

**Washoe County Children’s Mental Health Consortium**  
**Meeting Minutes**  
**2/27/2025**  
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**1. Call to Order:**

The meeting was called to order at 10:01 a.m. by Annie Zucker, Chair.

**2. Introduction:**

VOTING MEMBERS’ PRESENT:

Annie Zucker, Ana de la Maza, Natalie Sanchez, Jaquelyn Kleinedler, Jessica Goicoechea-Parise, Katherine Loudon, Vanessa Justice, Rebecca Arvans, Sarah Dearborn, Misty Vaughan Allen, Rhonda Lawrence, Mala Wheatley

NON-VOTING MEMBERS:

Brenna Hardtner, Megan Evans, John Gracia, Kathryn Rosaschi, Keeli Killian, Linda Anderson, Marisa Nabong, Nini McCartney, Taylor Morgan, Stephanie Brown, Kristen Rivas, Rhonda Lawrence Fireflies notetaker, Eric Ohlson, Kris Wilson, Nicole Schembre, Cindy Ly, Brent Andriese, Karina Gamarra-Hoff, Luke FRPA, Josef York, Brent Andriese, Kimberley Sarando, Bryan Walker, Katie Metz, Joseph Saiz, Natalie Hernandez, Elizebeth Flores, Rose Steffen, Sharron James Tiger, Jeannine Warner

**3. Public Comment and Discussion:**

Brenna Hardtner, Youth MOVE Nevada, reported that they have a podcast on Spotify. It is a youth-inspired and youth-led podcast that explores mental health and youth-serving systems. The episode is titled “Voices for Change” and encourages all the members to listen and share. Brenna will put the link in the chat transcript.

**4. For possible action:** Review and Approval of Outstanding Meeting Minutes from January 16, 2025, meeting.

**MOTION:** Rebecca Arvans motioned to approve January 16, 2025, meeting minutes.

**SECOND:** Ana De La Maza

**VOTE:** Consortium members voted unanimously and the January 16, 2025, meeting minutes were approved.

**5. For possible action:** Review, discuss, and possible approval of recommendations for the Washoe County Children’s Mental Health Consortium FY 2025 Budget.

This item (#5) will be added to next month’s agenda for review and discussion. Materials will be sent out with the meeting documents.

**6. For information only:** Update on the completion and submission of 2025 Washoe County Children’s Mental Health Consortium Annual Report and the status of the Long-Term Strategic Plan.

This item (#6) will be added to next month’s agenda for updates and to explore how to implement the annual report. Materials will be sent out with meeting documents. Kathryn Martin reported that the 2024 annual report is posted on the DCFS website, and she will post the annual report link in the chat transcript.

- 7. For Information Only: Family Voice:** Brenna Hardtner reported on behalf of Britt Young, Nevada PEP. Youth and families continue to struggle in finding providers that don't have a long waiting list in the Washoe County area.
- 8. For information only:** Presentation by Quest Counseling on the Youth Opioid Intervention Program. Natalie Hernandez, Program Coordinator provided a presentation/PowerPoint of the services that Quest Counseling offers for youths and families in the Washoe County area. The presentation will be sent out by email. Natalie Sanchez informed the consortium members about Senate Bill 78(SB78) Section 64 for awareness purposes.
- 9. For information only:** A Legislative update on Children's Behavior Health issues being discussed at the Nevada legislature. Dr. Tara Raines was not able to attend.
- 10. For possible action:** Nomination of vote of a new Treasurer for the WCCMHC.  
This item (#10) will be added to next month's agenda for nomination and votes for a Treasurer.
- 11. For information only:** Consortium member announcement:  
Sarah Dearborn, Division of Health Care Financing and Policy- (Medicaid Representative), reported on the upcoming public workshop and public hearing for Medicaid.  
March 13,2025 Public Workshop: Behavioral Health Outpatient Rate Changes.  
March 25,2025 Public Hearing: Discussion on targeted case management, community health representative, and outpatient behavior health rates. For more information and details, visit the Nevada DHCFP website.
- 12. For possible action:** Approval of the next meeting date and agenda items.  
The next scheduled Main Meeting is for March 20,2025, at 10:00 a.m.  
Agenda items to be included: Review and discussion of WCCMHC FY 2025 Budget, implementation of the annual report, and the nomination and votes for a Voting Member and Treasurer.  
**MOTION:** Rebecca Arvans motioned to approve March 20, 2025, Main meeting.  
**SECOND:** Stephanie Brown  
**VOTE:** Consortium members voted unanimously for next month's meeting and agenda Items.
- 13. Public comments and discussion:**  
Katie Metz from the Nevada Department of Education reported that they are partnering with the University of Nevada, Reno, Project ECHO. They are offering a free 6-week education series on school-based mental health. A flyer will be included in the chat transcript.
- 14. Adjournment:** Annie Zucker, Chair adjourned the meeting at 10:50 a.m.

