cover all the needs of the state and currently there are no expansion plans.

6. For Information Only. Nevada Office of Suicide Prevention update – *Misty Vaughan Allen, MA, Statewide Suicide Prevention Coordinator, Nevada Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS)*

Tabled. Misty Vaughan Allen was unable to attend.

7. For Information Only. Division of Child and Family Services update – *Marla McDade Williams, Administrator, Division of Child and Family Services (DCFS)*

Marla McDade Williams reported that work continues with DCFS' many efforts and programs. She provided general updates and highlights which included the following items:

A new Superintendent for DCFS' Youth Psychiatric facility has been hired. Progress is being made in hiring for DCFS open positions although hiring challenges continue.

Summit View is adding a barista program where culinary staff will be training youth to work in coffee shops. This program will have a mobile coffee cart on campus and will be able to secure employment for three youth prior to their release on parole by providing this training.

DCFS, Correctional Facility Superintendents, and the Youth Parole Bureau are working together to develop a new assessment tool and update admissions, placement policies and procedures to ensure that youth who are committed to DCFS for correctional care are appropriately placed. The tool is anticipated to go live in January and Ms. McDade was hopeful about the positive difference it will make.

Bamboo Sunrise is set to take over the Oasis campus in January and DCFS Oasis staff will be transferred over to Desert Willow.

Karen Taycher asked about DCFS programs and services for children with Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities (IDD) and mental health issues. Ms. McDade Williams said DCFS is assessing internal resources and explained that presently, the immediate focus is for children who have been adjudicated in order to figure out a solution for them inside DCFS juvenile facilities. DCFS is working to pull together a program team that could meet children's needs inside the state's juvenile correction facilities so they aren't sent out of state. They are looking at how to keep children in Nevada and how to develop a support team around them. Recognizing this is a very costly effort, work continues to try to see if and how it can work.

8. For Possible Action. Discussion and possible vote of support and feedback for System of Care Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services (SAMSA) Grant submission – *William Wyss, DCFS*

Bill Wyss announced that SAMSA approved Nevada's System of Care (SOC) no cost Grant through September of 2024. The new SAMSA SOC Expansion and Sustainability Grant was recently announced and the proposal is due February 14, 2024. Mr. Wyss shared a one-page document providing basic grant information. This grant helps address service delivery gaps in system building and the work Nevada is doing and developing to provide effective and quality community-based treatment and support for children and youth with dual diagnosis, behavioral health identified needs. This target population has limited options and big expenditures and there is a significant gap in services across Nevada. This next SOC grant will focus on that target population and Mr. Wyss asked for feedback and input on ways to fill the service gap going forward.

Karen Taycher asked if the direction would expand to prevent out-of-home placements. Mr. Wyss said Marla McDade-Williams may have thoughts on the issue and that it would require collaboration and clinical expertise since it is a challenging area. A strong clinical work model is needed to address this need.

Melissa Washabaugh asked about available funds or plans for the cost sharing requirement. Mr. Wyss said the match is being looked at on a state level (what the state is already contributing) and if other dollars are being put into the state, they become part of the match.

Michelle Sandoval asked if the new SOC grant will be statewide or region focused? Mr. Wyss explained the grant has a statewide focus and rural regions would be included.

Karen Taycher made a request for including respite care funds (a key service for parents and caregivers to get much-needed breaks and planned respite care).

Marla McDade-Williams expressed the importance of ensuring needed supports are not only built initially, but also include sustainability plans. She re-confirmed with Mr. Wyss that there is every intent to work directly with stakeholders and get other direct input outside of this public meeting. There is no intent to leave anyone out and only make decisions in the DCFS office.

Natalie Sanchez asked about the process to identify community-based organizations that SOC hopes to partner with. Mr. Wyss said reaching out to providers with the capacity and interest in participating is an important task and the timeframe is short.

Melissa Washabaugh made a request for providing virtual mental health and peer support group telehealth services.

Mr. Wyss thanked everyone for their comments and ideas and encouraged everyone to contact him directly.

The SOC Grant basic information document is available on the DCFS website at: <https://dcfs.nv.gov/Meetings/NCBHC/2023MeetingandAgenda/>.

9. For Information Only. Rural Nevada Children's Mental Health Consortium (RCMHC) Mental Health Summit update – *Melissa Washabaugh, Chair, and Sarah Hannonen, Vice*

Chair, RCMHC

Melissa Washabaugh announced the RCMHC Mental Health Summit is scheduled for March 21 -22, 2024, in Fallon. The Consortium is working to engage Kevin Hines as the event's keynote speaker (a well-known motivational speaker and author of mental health and suicide books and documentaries). The event will be engaging for families, clinicians, and community members. Consortia partners and community mental health providers will have tables with information, resources and items for rural areas. Discussion panels are planned and will involve the public with breakout sessions (Hope Squad, NAMI Warmline, 988 Program and New Frontier school therapists). Ms. Washabaugh will be presenting on Autism assessment and treatment options. RCMHC welcomes donations to help pay for food and Ms. Washabaugh requested assistance to help publicize and share event information. A Save-the-Date flyer will be available soon.

10. For Information Only. Medicaid update and changes – *Sarah Dearborn, Social Services Chief II, DHHS/DHCFP*

Sarah Dearborn shared a PowerPoint presentation covering general Medicaid updates and news:

- a. General Medicaid Updates
- b. State Plan Amendments (SPA) under review
- c. Medicaid Services Manual (MSM) Updates
- d. Legislative Updates
- e. CCMHC Updates
- f. Summary and Timeline of projects

Ms. Dearborn's complete Medicaid presentation and notes are available on the DCFS website: <https://dcfs.nv.gov/Meetings/NCBHC/2023MeetingandAgenda/>.

