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RURAL NEVADA CHILDREN'S MENTAL HEALTH CONSORTIUM MEETING MINUTES November 21, 2024 **DRAFT**

VOTING MEMBERS PRESENT:

Heather Plager
Jaymee Oxborrow
Lana Robards
Marcel Brown
Britt Young
Cheryl Rahr-Wood
Abbey Bernhardt
Denese Padilla

STAFF AND GUESTS:

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Christina Cobeo
Daniel Miller
Elyse Monroy-Marsala
Jeannine Warner
Katie Metz
Kelly McKiddie
Kristen Rivas
Linda Anderson
William Wyss
Mignon Hoover
Nicole Mara
Olivia GrafMank
Patience Ford
Rose Staffen

1. Call to Order, Roll Call, Introductions

Abby Bernhardt called the meeting to order at 3:04 pm. Kristen Rivas, Division of Child and Family Services (DCFS), conducted roll call and a quorum was established.

2. Initial Public Comment –

Natalle Filipic Informed the member today is Rural Consortia Day and would like to wish everybody Happy Rural Health Day.

3. For Possible Action: Review and Approval of Outstanding Meeting Minutes for November 21, 2024.

MOTION: Britt Young made a motion to approve the September 19, 2024, meeting minutes.

SECOND: Lana Robards

VOTE: September 19, 2024, meeting minutes for the Rural Nevada Children's Mental Health Consortium Meeting were unanimously approved as presented with no further discussion. Cherilyn abstains due to not attending last month meeting.

4. For Possible Action: Review, discussion, and possible vote on FY 2025 Rural Nevada Children's Mental Health Consortium budget spending plan- RNCMHC members.

a. Update from budget workgroup.

Kristen Rivas informed the members that no request has been submitted for the \$15,000 that Rural Nevada Children's Mental Health Consortium has requested to utilize. There was an amendment that has been sent to Nevada PEP for Dr. Weller's services as the consultant to help with strategic plan for \$6,000 plus 8% of the total for Nevada PEP to process and that has already been voted on.

b. Update from gift card subcommittee.

Kristen Rivas informed the members that nobody has reached out to her about putting together a gift card subcommittee meeting. Denese Padilla mentioned that she had a family from Elko who needed help, and she showed the parent how to get into the website. Denese expressed she is not familiar where the request goes. Britt Young also mentioned that he has referred a couple of families in the Rural area and was not sure about any request. Kristen Rivas informed them that they would need to reach out to Melissa Washabaugh to discuss via telephone or email.

c. Update on Katie Grace order and wellness basket items to be delivered to the community. Kristen Rivas informed the members there was no update in wellness basket items.

5. For Possible Action: Review, discussion, and possible vote on steps to plan and identify a proposed date for a RNCMHC member's retreat.

Cheryl asked if there was a date that was being looked at or was it opened? She asked if we need to wait until June, or do we need to do it before the year since its legislation session? Kristen Rivas reported there was no budget request last year and if any requests are needed

from the team members please submit by June 30th, 2024. Everyone will be in the active legislative session from January through June. The funds for the Consortium follow state Fiscal year. Cheryln suggested possibly doing a retreat around December for 2 for a 4-hour block, and/or making it a holiday party to collaborate and mingle. Members concerns were travel, weather, and location. A doodie poll will be put in place for all members to decide. Kristen Rivas reported to the members she would need know the decision and ensure it meets Nevada Open Meeting Law, and at least three voting members and an agenda would need to be put in place. Marcel Brown asked about the purpose of the retreat and how that works budgetarily wise? Cheryln briefly described the retreat reason, budget, and Consortium needs. Kristen Rivas reminded the voting members that a report will be due by the end of this year. Abbey Bernhardt requested a vote for the approval of the Doodle Poll to determine the next retreat.

MOTION: Lana Robard made a motion to approve the development of a Doodle Poll for the location, date, and time for the next retreat.

SECOND: Cheryln Rarh-Wood

VOTE: Development of the Doodle Poll for Rural Nevada Children's Mental Health Consortium Meeting was unanimously approved as presented with no further discussion.

- 6. For Possible Action:** Identify lead within the Consortium, discuss aspects, and vote on how the Consortium can get legislative information and support on Children's Behavior Health Bill and updates.

Cheryln has volunteered to provide update and information about Children's Behavior Health Bill. She mentioned Bill Draft Requests (BDRs) are still being implemented. This agenda item will be placed on next month's agenda for discussion.

- 7. For Possible Action:** Identify, discuss, and vote for a community event that the RNCMHC will participate in the state's fiscal year.

