SUBSTANCE ABUSE PREVENTION AND TREATMENT AGENCY (SAPTA)
ADVISORY BOARD
MEETING MINUTES
February 01, 2012

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT

Sparks Site

Kevin Quint (Chairperson)	Join Together Northern Nevada
Diaz Dixon	Step 2
Lana Henderson	New Frontier Treatment Center
Tammra Pearce	Bristlecone Family Resources
Ed Sampson	Frontier Community Coalition
Eric Skansgaard	Mental Health and Developmental Services, Rural Services
Michele Watkins	Central Lyon Youth Connections

Las Vegas Site

Maurice Lee	WestCare, Inc.
Ronald Lawrence	Community Counseling Center
Olga Mendoza	Luz Community Development Coalition
Frank Parenti	Bridge Counseling Associates
Julie Payne	Nevada Treatment Center

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT

Dorothy North	Vitality Unlimited
Nancy Roget	University of Nevada, Reno – CASAT
Debra Reed	Las Vegas Indian Center

STATE OF NEVADA STAFF

Sparks Site

Chuck Bailey	Health Program Specialist II, SAPTA
Minden Hall	Administrative Assistant IV, SAPTA
Charlene Herst	Health Program Manager, SAPTA
Nan Kreher	Health Program Specialist I, SAPTA
Gregg Leiss	Administrative Service Officer II, SAPTA
Deborah McBride	Agency Director, SAPTA
Layne Wilhelm	Health Program Specialist II, SAPTA

Las Vegas Site

Kim Davis	Administrative Assistant II, SAPTA

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Sparks Site

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Steve Burt	Ridge House
Denise Everret	

Las Vegas Site

Brad Greenstein	Las Vegas Recovery Center
Stephen McLaughlin	Las Vegas Recovery Center
David Marlon	WestCare, Inc.
Kevin Miyasato	Community Counseling Center
Merlyn Sexton	The Salvation Army

The Substance Abuse Prevention and Treatment Agency Advisory Board (SAB) held a public meeting at the Truckee Meadows College – Redfield Campus, in Reno, Nevada and College of Southern Nevada – Cheyenne Campus, in Las Vegas, Nevada, on February 01, 2012. Chair Kevin Quint called the meeting to order at 9:37 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. None was given.

Approval of Minutes from the November 09, 2011, Meeting:
Kevin Quint asked for comments on the November 09, 2011, minutes. Kevin mentioned on Page two the top paragraph, second to last line the word "concluded" should be "conducted". Kevin then asked for a motion. Tammra Pearce motioned to approve the minutes with the change noted by Kevin. Lana Henderson seconded the motion with all in favor.

Approval of Minutes from the September 14, 2011, Meeting:
Kevin Quint asked for comments on the September 14, 2011, minutes and stated that this was requested by the Board at the last meeting to have the two sections expanded. Olga Mendoza thanked Minden Hall for getting this done. Kevin asked for a motion of approval. Olga Mendoza motioned to approve. Michelle Watkins seconded the motion with all in favor.

Discussion and Recommendations Regarding Legislative Bills:
Kevin Quint stated he wants to start a list of issues for the legislative 2013 session for the Board to pursue, and asked the members for ideas. Maurice Lee mentioned the Health Care reform and Nevada Medicaid structure of payment. Layne Wilhelm mentioned meetings he has attended with Medicaid regarding the health home model. As far as Medicaid reimbursements Layne suspects they will start with the 35 Licensed Alcohol and Drug Counselors in the state. The state plan will need to be rewritten before anything permanent happens with funding.

Deborah McBride suggested essential health benefits as something to watch. She stated no decisions or movement has been made regarding this. She mentioned herself and Kevin attending the Health Care Reform planning committee meetings. And suggested, if anyone is interested, to listen to the meetings. She also suggested listening to the Health Insurance Exchange Board meetings.

Kevin stated the items this Board will discuss further are Health Care issues especially reimbursements and Medicaid. A discussion followed about having systems in place at the local and state level and being proactive.

Kevin asked if there are any volunteers to start a subcommittee for this topic. Frank Parenti, Maurice Lee, Kevin Quint, and Diaz Dixon all volunteered with the assistance of SAPTA.

Update Regarding Budget Building for SAPTA:
Deborah McBride stated SAPTA is waiting for direction from the Governor's office regarding how to build our budget. SAPTA has started building the budget while waiting for direction. Deborah mentioned that if anyone has questions about the budget to contact her or Gregg Leiss. Gregg stated we are behind the curve on getting our budgets built because of the lack of instructions. At the next Board meeting we will have more information to present.

Deborah stated she expects SAPTA will not get new funding and it will be flat funding. She also stated the marijuana funds could affect the Maintenance of Effort (MOE). Gregg did state the MOE spend down will be in the black. Deborah mentioned that Nevada is one of the few states to maintain their MOE. She also asked that if a program knows they are not going to spend down funds, to let SAPTA know.

Discussion and Recommendations Regarding Identification of High Risk Programs:
Deborah McBride stated SAPTA is writing a policy and procedure, per Federal regulations, concerning high risk programs. Identifiers of a high risk programs will be: financially unstable, reports or documents not filed timely, non-compliance, and generally irresponsible. Ron Lawrence stated that making the determination of who is high risk remember that substance abuse programs deal with high risk populations. Kevin Quint mentioned making it non adversarial. Deborah mentioned this is still in the creation phase and portions of the policy are still being considered. She mentioned that SAPTA has oversight of the programs and under special conditions would hold funding until a correction plan is submitted. Diaz Dixon stated to be careful of holding funds and to have parameters in place. A discussion followed regarding levels of determining a high risk program. Olga Mendoza suggested assisting a high risk program first, then if no response after the assistance following through with the procedure. Deborah mentioned that after we look at the process more and create the document we will bring it back to the Board for further discussion.

