

SUBSTANCE ABUSE PREVENTION AND TREATMENT AGENCY (SAPTA)
ADVISORY BOARD
MEETING MINUTES
September 14, 2011

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT

Sparks Site

Kevin Quint (Chairperson)	Join Together Northern Nevada
Lana Henderson	New Frontier Treatment Center
Ed Sampson	Frontier Community Coalition
Eric Skansgaard	Mental Health and Developmental Services, Rural Services
Michele Watkins	Central Lyon Youth Connections

Las Vegas Site

Candice Kidd (Proxy – Maurice Lee)	WestCare, Inc.
Ronald Lawrence	Community Counseling Center
Olga Mendoza	Luz Community Development Coalition
Tiffany Ontiveros (Proxy - Dorothy North)	Vitality Unlimited
Frank Parenti	Bridge Counseling Associates
Julie Payne	Nevada Treatment Center

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT

Diaz Dixon	Step 2
Nancy Roget	University of Nevada, Reno – CASAT
Tammra Pearce	Bristlecone Family Resources
Debra Reed	Las Vegas Indian Center

STATE OF NEVADA STAFF

Sparks Site

Chuck Bailey	Health Program Specialist II, SAPTA
Dr. Harold Cook	Administrator, MHDS
Minden Hall	Administrative Assistant IV, SAPTA
Charlene Howard	Health Program Specialist I, SAPTA
Gregg Leiss	Administrative Service Officer II, SAPTA
Deborah McBride	Agency Director, SAPTA
Becky Ritter	Grants and Program Analyst, SAPTA
Layne Wilhelm	Health Program Specialist II, SAPTA

Las Vegas Site

Kim Davis	Administrative Assistant II, SAPTA
Linda Kreeger	Health Program Specialist I, SAPTA

PUBLIC

Sparks Site

Freida Carbery	CSAP Fellow
Steve Burt	Ridge House
Linda Lang	Nevada State Coalition Partnership
Barry Lovgren	Public
Christy McGill	Healthy Communities Coalition
Chris Murphy	New Frontier Treatment Center

Las Vegas Site

Brad Greenstein	PACT Coalition
Kay Velardo	Community Counseling Center
Michelle Velardo	Community Counseling Center
Theresa Lucero	Community Counseling Center

The Substance Abuse Prevention and Treatment Agency Advisory Board (SAB) held a public video-conferenced meeting at the Sierra Regional Center, in Sparks, Nevada and Desert Regional Center, in Las Vegas, Nevada, on September 14, 2011. Chair Kevin Quint called the meeting to order at 9:35 a.m.

Welcome and Introductions

Kevin Quint asked everyone to introduce themselves for the record.

Public Comment and Discussion

Kevin Quint asked for public comments. Barry Lovgren read from his written testimony which is attached to the minutes. His points of concern were: SAPTA not meeting the NRS 241.020 law regarding website posting of open meeting notices; if the meeting meets the requirements for public comments on the Block Grant; and not enough time to review and submit written comments on the Block Grant.

Kevin stated that he will have Deborah McBride contact the Attorney General's office regarding agendas posting on website procedures. Dr. Harold Cook stated there is not a defined website and that the agenda was posted.

Approval of Minutes from the August 10, 2011 Meeting

Olga Mendoza moved to accept the minutes and Michelle Watkins seconded. The motion carried.

Discussion of Health Care Reform

Deborah McBride stated she has requested technical assistance from Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA) for Washoe County. She stated there is a planning group on the State level in the Director's office and the SAPTA Board Chair has requested to be notified of meeting dates.

At 10:00 a.m. the SAPTA Advisory Board will be Adjourned for Public Hearing Regarding the Block Grant Application. The meeting will resume at its conclusion. (Public comment will be limited to 3 minutes per person.)

Kevin Quint closed the SAPTA Advisory Board Meeting at 9:59 a.m.
The Block Grant Application Public Hearing started at 10:00 a.m.