11. For Information Only. Update on the Pediatric Mental Health Care Access Program Grant Award to DCFS – *Beverly Burton, Clinical Program Planner I, Training and Technical Assistance, DCFS and Nicole Mara, Education and Information Officer, Nevada Pediatric Psychiatry Solutions, NVPeds, DCFS*

Beverly Burton announced that the application for the no-cost grant extension was approved and will allow work to continue through September of 2024. Focus will continue on providing education and training opportunities. Training offerings may occur over a six-month period (with actual training, follow-up calls and support) and NVPeds is reaching out to additional primary care doctors, clinicians and vendors. The program is also providing support for the grant that Dr. Lisa Durette applied for and was awarded. Dr. Durette's grant proposal included funding for a training and education staff member to focus on continuing the work DCFS started. As a result, Nicole Mara will work directly with Dr. Durette and her team over the next four years as their program focuses on pediatric services which will benefit from the grant's educational and training opportunities.

12. **For Possible Action.** Make recommendations for agenda items for the next meeting – *All Members*

- The next meeting is February 1, 2024
- Office of Suicide Prevention update, Misty Vaughn Allen
- Regional Consortia Annual Report Presentations

MOTION: Char Frost made a motion to add the items discussed to the February 1, 2024 meeting agenda.

SECOND: Karen Taycher

VOTE: Unanimous with no opposition or abstention.

13. **Public Comment.**

None

14. **Adjournment.** – *Ellen Richardson, Chair*

The meeting adjourned at 3:30 pm.

CHAT TRANSCRIPT

12/7 1:38 PM Meeting started

[12/7 1:39 PM] Kary Wilder

Welcome to the Nevada Children's Behavioral Health Consortium Meeting 12/7/23. This meeting is being recorded.

[12/7 1:40 PM] Kary Wilder

Meeting Materials: <https://dcfs.nv.gov/Meetings/NCBHC/2023MeetingandAgenda/>

Please enter your name, title and organization name in the Chat for the record.

Thank you.

[12/7 1:41 PM] Kary Wilder

Kary Wilder, DCFS/PEU, Admin support for this meeting. kwilder@dcfs.nv.gov

[12/7 1:51 PM] Samantha Jayme

Samantha Jayme, Health Program Manager, ATAP, ADSD

[12/7 1:56 PM] Rique Robb

Rique Robb, Deputy Administrator, Aging and Disability Services Division .

[12/7 1:57 PM] Beverly Burton

Beverly Burton, DCFS/SOC/NVPeds

[12/7 1:57 PM] Kristen Rivas

Kristen Rivas DCFS PEU

[12/7 1:57 PM] Michelle Sandoval

Michelle Sandoval, DPBH Rural Clinics

[12/7 1:57 PM] Shannon Hill

Shannon Hill, DCFS

[12/7 1:58 PM] Sarah Dearborn

Sarah Dearborn, Behavioral Health Benefits Coverage Chief, Nevada Medicaid

[12/7 1:58 PM] Kristen Rivas

Thank you everyone for joining, we will start shortly.

[12/7 1:58 PM] Sabrina Schnur

Sabrina Schnur, Belz & Case Government Affairs

[12/7 2:01 PM] Amna Khawaja

Amna Khawaja - DCFS System of Care grant unit

[12/7 2:01 PM] Kristen Valentine

Kristen Valentine, Supervisor with WIN DCFS

[12/7 2:02 PM] Shaquita Jones

Shaquita Jones, Supervisor DCFS/WIN

[12/7 2:02 PM] Dr. Christine Moninghoff

Dr. Moninghoff, DCFS, Licensed Psychologist 2

[12/7 2:03 PM] Courtney Hack

Courtney Hack, Supervisor DCFS - WIN

[12/7 2:03 PM] Eileen Hough

Eileen Hough - DPBH Adolescent Health and Wellness Program Coordinator

[12/7 2:03 PM] Britt Young

Britt Young- Statewide Family Network Coordinator - NV PEP

[12/7 2:04 PM] Danielle Mull

Danielle Mull- Supervisor DCFS/WIN

[12/7 2:04 PM] Kathryn Rosaschi

Katie Rosaschi, Clinical Program Manager, DCFS/WIN

[12/7 2:04 PM] Leah Dods - Foster Kinship (Guest)

Leah Dods - Strategic Programs Director Foster Kinship

[12/7 2:04 PM] Marcel Brown

Marcel Brown, Program Specialist-Behavioral Health -DHCFP

[12/7 2:04 PM] Natalie Sanchez (Guest)

Natalie Sanchez, Clinical Director, Health Psychology Associates

[12/7 2:04 PM] Karen Taycher

Karen Taycher, Nevada PEP

[12/7 2:06 PM] Lori Follett

Lori Follett, Behavioral Health Benefits Coverage, Nevada Medicaid

[12/7 2:07 PM] Jacqueline Wade

Dr. Jacqueline Wade-DCFS

[12/7 2:10 PM] Ronald Engebretson

Ron Engebretson- WIN DCFS

[12/7 2:11 PM] Bob Weires

Bob Weires, CCSD

[12/7 2:13 PM] Britt Young

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[12/7 2:18 PM] Britt Young

I sent Kary the flyer since the chat wouldn't let me attach the flyer.

[12/7 2:27 PM] Kary Wilder

Britt, I'll share the Flyer with everyone after the meeting!

[12/7 2:49 PM] Frost, Char

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[12/7 3:29 PM] Nicole Mara

Thank you!

[12/7 3:30 PM] Meeting ended

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