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CLARK COUNTY CHILDREN'S MENTAL HEALTH CONSORTIUM
WORKGROUP ON PUBLIC AWARENESS AND BEHAVIORAL WELLNESS
Meeting Minutes
June 17, 2025

1. **Call to order, roll call.** The meeting was called to order at 10:03 a.m. by Karen Taycher, in place of 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; Bob Weires,

Other workgroup participants: Margaritte Bouffard, NCIRP; Kathryn Martin, Division of Child & Family Services (DCFS); Brenna Hardtner, Youth M.O.V.E. Nevada; Char Frost, Parent Representative; Candance Lewis Vaughn, DCFS; Carley Murray, Nevada PEP; Sasheen Cutchlow, CareSource

3. **Public comment and discussion.**
 - a. Brenna Hardtner shared her gratitude to the group for sharing the Youth M.O.V.E podcast last month and encouraged the group to continue to keep sharing the podcast and shared the following link. <https://open.spotify.com/show/2Apg3OdCv6Zc26RKghUqWY?si=dcc850c9abd34288>
4. **Consortium member announcements of upcoming events.**
 - a. No announcements from consortium members.
5. **For possible action:** Review and approval of outstanding minutes from the May 20, 2025 meeting.

MOTION: Rebecca Cruz-Nanez made a motion to approve the May 20, 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 ongoing planning efforts for the 2-Day Retreat Symposium. She reported difficulty securing an affordable venue and proposed making one final outreach to consortium members, particularly those representing insurance companies to host or ask for sponsorships between \$1,000 and \$5,000. If a sponsor could be identified by July, the event could move forward as a two-day retreat. Otherwise, Amanda recommended transitioning to a one-day symposium. Potential venues for a scaled-down version include the Nevada PEP office (with space for up to 60 attendees) or Intermountain Health, which has a larger space suitable for around 100 people, though both options present limitations with regard to breakout rooms. Karen Taycher asked whether any participating agencies had large meeting rooms that could serve as potential venues. Rebecca Cruz-Nanez responded that SNHD could host about 60 people but had no suitable breakout spaces. Bob Weires suggested considering local high schools or community colleges, though acknowledged that September dates during the school year could be a limitation. Sasheen Cutchlow of CareSource offered to review the sponsorship request and asked Amanda to send her the prepared letter. Amanda confirmed she would follow up.

Additional suggestions included the Southern Nevada College West Charleston campus, which Bob noted has been used in the past for similar gatherings with breakout rooms available, though there may be a modest rental fee. Amanda confirmed that if \$5,000 to \$6,000 in sponsorship was secured, they would be able to reserve a venue with more flexibility. Meambi Newbern-Johnson also offered to explore the potential availability of the Clark County Government Center, noting similar limitations with space and breakout capacity. She agreed to follow up with her agency for further guidance. Amanda also confirmed a speaker had been found and calls for proposals for other sessions were ready to go once the venue was confirmed.

7. **For possible action:** Discussion and possible vote on actions for Children’s Mental Health Action Week, Day, and Month – All members
 - a. Amanda initiated discussion on potential actions for Children’s Mental Health Action Week, Day, and Month. Although the conversation acknowledged the importance of coordinated awareness efforts, no formal votes or decisions were recorded on this item during the meeting.
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
 - i. Amanda Haboush-Deloye highlighted that the Nevada Afterschool Network released the Summer Program List is available on their website and was shared with the group. The list included information on whether programs can support youth with varying disabilities. She welcomed feedback, particularly from Nevada PEP, on whether families are finding the list helpful or still struggling to access care, so they can make improvements next year if needed. Karen Taycher responded that they included the list in a publication for families and expressed appreciation, stating it has been very helpful.
 - b. Dissemination of the Clark County Children’s Mental Health Consortium Ten-Year Plan and most current annual report.
 - i. Char Frost provided an update on her efforts to deliver the most recent report and photo books to the Clark County School Board of Trustees. She is currently working on a cover letter and plans to make the deliveries on a day when the trustees are likely to be present, such as during a scheduled meeting. She also noted she is working on reformatting future status reports to be more concise and easier to read. Karen Taycher asked whether materials dropped off at the school board office would reliably reach board members. Bob Weires responded that while he couldn't confirm the internal delivery process, it would be wise to also send a copy to the new superintendent and maintain direct contact with key individuals. Char agreed and shared that she has already communicated with Irene Bustamante Adams and plans to notify her again upon delivery; she will also copy Joan Ebert. She also plans to notify Trustee Tamika, who had attended a recent youth event and is aware of the outreach effort. Char proposed possibly requesting time on a future school board meeting agenda to give a high-level overview of the materials and consortium work. Karen supported the idea, stating the group would likely be open to it.
9. **For possible action:** Discussion and identification to update Clark County Children’s Mental Health Consortium social media account(s) and update the website (www.cccmhc.org) and related actions the Workgroup can recommend to the full Consortium.
 - a. Amanda Haboush-Deloye encouraged the group to continue to give feedback on the website when updates or additional resources are needed.
10. **For possible action:** Discussion, identification, and possible vote on actions the Workgroup can recommend to the full Consortium to increase public awareness of local youth suicide prevention efforts.
 - a. Rebecca Cruz-Nanez provided an update on the uncertainty surrounding suicide prevention efforts following the transition of responsibilities from the Office of Suicide Prevention. She reached out

to Rachel Isherwood for clarification on who will oversee trainings and material distribution but has yet to receive a clear response. Rebecca noted that WestCare is reportedly taking over the training materials and will distribute them to certified trainers and community organizations, but the process remains unclear. She also mentioned that Pastor Brian is expected to coordinate a meeting with stakeholders to address the transition, and she's waiting for an invite. In the meantime, SNHD has been assured it will receive materials to finish the year's trainings, but future access for other partners is uncertain. Rebecca raised concern over the loss of direct community crisis responses previously handled by individuals like Tom and Rick. Rebecca offered to gather and provide relevant suicide prevention data if given advance notice, and she will attend both a 988 Coordination Meeting and a Suicide Fatality Review Committee to gather more information. Karen Taycher suggested the Consortium consider drafting an official letter to the State if communication does not improve. The group agreed to bring this as an action item to the full Consortium. Meambi Newbern-Johnson committed to bringing the issue to her leadership to explore local support options, while Char Frost shared that the Crisis Workgroup is already aware and open to taking it up if needed.

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

a. The next meeting will be on July 15 at 10am

12. 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. Rebecca Cruz-Nanez reminded attendees about the upcoming Overdose Summit (August 14th, 2025 @ UNLV: Pavilion) and encouraged members to attend or share the information with their networks. No other public comments were made.

13. Adjournment

a. The meeting was adjourned at 10:43 am by Karen Taycher.

Chat Transcript:

00:17:15 Rebecca Cruz-Nanez, LMSW-SNHD: I was just going to suggest the same
Bob
00:29:44 amanda: I added her last week
00:30:17 Brenna Hardtner: Reacted to "I added her last wee..." with ❤️
00:31:00 Brenna Hardtner: Replying to "I added her last wee..."

Thank you, Amanda!

00:31:07 amanda: It's the same list because it's in our Gmail
00:31:22 Karen Taycher, Nevada PEP: hmm.. odd
00:31:44 Brenna Hardtner: I got a new email, the invites were going to my old one.
00:33:21 Sasheen Cutchlow: Thank you everyone. I have to drop for another meeting.
00:46:31 Candace Lewis Vaughn: can I get that flyer before we go?
00:46:54 Candace Lewis Vaughn: clvaughn@dcfs. nv.gov