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## RURAL NEVADA CHILDREN'S MENTAL HEALTH CONSORTIUM MEETING MINUTES 1/29/2025

**DRAFT**

### **VOTING MEMBERS' PRESENT:**

Melissa Washabough  
Britt Young  
Michelle Sandoval  
Mala Wheatley  
Jaymee Oxborrow  
Lana Robards  
Marcel Brown  
Rebecca Mc Gough  
Kadie Zeller  
Abbey Bernhardt  
Denese Padilla

### **STAFF AND GUESTS:**

AI Scribe read.ai meeting notes (unverified)  
Cade Grogan, Ferrari Reeder Public Affairs  
Amna Khawaja  
Megan Weller  
Ryley Harris  
Bernard Sands  
Beverly Hart  
John Gracia  
Carissa Pearce  
Christina Cobeo  
Daniel Miller  
Elyse Monroy-Marsala  
Jeannine Warner  
Katie Metz  
Kelly McKiddie  
Kristen Rivas  
Linda Anderson  
Nicole Mara  
Olivia GrafMank  
Patience Ford  
Rose Staffen

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**1. Call to Order, Roll Call,**

**2. Introduction:**

Melissa Washabough called the meeting to order at 3:04 p.m. Kristen Rivas conducted the roll Call, and a quorum was established.

**3. Initial Public Comment:**

Melissa Washabough reported that Cherylyn Rahr-Wood has resigned as a member of the Rural Nevada Children's Mental Health Consortium, effective today.

**4. For Possible Action:** Review and approval of Outstanding meeting minutes for January 29, 2025.

**MOTION:** Abbey Bernhardt made a motion to approve January 29, 2025, meeting minutes.

**SECOND:** Jaymee Oxborrow

**VOTE:** Consortium members voted unanimously and the January 29, 2025, meeting minutes were approved.

**5. For Possible Action:** Review, discussion, and possible approval of the 2025 Rural Nevada Mental Health Consortium Annual Report as it relates to the Status of the Long-Term Strategic Plan. Dr. Weller reviewed and discussed the 2025 Annual Report with the consortium members. Melissa Washabaugh reported that the consortium members had approved the changes to the Annual Report at last month's meeting and reviewed the updated information on the Annual Report. The group focused on the oversight of the System of Care. Michelle Sandoval reported an inaccuracy on page 20 of the Annual Report which needed to be removed.

**MOTION:** Britt Young made a motion to approve the changes to the 2025 Annual Report.

**SECOND:** Michelle Sandoval second with an amendment to remove the problematic paragraph.

**VOTE:** Consortium members voted and approved the changes to the Annual Report.

**6. For Possible Action:** Discussion and approval of recommendation for future agenda items and meeting dates.

The next meeting is scheduled for February 20, 2025, at 3:00 p.m.

Agenda items to be included are: The Special Education Event, clarification on the MCRT website regarding the services they provide and ensuring it is communicated accurately and consistently for youths and families, and a presentation from Nevada Hope Squad.

**7. For Public comments and discussion:**

Britt Young from Nevada PEP reported that they will be offering virtual training on Behavior & Discipline in Schools on January 30, 2025, from 5:30p.m. to 6:30p.m. A link will be provided in the chat transcript.

Michelle Sandoval reported that Children's Week at the Nevada Legislature will be on March 10, 2025. Bills and Draft Requests (BDRs) related to children will be discussed during the 83

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Legislative Session. Consortium Members can keep track of the different bills submitted. A link will be provided in the chat transcript.

## 8. Adjournment:

Melissa Washabough, Chair, adjourned the meeting at 3:40 p.m.

### Chat transcript:

January 29, 2025 at 2:45 PM Meeting started

Abbey, Abbey, Britt, Char, and Cherylyn added read.ai meeting notes to the meeting (recording enabled). Type 'read stop' to disable, or 'opt out' to delete meeting data. View Privacy Policy: <https://www.read.ai/pp>

Megan Weller, consultant for annual report

Michelle Sandoval, DPBH Rural Clinics

Abbey Bernhardt NAMI Nevada

Mala Wheatley, Pacific Behavioral Health

Jaymee Oxborrow, Division of Welfare and Supportive Services

Good afternoon - Welcome to the RNCMHC main meeting. Please put your name and agency in the chat for the record.

Thank you very much.

Ryley Harris - Youth MOVE Nevada

Denise Padilla, Great Basin College/Parent

Cade Grogan, Ferrari Reeder Public Affairs

Britt Young- NV PEP- Voting Member

Rebecca McGough, Foster Parent Representative, Voting Member

John Gracia, DCFS/PEU your Administrative Assistance for this meeting

Lana K. Robards New Frontier Voting Member

Tara Raines, Deputy Director Children's Advocacy Alliance, 702-582-7707 or [tara.raines@caanv.org](mailto:tara.raines@caanv.org) for BDR 145

### **Behavior & Discipline in Schools**

Thursday, January 30 5:30 – 6:30pm

[Click Here to Register!](#)

Participants will learn the components of the discipline process under IDEA and gain strategies that can help children with their behavior. Understanding Positive Behavioral Supports, Nevada's laws on Aversive Interventions, suspension and expulsion policies will give participants information on how to help children reach success.

[Children's Week at the Nevada Legislature - NICRP](#)

The purpose of Children's Week is to represent Nevada's Children and help strengthen families in areas such as school readiness, children's physical and mental health, and child safety and security.

[BDRs Related to Children - 83rd Legislative Session - Google Sheets](#)

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