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CLARK COUNTY CHILDREN'S MENTAL HEALTH CONSORTIUM
WORKGROUP ON PUBLIC AWARENESS AND BEHAVIORAL WELLNESS
Meeting Minutes
May 20, 2025

1. **Call to order, roll call.** The meeting was called to order at 10:01 a.m. by Amanda Haboush-Deloye, Chair.
2. **Introductions.** Voting members: Amanda Haboush-Deloye, Nevada Institute for Children's Research and Policy (NCIRP); Karen Taycher, Nevada PEP; Meambi Newbern-Johnson, Clark County Office of Clinical and Community Services

Other workgroup participants: Margaritte Bouffard, NCIRP; Kary Wilder, Division of Child & Family Services (DCFS); Brenna Hardtner, Youth M.O.V.E. Nevada; Krisann Taylor, NV Medicaid; Sheri Gaunt, NV Medicaid; Heidi Laird, Southern Nevada Health District (SNHD), Alejandro Ruiz, DCFS; Jolene Zamora, Magellan of Nevada

3. **Public comment and discussion.**

- Brenna Hardtner shared that Nevada PEP is launching a *Giving Grid* campaign to support Children's Mental Health Awareness. Individuals are encouraged to donate \$5 or more through the link:
https://www.givinggrid.com/NevadaPEP/?utm_source=widget&utm_medium=website&utm_campaign=widget4. Donors can upload a photo and choose a square on the grid to be part of the visual display of support.

4. **Consortium member announcements of upcoming events.**

- No announcements from consortium members.

5. **For possible action:** Review and approval of outstanding minutes from the April 15, 2025 meeting.

MOTION: Karen Taycher made a motion to approve the April 15, 2025 meeting minutes.

SECOND: Meambi Newbern-Johnson seconded the motion.

VOTE: Unanimous approval. Minutes passed.

6. **For possible action:** Discussion, identification, and possible vote of the plan for 2-Day Retreat/Symposium, including but not limited to date of event, location, speakers to invite, youth panel, topics of presentations, and actions the Workgroup can recommend to the full Consortium
 - a. Amanda Haboush-Deloye provided an update on the planning for the upcoming 2-Day Retreat Symposium. She shared that Intermountain Health has agreed to provide a keynote speaker, though not financial support. The selected speaker, Brooks Keishen, specializes in trauma and will discuss how to identify and treat trauma in various settings, making his presentation accessible to both clinicians and non-clinicians such as parents and teachers. Amanda mentioned ongoing efforts to secure a venue, including outreach to several locations like the Ahern Hotel and local government spaces. The goal is to finalize a date and location by the next meeting in order to begin advertising.
 - b. Amanda noted that they plan to do an open call for proposals to ensure a variety of mental health topics are included. She referenced a list of ideas sent by Carly from PEP, which includes addressing suicide prevention through a cultural lens and offering content

on psychosis, which haven't been explored deeply at past events. Amanda also mentioned ongoing communication with Richard to retain suicide prevention content and confirmed that speaker bios and descriptions would be requested. Karen Taycher proposed including a youth-focused panel and a session on family peer support, particularly with the expansion of Medicaid-covered services.

- c. Brenna Hardtner agreed to help coordinate a youth panel closer to the event date, and Meambi Newbern-Johnson supported both the youth panel and Karen's suggestions. Meambi expressed her interest in broadening the conversation beyond suicide prevention to include awareness around psychosis and substance use. She shared her concern over a troubling trend in juvenile detention, where youth are experiencing psychosis after using substances, often vape pens. Meambi emphasized the importance of tracking this data and expressed a desire to educate both parents and youth, noting that many of the affected youth do not have any prior family history of mental illness. She highlighted that after treatment, many of these youth seem fundamentally changed. Amanda concluded by noting that the group already has enough content to fill a full-day event. She proposed that once they've reviewed and finalized the list of topics, they can focus on reducing the number of sessions and keep everyone together for the day, rather than breaking into multiple tracks.

