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**NEVADA CHILDREN'S COMMISSION  
BEHAVIORAL HEALTH COMMITTEE  
MEETING MINUTES**

**DATE:** Monday, June 8, 2020

**TIME:** 1:30 p.m.

**TELECONFERENCE LINE:** 1-312-584-2401

**EXTENSION:** 486948

**1. Call to Order – Dr. Joe Haas, Jared Busker**

The meeting was called to order at 1:31 p.m. by Dr. Haas.

**2. Welcome and Introductions (Roll Call) – DCFS Staff**

**Members Present:** Dr. Joe Haas, Jared Busker

**DCFS Staff:** Elvira Saldana, Ross Armstrong

**Public:** Cynthia Carstairs, Dan Musgrove

**3. Public Comment and Discussion:**

There was no public comment.

**4. For Possible Action: Meeting Minutes from April 27, 2020**

Dr. Haas commented his last name was misspelled a couple of times.

Elvira Saldana stated she would update and correct it.

**Action:** A motion was made by Jared Busker to approve the minutes with the correction of Dr. Haas' last name, seconded by Dr. Haas and carried to approve the minutes of April 27, 2020.

**5. For Possible Action: Committee Goals**

Dr. Haas stated a report was drafted based on the committee goals in the workplan. Dr. Haas asked Jared Busker if it would be ok to go through the draft report paragraph by paragraph.

Jared Busker stated it would be ok.

Dr. Haas stated the first task for the committee was to develop a current inventory of training including information related to NRS and NAC and available training platforms. Dr. Haas asked Ross Armstrong if it would be ok to include his name on the report.

Ross Armstrong stated yes.

Dr. Haas stated there is a good treatment foster care training program. A summary is provided in the report. Dr. Haas asked if there were any thoughts on the first part on treatment foster care.

There were no recommendations made by Jared Busker.

Dr. Haas stated there is an extensive DCFS training policy which the curriculum is offered through the universities. There are several topics on behavioral health. Dr. Freeman provided the training requirements for behavioral health professionals. Dr. Haas asked if there were any changes requested to the trainings provided for child welfare.

Jared Busker commented in 2017, Assembly Bill 99 was passed which had to do with trainings regarding LGBTQ youth. Jared Busker asked if there is an update on how those trainings have been implemented.

Ross Armstrong stated they have been implemented. They have been incorporated into the annual training report on the juvenile justice side. Ross Armstrong stated he would have to check on the welfare side if it has been incorporated.

Dr. Haas stated he pulled the items relating to behavioral health and development. Dr. Haas asked Jared Busker if he would like it included.

Jared Busker replied it was more curiosity and it did not need to be included.

Dr. Haas stated he did not include juvenile justice training. Dr. Haas asked Ross Armstrong for his guidance.

Ross Armstrong replied since it is the behavioral health committee it could be noted in NAC 62B.100 juvenile justice institutional professionals are required to receive training on trauma informed care. Suicide awareness would be the other training relevant to the committee.

Dr. Haas stated he would include it on page 2, in the last part of the paragraph of the third italicized heading. Dr. Haas asked Jared Busker if there were any thoughts on the section reviewed.

There were no recommendations made by Jared Busker.

Dr. Haas asked if there were any concerns or opinions on the section of 'Identify and prioritize gaps in training to include research on evidenced based or best practice trainings.'

Ross Armstrong commented child welfare's lack of knowledge of System of Care. Another item where there could be some good training or resources available would be Access to Care. Ross Armstrong stated the most efficient way to connect a family to services would be a valuable recommendation in terms of training on how to make the connection or talk to someone who knows how to make the connection.

Dr. Haas stated he would add the suggestion to the section. In the implementation plan section, judicial training was addressed. A potential report out to the National Council would be good. Dr. Haas asked Ross Armstrong if there is training for child welfare or if System of Care would need to develop one.

Ross Armstrong replied the child welfare and juvenile justice populations could start with the introduction to System of Care and have the System of Care folks expand their audience.

Dr. Haas asked what the group's pleasure was regarding statutory changes.

Jared Busker stated as of right now there is not a need for statutory changes.

Dr. Haas stated the next part of the workplan is technology and data sharing. Dr. Haas commented he focused on the real outputs from the data. In reviewing the available reports, the strength in the data systems can be judged. The UNITY system, Tyler Technologies and the out of state placement report were listed on the third page. Dr. Haas stated the System of Care has a robust use of the AVATAR system. Dr. Haas asked if there were any recommended changes with his interpretation.

