

Washoe County Children's Mental Health Consortium
Meeting Minutes
3/20/2025
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1. Call to Order:

The meeting was called to order at 10:08 a.m. by Annie Zucker, Chair.

2. Introduction:

VOTING MEMBERS' PRESENT:

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

NON-VOTING MEMBERS:

Brenna Hardtner, Samantha Peman, John Gracia, Kathryn Rosaschi, Keeli Killian, Linda Anderson, Marisa Nabong, Nini McCartney, America Davis, Kristen Rivas, Dr. Tara Raines, Kelly Dieckman, Nicole Mara, Fireflies notetaker Elyse, Eric Ohlson, Kris Wilson, Nicole Schembre, Cindy Ly, Brent Andriese, Karina Gamarra-Hoff, Luke FRPA, Julia Ratti, Kimberley Sarando, Bryan Walker, Katie Metz, Rose Steffen, Sharron Karina- Hoff Gamarra, Jeannine Warner,

3. Public Comment and Discussion: Samantha Penman representing Nevada PEP, shared that they are offering various training sessions for parents and families with children who have disabilities. She provided the link to their website: <https://nvpep.org/>

4. For possible action: Review and Approval of Outstanding Meeting Minutes from February 27, 2025.

MOTION: Sarah Dearborn motioned to approve February 27, 2025, meeting minutes with the Correction noting that Stephanie Brown is a voting member rather than a non-voting member.

SECOND: Vanessa Justice

VOTE: The consortium members voted unanimously approved the February 27, 2025, meeting minutes. Britt Young abstained due to his illness.

5. For possible action: Review, discuss, and possible approval of recommendations for the Washoe County Children's Mental Health Consortium FY 2025 Budget. Jacquelyn Kleinedler, representing the Nevada Association for Infant and Early Childhood Mental Health, proposed allocating \$3,500 for training at the Washoe County Prevention Conference (WCPC) 2025, utilizing the early bird price of \$80 per person. More information about the conference can be found below.

<https://jtnn.org/calendar/washoe-county-prevention-conference-2025/>

MOTION: Jacquelyn Kleinedler motioned to recommend the Washoe County Prevention Conference 2025.

SECOND: Rebecca Arvans

VOTE: Consortium members voted unanimously approved the recommendation for the Washoe County Prevention Conference 2025.

6. **For information only:** Family Voice- Britt Young, representing Nevada PEP, reported that a live webinar on Behavior & Discipline in Schools will be offered for caregivers and professionals on April 1, 2025. For more details view the link at <https://nvpep.org/training-calendar>.
7. **For Information Only:** A Legislature update on Children's behavioral health issues being discussed at the Nevada Legislative. Dr. Tara Raines, from Children's Advocacy Alliance of Nevada, presented a PowerPoint to consortium members. The presentation can be requested via email at tara.raines@caanv.org. Julia Ratti highlighted Assembly Bill 340 (AB340), which focuses on requiring health insurance policies to cover screening, assessments, and diagnosis of conditions or disabilities.
8. **For possible action:** Review and determine the next steps for the WCCMHC in implementing the 2024 Washoe County Children's Mental Health Consortium Annual Plan. Annie Zucker, from The Children's Cabinet, will distribute a Plans Progress Survey to all consortium members. Members are encouraged to complete the survey and return to her by the next scheduled main meeting. The survey aims to foster meaningful engagement with members and organizations by carrying out the work, celebrating progress, and identifying areas where support is needed, and carrying out the planned work.
9. **For possible action:** Nomination and voting for a new Treasurer for WCCMHC. Annie Zucker reached out to all consortium members but received no responses. As a result, this item will be carried forward to next month's main meeting agenda. Budget-related issues will continue to be discussed during the main meetings until the Treasurer is successfully nominated.
10. **For information only:** Consortium member announcement- To provide voting members with an opportunity to share updates, discuss important issues impacting children's mental health, and address topics such as upcoming events, services, legislation, and related community factors. Annie Zucker reported that legislative updates on children's behavioral health issues remain under discussion. Key dates highlighted include April 11th through April 22nd for submitting letters to the Senate. The first house is expected to pass the bills on April 27th, after which they will proceed to the next house.
11. **For possible action:** Approval of the next meeting date and agenda items. The next meeting scheduled is on April 17, 2025, at 10:00 AM. Agenda items to be discussed include nomination and a vote for a new Treasurer, as well as discussion of the Plan Progress Survey and updates for WCCMHC Annual Plan.
12. **For Public comment:** Brenna Hardtner, representing Youth MOVE Nevada, shared that they host a youth-inspired and youth-led podcast on Spotify. The platform explores topics related to mental health and youth-serving systems. Noteworthy episodes include "Voices for Change", and "Vocational Rehabilitation" and "Pre-EST". Members are encouraged to listen and share. For more details visit the podcast at [Youth MOVE Nevada - Podcast - Apple Podcasts](#). Stephanie Brown, representing Reno Behavioral Healthcare Hospital, mentioned Senate Bill 127 (SB127), which focuses on providing training for first responders in human trafficking awareness.

For more details, refer to the bill on
[NV SB127 | 2025 | 83rd Legislature | LegiScan](#)

13. Adjournment: Annie Zucker, Chair, adjourned the meeting at 11:01AM