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CLARK COUNTY CHILDREN'S MENTAL HEALTH CONSORTIUM WORKGROUP
ON INFRASTRUCTURE AND COORDINATION

Meeting Minutes May 21, 2025

1. Call to Order. The meeting was called to order at 1:02 pm by Karen Taycher, Chair.

2. Introductions. Voting members present: Karen Taycher, Nevada PEP; Meambi Newbern-Johnson, Clark County Department of Family Services; Dan Musgrove, Strategies 360

Guests: Alejandro Ruiz, Division of Child and Family Services (DCFS); Carley Murray, Nevada PEP; Margaritte Bouffard, Nevada Institute for Children's Research & Policy; John Garcia, DCFS; Dr. Jacqueline Wade, DCFS; Jolene Zamora, Magellan of Nevada; Sheri Gaunt, Nevada Medicaid

3. Public comment and discussion.

Carley Murray from Nevada PEP in recognition of Mental Health Awareness Month, Nevada PEP is raising awareness and support for children's mental health. As part of this effort, they have created a Children's Mental Health page on their website that offers valuable resources for children and families. Additionally, they are promoting a Green Ribbon Giving Grid, where individuals can donate as little as \$5 to support children's mental health. Donors can personalize a square on the grid with their name or photo as a way to show their support. Carley noted that the link to the giving grid would be shared in the chat.

4. For possible action: Review and approval of outstanding meeting minutes from the April 16, 2025 meeting.

MOTION: Meambi Newbern-Johnson motioned to approve the April 16, 2025 meeting minutes.

SECOND: Dan Musgrove

VOTE: Unanimous with no opposition or abstention

5. For possible action: Discussion and approval of transition from the Division of Child and Family Services administrative and professional support to the Clark County Children's Mental Health Consortium – Consortium members

Karen Taycher noted that this agenda item would typically be the time to check in with Amanda to see if she needed anything additional. However, Amanda, Carrie, and Katie were not present at the meeting. In their absence, Alejandro Ruiz stated that he had received instructions from Carrie to collect any questions from the group. He reported that, based on the information communicated to him, everything regarding the transition is progressing as planned. Karen acknowledged this update and expressed appreciation.

6. For information only: Agency updates, federal updates, legislative activities, and new initiatives – All members

Karen Taycher opened the floor for agency and legislative updates. Dan Musgrove provided a detailed update on legislative activity in Carson City, noting that it was a “brutal week” due to deadlines requiring non-exempt bills to pass by Friday. Internet issues earlier in the week delayed progress, causing a backlog of 70–80 bills. The focus in the budget committees has been on maintaining flat budgets, and department heads have been told to expect minimal increases. Approximately 300 bills with fiscal notes remain in committee, many of which may not advance. Children’s mental health-related bills, including AB 306 (related to hospital intake of youth in behavioral health crisis), are among those pending. Dan noted the Governor has signed very few bills so far and explained that while in session, the Governor has five days (not counting the delivery day) to sign or veto a bill or allow it to become law without a signature. After the session ends, the Governor has ten days to act. A possible special session in October may occur to reconcile the budget based on federal developments. Dr. Jacqueline Wade confirmed that things remain busy with no additional updates from the county or DCFS. Sheri Gaunt from Medicaid also reported no updates.

7. For information only: Update, discussion, and possible vote on recommendations for the Clark County Children’s Mental Health Consortium budget – All members

Karen Taycher presented the proposed Clark County Children’s Mental Health Consortium FY26 budget developed in collaboration with Amanda. Adjustments included reallocating funds from outreach activities to NICRP for additional administrative support. Other allocations included \$500 for the symposium, \$3,125 for outreach, \$15 for website domain renewal, \$375 for parent stipends and youth contest winners, and a flexible \$1,000 for conference or legislative meeting attendance. This brings the total to the \$15,000 budget. Karen clarified that no formal vote was required at this meeting, only agreement to forward the proposal to the full consortium. Members Dan Musgrove and Meambi Newbern-Johnson voiced their agreement on the record.

8. For Information Only: Consortium member updates and announcements of upcoming events.

Meambi Newbern-Johnson shared that the newly formed Clark County Office of Clinical and Community Services is preparing for its official launch on July 1. The internal team is currently focused on system-of-care training, with plans to present updates to the consortium post-rollout. Deputy Director Alessa Rodriguez will attend future meetings. Karen expressed support and offered assistance.

Dr. Jacqueline Wade provided an update on the relocation of services from the West Charleston site, stating that no firm moving date is available yet, though the move is anticipated before July 1. Children’s clinical services will relocate to 1901 Jones Blvd. Co-located services at the new site will include mobile crisis, pharmacy, and early childhood programs, with other teams remaining at Decatur and other locations. Dan Musgrove asked whether the co-location model would be maintained, and Dr. Wade confirmed that clinical services will remain together to the extent possible. Alejandro Ruiz noted he is now based at the Warm Springs location.

9. For information only: Discussion and approval of recommendations for future agenda items and meeting dates.

The next meeting will be in July and determined with a Doodle Poll. Karen Taycher noted that the standard recurring itemed will remain on the agenda and invited members to email her additional agenda items.

10. Public comment and discussion.

No public comment was given at this time.

11. Adjournment: Karen Taycher, Chair, adjourned the meeting at 1:26 pm.

Chat Transcript

00:9:41 Carley Murray: <https://nvpep.org/cmha2025/>