

**MULTIDISCIPLINARY PREVENTION ADVISORY COMMITTEE (MPAC)
MINUTES**

DATE: October 16, 2013
TIME: 1:00 p.m. *Video-Conference*
LOCATION: Truckee Meadows College College of Southern Nevada
Redfield Campus Cheyenne Campus
18600 Wedge Parkway, HTC Room 103 3200 E. Cheyenne Ave., Room 2647B
Reno, Nevada Las Vegas, Nevada

Committee Members Present

John Johansen	Impaired Driving Program Manager, Nevada Office of Traffic Safety
Monty Williams - Chair	Director, Statewide Native American Coalition, Intertribal Council of NV
Susan Mears	Planning & Evaluation Unit, Division of Child & Family Services
Meg Matta –Proxy for Cedric Kerns	SAPTA Administrative Assistant

Committee Members Absent

Elizabeth Fildes	Director of Clinical Services, Nevada Tobacco Users' Helpline
Peter Quigley	Justice Outreach Specialist, Department of Veteran Affairs, So. Nevada
Scott Shick – Co-Chair	Chief Juvenile Probation Officer, Douglas County

Others Present

Stephanie Asteriadis	NPRC - CASAT
Sandi Larson	OPHIE
Alyssa O'Hair	CAPT West Resource Team
Christina Brooks	Mental Health

SAPTA Staff Present

Charlene Herst	SAPTA Prevention Team Supervisor
Meg Matta - Recorder	SAPTA Administrative Assistant
Nan Kreher	SAPTA Health Program Specialist
Linda Kreeger	SAPTA Health Program Specialist
Bill Kirby	SAPTA Health Program Specialist

* *Attended telephonically*

1. Welcome and Introductions

Monty Williams opened the meeting in due form at 1:05 p.m. and after introductions, a quorum was established.

2. Public Comment

There were no public comments.

3. Discussion and Approval of the SEW/MPAC Combined Meeting Minutes of July 17, 2013

John Johansen moved to approve the minutes with corrections, and Meg Matta seconded the motion. The motion carried and minutes were approved.

4. **Update from September 10, Evidence-Based Workgroup (EBW)**

Monty described some of the traditional tribal practices that are showing positive outcomes in tribal life, and his goal to add them to the Nevada Registry.

5. **Update and Discussion on SAPTA's Integration with the Nevada State Health Division**

Charlene Herst announced the merger within the Division of Mental Health and Developmental Services (MHDS), and the new name: Division of Public and Behavioral Health (DPBH). Part of the integration process will be that SAPTA Prevention will be part of the Primary Prevention, or Community Services sector of the new structure. The commonality across programs will allow SAPTA prevention to work together with HIV/AIDS, chronic disease prevention and immunization. This should open up doors, as substance abuse crosses over almost every other concern in the DPBH, and will allow SAPTA to work together on things like grants or on site visits. When working on policies, the MPAC's scope may be broadened to include some of those other programs.

6. **Discussion on the Need for Additional Members to the MPAC**

The MPAC has lost members due to retirement or relocation, and has become small. As there is nothing in the title to restrict focus on substance abuse, the group could expand to encompass other areas of prevention. Charlene Herst asked the members to consider how to address the overall prevention needs that will arise from the integration of DPBH, and suggest new members who can fill gaps and assist in accomplishing the new goals. Monty said that it is important to make the connections between the state and the communities, and he thought it would be good to get more coalition representation. He added that the coalition members could also represent the MPAC when attending other board meetings. Further ideas were expressed on the interconnectivity with juvenile justice, education, the Division of Child and Family Services, the school districts, the American Heart Association and people in Chronic Disease, Tobacco and Diabetes. Our products could go beyond policies to trainings and newsletters.

7. **Update on the Partnerships for Success Grant – Role and Responsibilities of the MPAC**

This is a five-year grant for \$2,207,505 / year for five years. 15% will be used for data analysis and evaluation, and the remaining 85% must go to communities. The main focus of the grant is prescription drug misuse and abuse in age groups 12 to 25. In response to the guidance documents and based on data, Nevada is expanding the focus of the prescription drug misuse and abuse to cover the lifespan, and to mental health prevention and suicides. The grant specifically states that the SEW and the MPAC must be involved. Charlene Herst pointed out the sub-populations listed in the handouts, and the need to perform a root cause analysis to determine the causes of the problems.

The role and responsibilities of the MPAC revolve around gap analysis, the development of policies, guidance statements and trainings that can be used by the coalitions and in the communities. John Johansen suggested a role of the MPAC could also be to ensure that sufficient guidelines are in place statewide that would pertain to the acceptable programs, how data is collected through those programs for decision-making purposes, and to create a framework for grants so any coalition can build their capacity to be eligible to apply. Monty

Williams pointed out the importance of assessment. He stated that it is widely known that prescription drug abuse is a problem in Nevada; but across all agencies, the first question to be answered is why it is such a big problem. The cause is pertinent to the prevention measures that will be used by tribes, counties, municipalities, or urban settings. Susan Mears added that once the root cause analysis is done, she thinks there will be many similarities that will apply to prevention efforts statewide. John Johansen said that with traffic safety, the statewide message is most clearly heard when the same message is broadcast statewide. A good strategy is to put out one message at a time, such as “Click it or ticket”, rather than confuse with many different messages going out simultaneously.

8. **Update on the Safe Schools/Healthy Students Grant**

Christina Brooks said the grant will provide a little over two-million dollars per year over four years. The three counties participating are Washoe, Nye and Lyon. The focus of the grant is violence free schools – promotion of mental, emotional and behavioral health for children; promotion of early childhood social and emotional learning programs; connection of families, schools and communities; and prevention and reduction of the use of tobacco, alcohol and other drug use. Currently, as the first year is a planning year, a state team is being formed, and the coalitions are forming core teams to enable them to work together. Children’s Cabinet is taking a lead on the beginning planning stages.

9. **Update on the Cooperative Agreement to Benefit Homeless Individuals (CABHI) Grant**

Nan Kreher explained that the purpose of the grant is to provide housing to chronically homeless individuals who have mental health and substance abuse disorders. It will be funded for three years for about \$711,818 per year, and serve about 120 people statewide per year.

10. **Update on Adverse Childhood Experiences Survey (ACES) – Policy and Protocol Implications**

Charlene Herst said that using the data, the MPAC needs to think about policy and protocol implications. The challenge is to find a way, using ACES, to intervene at a younger age. Kristin Clements-Nolle received an NIH grant that will be used to develop and implement interventions with children, and will be a strong resource for collaboration. Stephanie Asteriades said she was a member of the Attorney General’s task force on bullying, and a big part of the problem was that there was no funding. Teacher’s needed to be trained to recognize a problem, there had to be programs they could refer kids to, and administrators needed to be educated and have resources they could use. It was obvious that the place to begin is with the administration and the teachers, and parents need education as well; but without money there is little that can be accomplished. Charlene Herst added that it may be something to take to the Legislature for funding.

11. **Discussion and Approval of Meeting Dates for 2014**

The dates of: January 15, April 23, July 16, and October 15 were proposed. Susan Mears moved to approve the dates, the motion was seconded by John Johansen and the motion carried.

12. **Discussion and Approval of Agenda Items for the Next Meeting**

- Nomination for a new Chair

- Look over sample ACES protocols
- Proposed members for MPAC, after first assuring they will be willing to attend.

13. **Public Comment**

There was no public comment.

14. **Adjournment**

Meeting was adjourned in due form at 2:30 p.m.