Deborah McBride opened the public hearing stating that this is the forum SAPTA is utilizing to hear public comments for the Block Grant Application. Deborah mentioned a great deal of changes have occurred from last year's Block Grant application. SAMHSA was unsure of the new process for the application which caused the application to change multiple times. The 17 goals from former Block Grants have been taken out of this year's application. She mentioned SAMHSA offered the option for SAPTA to combine applications with Mental Health and Developmental Services (MHDS). After multiple discussions with MHDS it was decided to submit them separately. There are two sections, planning and reporting. SAPTA is in the planning process for Health Care Reform and this application represents the strategies to follow. The project period for the application is October 01, 2011 through June 30, 2013. The reporting portion of the application addresses compliance for Fiscal Year 2009.

SAMHSA proposed the Block Grant funds be directed towards four priorities which are:

- To fund priority treatment and support services for individuals without insurance or who cycle

- in and out of health insurance coverage;
- To fund those priority treatment and support services not covered by Medicaid, Medicare or private insurance offered through the exchanges and that demonstrate success in improving outcomes and/or supporting recovery;
- To fund universal, selective, and targeted prevention activities and services; and
- To collect performance and outcome data to determine the ongoing effectiveness of behavioral health prevention, treatment and recovery support services, and to plan the implementation of new services on a nationwide basis.

In the spring of 2013, for the 2014 application process, SAPTA will be combining applications with MHDS. Upcoming reporting changes will be on behavioral health, prevention, and treatment recovery services. The submission date for this current application is October 01, 2011. This is flat funding and SAPTA doesn't expect more funds.

Deborah opened for public comment:

Christy McGill from Lyon, Storey, and Mineral Counties mentioned that through integration is sustainability. She suggested adding to the Block Grant: use rural Mental Health funds and contract with treatment providers to have counselors come into those facilities; put a Mental Health counselor into the treatment facilities or into another infrastructure. An example of another infrastructure is Rural Mental Health and Lyon County School District.

Olga Mendoza mentioned that in the application Goal #2 page 10, it talks about primary prevention services but not coalitions as a conduit. She suggested representing the coalition as a whole and specifically how services are delivered. On page 3 of Goal #6, add in specifics to minorities.

Barry Lovgren read from his written testimony which is attached to the minutes and contains concerns within the application. Some mentioned are: not enough time to review the application; publicizing the availability of treatment and admission priority for pregnant women and not meeting the statutory and regulatory requirements that are establishing the State Plan.

Kevin Quint closed the hearing at 10:20 a.m., and restarted the SAPTA Advisory Board meeting at 10:21 a.m.

Discussion Regarding Integration of SAPTA providers and Mental Health and Developmental Services (MHDS) Clinics

Dr. Cook spoke about integrating services; he mentioned providers have their own facilities and the coordination of them. Coordination of facilities could be sharing of space and resources but would depend on a case by case review. Everyone has to be on board for the coordination. Dr. Cook stated that Health Care Reform is a way to address issues. An example of what integration looks like is mental health and substance abuse combining. Erik Skansgaard mentioned having a pilot program would be a good way to evaluate integration. Dr. Cook mentioned that rural Nevada is a problem when trying to integrate and this needs further discussion. Frank Parenti mentioned that years ago when SAPTA merged with Mental Health a subcommittee convened and reviewed collaboration with substance abuse and mental health. Dr. Cook mentioned a transformation initiative grant from SAMHSA to help with funding. The Board discussed a subcommittee to move forward with discussion regarding this topic. Volunteers for this subcommittee are: Eric Skansgaard, Michelle Watkins, New Frontier representative, and SAPTA staff. The former subcommittee members and Health Communities Coalition will join this

subcommittee

Presentation Regarding Becoming a Medicaid Provider

Brandi Johnson from the Nevada State Health Division presented information on how to become a Medicaid provider. She stated the process to become a provider is in Chapter 400 in the Medicaid manual. A discussion followed regarding vendors for the Medicaid program. Brandi stated she is willing to work with anyone that has questions.

