

Division of Mental Health and Developmental Services
Substance Abuse Prevention and Treatment Agency (SAPTA)
Advisory Board (SAB) Treatment Standards Subcommittee

MINUTES

DATE:	June 17, 2013	Teleconference Number
TIME:	9:00am	1-888-363-4735
LOCATION:	Substance Abuse Prevention and Treatment Agency 4126 Technology Way, 2 nd Floor SAPTA Conference Room Carson City, NV 89706	Access Code: 1602938

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT

Via Teleconference

Frank Parenti (Chairperson)	Bridge Counseling Associates
Steve Burt	Ridge House
Mark Disselkoen	CASAT

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT

Ester Quilici	Vitality Unlimited
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STATE OF NEVADA STAFF

Carson City Site:

Betsy Fedor	Treatment, SAPTA
Lisa Tuttle (recorder)	Admin, SAPTA

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N/A

1. Welcome and Introductions

Chairperson Frank Parenti opened the meeting at 9:02am and introductions were made.

2. Public Comment

There was no public comment.

3. Approval of Minutes from the May 28, 2013, Meeting

Steve Burt moved and Mark Disselkoen seconded to approve the minutes from the May 28, 2013, Treatment Standards Subcommittee meeting. All were in favor and the motion was carried.

4. Discussion and Recommendation for Development of Treatment Standards Manual

Mark received a written response from Barbara Casket who was requested to review the draft standards document from Ester Quilici. Most of her concerns related to how the current standards line up with Avatar. This is something they will be dealing with when reviewing records to the Avatar system. He isn't sure if it pertains to what they working on, but it is a great point. They need to examine if Avatar utilizes ASAM in a manner that is consistent with the standards. The goal of this first draft is review the current standards, interpret the standards, and ensure the standards referencing Health Division criteria (level of service descriptions) is accepted. The second phase would be to update what Mark has written based on SAPTA Advisory Board comments and begin adding other critical and important elements to the standards. These additional standards of practice are not NAC458. They will be in a separate section because it is not reviewable for a site visit. Currently the standards are a minimum standard or compliance, and the other standards of practice would encourage programs to go above and beyond those minimum standards.

Steve Burt said the thought of orienting the standards of practice around either NHIPPS or myAvatar is somewhat offensive because, as a field, they hold people to a certain standard of diagnostic and placement criteria and justification. If they believe NHIPPS is their guide or system that forces them to do what is right, then they are not teaching the counselors in their programs. CASAT will look at things beyond Avatar and NHIPPS. As NHIPPS came forth they oriented some forms around what wasn't provided by NHIPPS because it was right to do. They can look at the impact Avatar has on the standards but only as a guide that supports the standards up to this point; however, they are still responsible for the other pieces.

Frank asked to bring the draft forward to the Advisory Board. Steve Burt made the motion to accept this draft to bring forward to the full Advisory Board committee for comment and feedback at the next SAPTA Advisory Board meeting and Mark Disselkoe seconded the motion. All were in favor and motion carried.

5. **Review Possible Agenda Items and Future Meeting Dates**

The Treatment Standards Subcommittee will submit this draft document for discussion at the next SAPTA Advisory Board meeting to take any comments on the recommendations. It was agreed to be an agenda item at the July 10 meeting.

Frank asked Betsy if she had anything to add. Betsy reminded them the sooner this will be done the better it is for the field, due to Medicaid and myAvatar coming on board. They will also begin unbundling residential services to make more comparable to Medicaid. These standards will be a guide.

They discussed having the next Treatment Standards Subcommittee meeting on July 22, 2013, at 9:00am.

6. **Public Comment**

There was no public comment.

7. **Adjourn**

The meeting was adjourned by Frank Parenti at 9:15am.