7. For possible action: Discussion, identification, and possible vote on actions for Children's Mental Health Action Week (CMHAW) – May 4-10, 2025, including but not limited to organizing a press conference and activities

- a. Amanda shared that the recent press conference held on Friday was a success, especially due to the enthusiasm and engagement from the youth. She highlighted that YOUTH MOVE and NAMI were recognized in the release by Channel 8, and the teacher who attended expressed that they would definitely participate again if the opportunity was a video contest. A link to the news coverage by Channel 8 can be found here: <https://www.8newsnow.com/news/local-news/student-made-short-films-highlight-mental-health-challenges-in-nevada/amp/>. Amanda mentioned that this teacher is willing to connect them with the Clark County School District (CCSD) Career and Technical Education (CTE) contact who oversees various classes like video production. She suggested the possibility of inviting the teacher or students to participate on a panel at the symposium and spotlighting the student videos. Amanda also proposed that they connecting with UNLV Spring Flicks to incorporate a youth component into their event. Karen described the press conference as uplifting and praised the student and teacher participation. She emphasized how proud the students were of their work and how visibly proud the principal was of both his students and the teacher. Karen supported Amanda's idea of highlighting the teacher and students further, noting how impactful it was for them to see their work recognized outside of the classroom setting. She also mentioned that she had successfully arranged for mayors across the state to issue proclamations in support of Children's Mental Health Awareness, helping to elevate the campaign's visibility.
- b. Amanda reported that she and Char delivered books to all of the offices in the Nevada Legislature and engaged with various legislators in the building's lobby, where they tabled to raise awareness. She also shared that Route 91 now has its own 501(c)(3) organization, and Jacky Harris was present to represent the Resiliency Center. Lastly, as the month comes to a close, Amanda reminded the group to continue promoting Mental Health Awareness Month.

8. For possible action: Discussion, identification, and possible vote to select youth mental health topics and actions the Workgroup can recommend to the full Consortium to increase public awareness to include consideration of the following topics.

- a) Availability of after and out of school time for youth with dual diagnosis
 - a. Amanda Haboush-Deloye shared that the summer program list has been updated and added to the website as of yesterday. The list includes nearly 300 programs statewide, compiled through survey responses and additional internet searches. The list is available to download and sortable by county; includes age ranges and accommodations where known. The following link was provided in the chat.
<https://www.nevadaafterschool.org/resources/nevada-ost-map/>
- b) Dissemination of the Clark County Children's Mental Health Consortium Ten-Year Plan and most current annual report.
 - a. Amanda reported that documents were delivered to all Nevada legislators in physical form, with follow-up emails for a digital copy during Children's Mental Health Day at the Legislature. The next phase of dissemination will focus on sharing these materials with school boards, county commissioners, and city councils. Amanda mentioned that they still have additional physical copies of both the full report and the youth photo book, which includes some copies signed by youth.
- c) Updates to the social media account(s), including Clark County Children's Mental Health Consortium website (www.cccmhc.org)
 - a. Amanda mentioned that they are in the process of consolidating and restructuring the site over the summer. One new feature in development is a webpage to post meeting notices and public documents in accordance with open meeting law requirements, particularly now that the council is no longer housed under DCFS. Kary Wilder offered to help by posting this month's meeting materials. Amanda also asked the group to continue reviewing the website and to share feedback as they work on making improvements, particularly with regard to navigation and clarity.
- d) Local youth suicide prevention efforts
 - a. Amanda updated the group that the Office of Suicide Prevention is still in transition and that no final plan has been released. She remains in contact with Missy and hopes to have clearer information to share by the next meeting. Amanda suggested they may invite someone from the office to present once more direction is available.

9. For possible action: Discussion and approval of recommendations for future agenda items and meeting dates.

- a) The next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, June 17th, 10:00 am – 11:00 am

10. Public comment and discussion. No action may be taken on a matter raised under this item of the agenda until the matter itself has been specifically included on the agenda as an item upon which action can be taken.

- a) There was no public comment.

11. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 10:33 am by Amanda Haboush-Deloye, Chair.