Discussion Regarding New Funding Streams:
Kevin asked if anyone was aware of new funding streams. None were mentioned.

Update Regarding AB242 – Requires Reporting by Certain Governmental Agencies to Make Activity Reports and Information Available:
Deborah McBride thanked all the programs for getting the AB242 required reports turned into SAPTA. After being turned in the reports are passed to the Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS) then to the Legislature. Charlene Herst stated SAPTA funds 52 programs that are responsible for turning in a report. These programs were required to post certain information, per the Assembly Bill, on their website. If a program did not have a website, the information provided was to be posted on the DHHS website. SAPTA's 52 programs are in compliance. The next quarterly reports are due on April 20 and July 20, 2012. SAPTA and the programs will continue this process for the next State Fiscal Year, then the bill could sunset but that will be determined in the next legislative session. Charlene thanked all the programs for getting reports in timely.

Update Regarding Epidemiological Workgroups and Data Related Information:
Nan Kreher presented to the Board members an update on the current SAPTA publications, Grant Funding, and Projects associated with the Data Team.

Discussion and Possible Recommendation of Health Care Reform:
Kevin Quint mentioned that Washoe County has been meeting with HAWC Community Health Center and providers regarding the Health Care Reform and the challenges education grant. They are doing a pilot program with the help of Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA) Technical Assistance (TA) and HAWC Community Health Center. Someone is coming to Washoe to assist with the pilot. The Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA) is giving TA to SAPTA as well. Brad Greenstein stated his program partnered with the Health Care Innovation Challenges grant and they received nationwide 6000 or 7000 applications.

Kevin asked the Board members what they believe is the role of advising SAPTA. Maurice Lee stated electronic health record and compatibility cost effective ideas for rural organizations. Eric Skansgaard mentioned a central database for the rural communities. Kevin stated that this board can research electronic health records. The members listed different ideas to research: contacting Microsoft, other states that are advanced in the process, Vendors, Foothold Technology, enhancement system to NHIPPS (Columbus System), the organizers from the Health Information Technology Conference, and Avatar. After further discussion of options the Board could review, Kevin asked for a motion on the following: A presentation at the next meeting by SAPTA and MHDS, regarding NHIPPS: expansion, issues, opportunities, challenges, and strong points. Then have a discussion with the members and public about the Health Care Reforms big picture and try to put the pieces together. Kevin stated we are missing a lot by not discussing the whole picture. Eric Skansgaard motioned to approve. Diaz Dixon seconded with all in favor.

Discussion of Accountability Procedures:
Kevin Quint stated this was covered earlier in the meeting under High Risk Programs. He did mention that it is a different world of scrutiny and not just high risk being observed.

Standing Information Items:

Administrator's Report
No report.
Chairperson's Report
No report.
SAPTA Report
Deborah McBride mentioned a few items:

- A letter that was sent from SAMHSA regarding rescinding the use of Federal funds for needle distribution.
- Increase on Substance Abuse Prevention and Treatment (SAPT) Block Grant Funding of $17.5 and more information to come.
- SAPTA presented the regulation changes to the Legislative subcommittee and Assemblywoman Kirkpatrick has issues with the wording while confusing SAPTA with Health Care Quality and Compliance. Deborah is trying to get a hold of Assemblywoman Kirkpatrick to enlighten her about SAPTA. The regulations were not passed. Maurice Lee and Dave Marlin gave public comments to this subcommittee and Deborah thanked them.

Layne Wilhelm, Treatment Team Supervisor mentioned:

- Request for Applications (RFA) for Treatment services: received 26 and internally are reviewing them. The objective review is February 21, 2012, and SAPTA will provide notice of this review to Board members.
- The treatment team has a position open in Las Vegas and will be recruiting soon.

Charlene Herst, Prevention Team Supervisor mentioned:

- Administrative RFA will be posted soon and is an open and competitive process. The Administrative RFA funds programs such as Crisis Call Centers.
- The coalition continuation applications will be posted in February or March.
- The coalitions will be doing an open and competitive process too.

Chuck Bailey, Data Team Supervisory mentioned:

- For the Strategic Prevention Enhancement (SPE) grant data warehouse project, SAPTA has hired a contractor Conrad Krinock to create the warehouse.
- Pre and Post tests have been analyzed for the first group.
- Training – Margaret Dillon did an online training over a year ago. Since travel is tight she asks that programs use the demo site on NHIPPS. She is also looking into webinars for training.
- Tonya Wolf is the new data team prevention analyst and will provide NHIPPS training.

Center for the Application of Substance Abuse Technologies (CASAT) Report
No report.
Subcommittee Report
No report.

Review Possible Agenda Items and Future Meeting Dates:
- Legislative Session Subcommittee
- Health Care Reform
- Presentation of data warehouse
- High risk policy update
- Standing Item: New Funding Streams

Next regular meeting will be March 14, 2011.

Public Comment and Discussion:
Kevin Quint asked for public comments. None was given.

Adjourn:
The meeting was adjourned at 12:02 p.m.