Discussion and Assignment Regarding Expert Panel on Welfare Assessments

This topic was not discussed.

Discussion, Recommendations, and Nominations for a Substance Abuse Representative on the Mental Health Commission

Kevin Quint stated his time on the Mental Health Commission is coming to an end and the Commission needs three names to give to the Governor to pick a new representative. Lana Henderson nominated Kevin Quint. After no further nominations Kevin stated he would take the one nomination to the Governor and see what happens.

Update Regarding the Standards Used to Determine Population Statistics

Deborah McBride stated that SAPTA gets population statistics from the State demographer and census. Board members asked that the source of data be provided on SAPTA documents.

Update Regarding the Official Policy Governing Request for Applications and Extensions

Deborah McBride stated the funding process for SAPTA is in the Administrative Manual and this is the process SAPTA uses for governing Requests for Applications (RFA) and extensions. Olga Mendoza questioned the process used for the former clearinghouse RFA. Deborah explained that we chose a continuation process and the next cycle will be an RFA process. Olga suggested bringing the next RFA application to the SAB for the Board members to review before it is released.

Discussion Regarding New Funding Streams

Christy McGill suggested the Board explore what Mike Willden provided to non-profits for a funding stream idea. Christy explained the idea which includes \$10 million in general funds to build a new non-profit arm and then the general funds can be used for matched dollars. Brad Greenstein mentioned a NIH grant for youth alcohol services, a HRSA grant. Layne Wilhelm mentioned the Request for Qualification for Marijuana funds through SAPTA. SAPTA received 12 applications and will review them on September 19, 2011, and is expected to announce the awards on October 01, 2011.

Presentation Regarding Changes and National Trends in the Block Grant

Deborah discussed this topic during the Block Grant Hearing.

Standing Information Items

Administrator's Report

No report.

Chairperson's Report

No report.

SAPTA Report

Deborah McBride explained that SAPTA met the Maintenance of Effort (MOE) this last year

which signifies not having to request a waiver from SAMHSA. SAPTA projects the next two years will be fine. SAPTA will proceed with the regulation change after two years of delay.

A hearing for regulation changes will be held at the Mental Health Commission meeting Friday. The changes consist of a name change from the Bureau of Alcohol and Drug Abuse (BADA) to SAPTA, detoxification technician certification, and obtaining finger prints. These changes were made in the subgrants and the regulations need to match.

Deborah mentioned Assembly Bill 242 requires reporting of activities and general information of funded programs being placed on their websites. Direction from the Department of Health and Human Services will follow.

SAPTA received funding for prevention services from the State Prevention Framework State Prevention Enhancement grant in the amount of \$510,000.

Deborah introduced Gregg Leiss, Administrative Services Officer II, whom started a few months ago. She mentioned that all the work he did with the programs helped SAPTA meet the MOE. She thanked him for his hard work.

Deborah requested that providers get reimbursements into SAPTA in a timely manner.

Center for the Application of Substance Abuse Technologies (CASAT) Report

No report.

Subcommittee Report

Layne Wilhelm reviewed a handout that was created by the Peer Support Specialist subcommittee members. He mentioned that the Federal Government is looking into this peer support specialist idea with the Block Grant as a substance abuse continuum. He asked the Board members to contemplate where this idea fits best in the communities of Nevada. Layne requested the Board members to review the handout and send questions or additional information to SAPTA.

Review Possible Agenda Items and Future Meeting Dates

- Clarification of posting agenda website announcements
- Standing Item: New Funding Streams

Next regular meeting will be November 09, 2011.

Public Comment and Discussion

Brad Greenstein stated that a national conference, primarily an HIV event for the entire country will take place October 2012. Lana Henderson stated a national recovery event will take place on Saturday in Fallon, Nevada. Kevin Quint stated a Reno Walk-a-thon and 11th annual picnic in the Cottonwood park will take place on the 24th at 11:00 a.m. to observe national recovery month.

Adjourn

The meeting was adjourned at 11:53 a.m.