Cheryln communicated that a support or advocacy event during legislation time at the legislative hill would be good and/or writing a support letter as the RNCMHC. Abbey Bernhardt mention a BDR list would be interesting to keep track of them. Abbey reported that there will be a Nami Walk during the legislative session on May 4th at 10:30am. There will be an Advocacy Alliance Day with the American Foundation for Suicidal Prevention on May 5th, 2025. The event will be an all-day event at the legislative hill. They are still looking for community partnerships to participate in this event. There will be an event with Behavioral Health Association of Nevada (BHAN) on February 25th, 2025.

- 8. For Information only:** Update on System of Care Grant (SOC) –

William Wyss reported there is a four-year System of Care grant to provide treatment and support for children, youth, and young adults ages from 0-21yr old statewide with intellectual and Serious Emotional Disturbed disabilities. William Wyss reported this is a small and difficult group to work with and Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA) has given Nevada the opportunity to try these Services since the entire country is

dealing with this. This System Grant is to build partnership with our partners in the community and others within our system here. There will be a kick-off meeting on December 2nd, 2024, and a Leadership Team Meeting on December 16th. The purpose is to develop a governance structure for the grant. The leadership team will help make decisions to move the grant along. A diverse impact statement will need to be developed by the end of next week that looks at health care issues for diversity and a needs assessment that is due in March. This is a fast-moving grant. SAMHSA has a lot of expectations for these services. William Wyss reported building partnership, cross system communication, and collaboration are the focus here in Nevada. There are three main goals, establish a governance structure program of service, expanding clinical & nonclinical capacity statewide, and then a training plan to help advance some of the evidence-based practices out there and looking how the framework fits together with this grant. We have access to the National Training and Technical Assistance Center. (NATTAC) it is established to coordinate resources and providers, offer training, technical assistance to meet constituent needs, and promotes the use of best practice and standards in assessment, planning, delivery, and evaluation.

9. For information Only: Update from Nevada PEP and discussion on collaborative initiatives.

Britt Young reported an update from October regarding Bullying Prevention Month. She reported there was a great turnout from the community. A total of 400 care messages were shared on the website “I Care We Care” Campaign and wanted to thank everyone who participated. Nevada PEP will be partnering with the System of Care (SOC) grant unit focusing on intellectual and developmental disabilities. Nevada PEP will also be attending the December 2nd kick-off meeting. Ryley Harris reports that they have been reaching out to families and youth for feedback on their experience with Nevada Crisis Response Team NCRT. There have been complaints about being restrained unnecessarily with transportation. The school in some cases started the process but has not given any follow-ups. Both family and youth really desire some kind of long-term collaboration. The families feel lack of awareness of NCRT existing as a unit and finding out after the problems have occurred. He is asking the consortium for feedback or input to find a solution. Britt Young reported that Jessica Goicoechea with the Washoe County Children’s Mental Health Consortium reported that NCRT does not physically manage the youth. They are a hands-off program and don’t provide transportation to a facility or hospital. She also mentioned there are numerous Crisis Response Teams with METRO and other programs.

10. For Information Only: Update from Medicaid and discussion on collaborative initiatives.

Marcel Brown reported (1915i) renewal application details, a Medicaid program that offers home and community-based services to individuals with disabilities. The public was given an opportunity to give feedback and input in the meeting on October 8th, 2024, A public hearing for renewal is scheduled on December 30th, 2024. There are no changes in the service. Medicaid Service Manual (MSM) is essential for the understanding the rules and regulations governing Medicaid in Nevada. MSM 400 updates focuses on the Fetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorder (FASD). This chapter outlines the policies, eligibility criteria and services provided to Medicaid beneficiaries with FASD the public workshop meeting was held on October 16th, 2024, and a public hearing on December 30th, 2024. Children Behavior Health Transformation Program has started workshops for community engagement meeting. The October 23rd, 2024 meeting was focused on working with DCFS and Nevada PEP to update policies and the system.

AB137, was a bill revised that focuses on (FASD). The bill revises provision related to FASD, making certain provisions applicable to these disorders, and is Effective January 1st, 2025. (ABI138) focuses on Medicaid and requires the state plan to include coverage for certain behavior health integration services. This bill aims to improve access to behavioral health services by integrating them with primary care through evidence-based models. Effective July 2024 Marcel Brown will put in the chat transcript update information.

11. For Possible Action: Approval of next meeting dates and agenda items RNCMHC members. Main meeting December 19th, 2024, at 3pm. Kristen Rivas informed the members, and a Budget Work Group Meeting needs to be scheduled since last month there was no scheduled meeting. A workgroup meeting will need three members, and an agenda will need to be submitted. The Annual Yearly Consortium Report needs to be submitted before the year ends. Britt Young, Abbey Bernhardt, and Denese Padilla will be the three members that will conduct the Budget Work Group Meeting with the Chairs assistance. That is scheduled for December 16th, 2024

12. Final Public Comment

No comments or discussion from the public.

13. Adjournment:

Abbey Bernhardt adjourned the meeting at 4:02pm

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Chat Transcript