Jared Busker stated he did not have any other thoughts.

Dr. Haas asked Ross Armstrong if it looked ok from his knowledge of the State system.

Ross Armstrong stated from the behavioral health perspective, the AVATAR system captures the data.

Dr. Haas commented the data provided is amazing. DCFS is clearly transparent, in looking at their data systems.

Ross Armstrong stated from the administrative perspective there is a lot of data.

Dr. Haas stated there is enough data to suggest things the Commission could focus on and too much data could end up with a paralysis by analysis. Dr. Haas stated the next step would be an enhancement such as a data warehouse or an overarching system that would query all the databases or segments of them.

Jared Busker commented he agreed with Dr. Haas' thoughts. As they move forward, how to get all the data systems to work together to make better informed decisions should be in the back of their minds.

Dr. Haas asked if there was agreement with the current successes in data sharing, in the last italicized heading.

There was no comment.

Dr. Haas stated in reviewing more successes, the juvenile justice database is one of them. In identifying core goals of technology use and data sharing, the recommendation made is to look at focused priorities each year to target specific data system improvements for youth and then pull the data from those. Dr. Haas asked Ross Armstrong if in terms of the report cards, if the data system within UNITY is robust.

Ross Armstrong stated he would have to check and see.

Dr. Haas stated in the second bullet point under 'Develop implementation plan to fill gaps identified and prioritized by the commission', an item to look at would be bed capacities. Dr. Haas stated he also wants to be careful the System of Care approach does not solely focus on beds but also the capacity of wraparound service coordination. Dr. Haas asked Ross Armstrong if the Data Book Washoe County Human Services Agency puts out is a state requirement.

Ross Armstrong replied it may be something Washoe does. Ross Armstrong informed DCFS also has a Data Book on the DCFS's Data page. It is not a requirement for a Data Book to be created however it can be helpful.

Dr. Haas commented in Washoe they have a way of estimating kids who enter due to behavioral health conditions.

Ross Armstrong stated part of Assembly Bill 387 from the last legislative session, the Director's Office has a workgroup on parents who give up custody of their children. There is an annual data report required from the jurisdictions.

Dr. Haas stated the fifth item relates to Family First Prevention Act. The next item is for DCFS to provide a summary of the training curriculum components related to behavioral health. The final item is following a review of the above data, consider the development of a System of Care Training for child welfare/juvenile justice management staff that specifically addresses the use of community-based service coordination and short-term residential stabilization. Dr. Haas informed he would add an additional bullet point on System of Care and Access to Care training. Dr. Haas asked if there were any comments before moving onto next steps.

Jared Busker stated he had no other comments.

Dr. Haas reviewed the next steps for the committee which include to work with DCFS to establish the data and training initiatives, expand the committee to include a representative of Nevada PEP and behavioral health specialists from DCFS, Washoe County and Clark County Child Welfare. Dr. Haas asked Ross Armstrong if it would be good to include someone from the Nevada Association of Juvenile Justice Administrators.

Ross Armstrong replied they would have ideas of who would be a good juvenile justice/behavioral health voice.

Dr. Haas stated he would make a few revisions to the document and submit for the full Commission meeting on June 19<sup>th</sup>. Dr. Haas asked if there were any comments or items missing.

Jared Busker suggested getting input from a current or previous foster youth.

Dr. Haas asked Ross Armstrong and Jared Busker if they were connected with any foster youth.

Jared Busker replied they work closely with Foster and Adoptive Youth Together.

Cynthia Carstairs commented Val facilitates the Washoe County Foster Youth Advisory Board.

Dr. Haas asked Cynthia Carstairs and Jared Busker to email the names of the groups. Dr. Haas stated he would bring it to the full commission, to look at reaching out to them for representation for the entire commission as well.

Ross Armstrong commented the last Supreme Court order re-establishing the Children's Commission allows the Co-Chairs to appoint or remove as necessary.

Dr. Haas stated he will include as a recommendation to engage the groups formally and ask for representation. Dr. Haas asked if there were any other comments.

There were no additional comments.

- 6. For Possible Action:** Discuss and Decide Upon Next Steps- Dr. Joe Haas, Jared Busker
- Assign Tasks to Committee Members (if needed)
  - Specify Agenda Items for the Next Meeting
  - Confirm Next Meeting Date/Time

**7. Public Comment and Discussion:**

There was no public comment.

**8. Adjourn**

The meeting adjourned at 2:18 p.m.