

**MINUTES**  
*of the*  
**Mental Health Planning Advisory Council**  
**Executive Committee**  
*Meeting on*  
**September 27, 2012**

*held at*  
Division of Mental Health & Developmental Services (MHDS)  
4126 Technology Way, Second Floor (SAPTA) Conference Room  
Carson City, Nevada 89706

**1. CALL TO ORDER, ROLL CALL, INTRODUCTIONS – RENE NORRIS, PAST CHAIR**

Rene called the meeting to order at 9:07 a.m. By the roll call taken and noted below, it was determined a quorum was present. Diane completed the sign-in sheet.

**MEMBERS PRESENT VIA TELECONFERENCE:**

Rene Norris, MHPAC Past Chair – Family Member (Las Vegas)  
Alyce Thomas – Family Member (Las Vegas)  
Dave Caloiaro – MHDS  
Ann Polakowski – DCFS (Las Vegas)

**STAFF & GUEST PRESENT IN CARSON CITY:**

Tami Jo McKnight – MHDS  
Diane Dempsey – MHDS  
Barry Lovgren – Public

**2. PUBLIC COMMENT (Discussion only)**

Barry Lovgren commented that in seeking a revision to the Governor's Proclamation, the current terminology in most documents is developmental disability and the previous terminology was mental retardation. Both are based on when IQ tests were first developed and the IQ was in relationship to the mental and chronological age. Mr. Lovgren said both were given two very offensive terms and both are based on obsolete models. A BDR is being introduced to change the term to intellectual disability in statute.

**3. REVIEW AND APPROVE MINUTES FROM THE MHPAC EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING ON MAY 29, 2012 (Action Item)**

Dave made a motion to accept the minutes as written. Alyce seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

**4. SET AGENDA FOR THE MHPAC ORIENTATION ON OCTOBER 17, 2012 (Action Item)**

The members discussed the following items for the MHPAC Orientation on October 17, 2012, agenda:

- Welcome and Greeting
- Public Comment
- Review and approve minutes from the MHPAC Orientation on 10/18/11 (Action item)
- Introduction to MHDS
- Introduction to Mental Health Block Grant
- Administrative Support of the Planning Council
- Break
- MHPAC 101
- Review of the MHPAC Orientation binder
- Lunch
- Video
- Public Comment
- Adjournment (Action Item)

Dave recommended the quotes around Orientation on the draft agenda heading be removed from the final agenda and asked that /Refresher Training also be added with Orientation.

Tami will do some research to see if there is a more current video. If there is not, this may change the meeting timeline and the orientation could be done in half a day.

Alyce made a motion to accept the agenda with the proposed changes. Dave seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

## **5. SET AGENDA FOR THE MHPAC QUARTERLY MEETING ON OCTOBER 18, 2012 (Action Item)**

The members discussed and set the following items for the MHPAC Quarterly Meeting on October 18, 2012:

- Call to Order, Roll Call, and Introductions
- Public Comment
- Review and approve minutes from the MHPAC meeting on 7/12/12 (Action Item)
- Nevada Commission on MHDS – Update
- Advocacy Organization Report – Hope House
- Medicaid Coverage Services & Essential Health Benefits for the Newly Eligible
- Olmstead Project Update
- Discussion and feedback on the MHPAC Orientation
- Federal Block Grant Conference Update
- Primary and Behavioral Health Integration Meeting Synopsis
- Obtain an Executive Order addressing Substance Abuse and Co-occurring Disorders (Action Item)
- Committee Updates (Executive, Bylaws, Consumer & Family Member Advocacy, Behavioral Health Promotion, Nominating, and Rural Monitoring)
- Public Comment
- Set date and possible topics for follow-up meetings (Action Item)

Dave made a motion to accept the agenda. Alyce seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

## **5. PUBLIC COMMENT (Discussion only)**

Barry Lovgren commented that in July, he sent a letter to each member of the Council asking that at its next meeting there be an action item on its agenda seeking change to the Governor's Proclamation to extend the Council's authority to substance abuse, co-occurring disorders, and prevention. What was discussed was not at all what he was talking about. It is two separate issues. He's talking about seeking a change in the Executive Order/Proclamation to extend the authority of the Council. What is being discussed is making a change to extend the membership of the Council and that is an entirely separate issue. You still have not extended the authority of the Council to address substance abuse issues, co-occurring disorders, or prevention of anything, like mental health, intellectual disability, or substance abuse. You have no authority to address prevention right now.

Discussion followed and Tami addressed Mr. Lovgren's comment stating that in the Council's bylaws the current mission is to advocate for individuals with chronic mental illness, children and youth with severe emotional disturbance, and other individuals with mental illnesses or emotional problems. When you are an advocate

for a population, you advocate for prevention and treatment. The Council is now trying to expand the coverage to substance abuse and co-occurring disorders.

**6. SET DATE AND TOPICS FOR FOLLOW-UP MEETING (Action Item)**

After discussion, Alyce made a motion to set the date of the next meeting to November 29, 2012, at 10:00 a.m. Ann seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

**7. ADJOURNMENT (Action Item)**

Alyce motioned to adjourn the meeting at 10:56 a.m. Dave seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

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Diane Dempsey  
Recording Secretary