

Nevada Association of County Human Services Administrators

Minutes

April 9, 2019

Active Members:

Mary Jane Ostrander, Carson City

Shannon Ernst, Churchill County

Karen Beckerbauer, Douglas County

Shayla Holmes, Lyon County

Karyn Smith, Nye County

Niki Linn, Humboldt County (phone)

Associate Members:

Mike Pawlak, Clark County (phone)

Affiliate Members:

Karen Kelly, Clark County Public Guardian (phone)

Nicole Thomas, Douglas County Public Guardian (phone)

Tracey Bowles, Washoe County Public Guardian (phone)

Susan Weyl, Washoe County Public Guardian (phone)

Steven Hawkenbury, Washoe County Public Guardian (phone)

Guests:

Debbie Lee, CAHS (phone)

Item 1: Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 10:02am by Karen Beckerbauer.

Item 2: Introductions

Karen Beckerbauer asked those attending the meeting to introduce themselves and introductions were made.

Item 3: Public Comment

Karen Beckerbauer inquired as to whether there was any public comment. It was made known that there are only 6 active members present which does not make a quorum. Karen stated that we will go through the meeting, and if anyone else joins, we can circle back around for items that need a motion.

Item 4: Verification of the Posting of the Agenda

Karyn Smith verified the agenda had been posted according to NRS.

Item 5: Review and Adoption of Agenda

Karen Beckerbauer stated that we will postpone adopting the Agenda until we have a quorum.

Item 6: State of Nevada Aging and Disabilities Services Update

Karen Beckerbauer stated that Dena Schmidt is not present, and do not have confirmation whether she will be here or not so we will leave this open.

Item 7: State Updates Not Previously Provided

No updates.

Item 8: Regional Behavioral Health Efforts

Karen Beckerbauer stated that Jessica Flood has been spending a lot of time on Legislature and working on FAST and MOST policies so she has not seen her.

Item 9: Update on using Google Docs for meeting agendas and minutes

Shayla Holmes stated she's been working with Franchesca Reed from Nye County on setting up the Google Docs. We have all the documents uploaded, and everyone should have received a link. Shannon Ernst stated that she hasn't received a link, and Mary Jane Ostrander stated that she did receive one. Shayla stated that the link will allow you to review all of the documents. If you have a Google account, you can view all documents in your shared drive. If you do not, you will just have to save the link and refer back to it. Shannon asked who is sending out the links. Karyn stated that Franchesca is sending them out under Karyn's name so everyone will recognize it and open the emails. Franchesca sent out an email on March 28th inviting them to share the Google Drive, and then also sent a follow up email explaining how to access everything.

Item 10: Updates on monthly Maximizing County Medicaid Workshops

Karen Beckerbauer stated that the meeting that some of us attended for Rural Hospital Partners rapidly turned into a big budget discussion. Once the Legislatures start winding down we can circle back around and have a conversation about it. The last meeting we had did indicate that the direction we need to go will require a State Plan to either create a case manager position as a provider place under Medicaid, or some other rich language to get us in on what exists right now in the State Plan. Karen stated that she will follow up with that once it winds down. Mary Jane Ostrander asked if we could go through it and explain what it's about.

Shannon Ernst stated that it's about a meeting in Carson with Sarah Lamb. Karen stated that it makes us to be able to be reimbursed under Medicaid for Fee for Service Case Management Services. The way that Case Management exists now in the Medicaid State Plan is only under the terminology of targeted

Case Management that per their regulations only qualify about 10-12 categories of diagnosis that are reimbursable and only reimbursable with the qualifications through the state using their format for case plans and documentations. We are asking them to create our own new categories for providers that will be Social Service Case Managers. Karen also stated there was some new language put forth for the MOST funding bill that identified what a Social Services Case Manager is. Shannon stated that it is 191. Karen stated that the last ones Jessica Flood showed were a couple sentences that introduces and describes a Social Services Case Manager as a coordinator of resources.

Item 11: Updates on IAF Application Reimbursement

Karen Beckerbauer stated that she saw on the March meeting minutes that she, Mike Pawlak and Mary Jane Ostrander were nominated to be on the IAF Board. Shannon stated that they were talking about the IAF Reimbursement at the hearing in December, and they said we would get our credit in February. It came down to how it was written, and has to go through the process of the LCB to get approved for the payment. They do not anticipate any payment or reimbursement happening until July or August. The problem we first saw is that we were told that we better start tracking how we are spending it, because we have to report on it in July. Many of us went back to set up the budgets and started those expenditures so that we can do that, and now there is no funding until next fiscal year. Shannon stated that they wanted everyone to be aware of that since we all received a letter explaining they have been granted this amount, and at the Board meeting they stated it wasn't happening this fiscal year.

Mike stated that Dagny Stapleton said not to worry about the money coming, however it's going to be this summer. Shannon stated that the application process opens around July or August when it opens up. Mike stated that AB-494 has some of the most complicated stuff he has encountered as it is so nonspecific. He asked if anyone understands what the purpose is. Shannon stated that she will pull some information on this bill and send it to Dagny so we can discuss it at the next Legislative Meeting and report back on it.

Item 12: Workshop topics and setting of dates

Shannon Ernst stated that they had a conversation at the last NACO meeting at the Annual Meeting to look at how we can have specific topics to go into the conversation. Richard Whitley was present, and the meeting was all over the place talking about Medicaid Reimbursements to Housing. We decided that we will set up quarterly meetings to discuss specific topics and Richard Whitley would assist us in inviting people that pertain to those specific topics at a state level so we can get in depth on those topics. There might be further discussions about rent management, how we communicate better and how we work that partnership.

Shannon wanted to bring it to the group so we can all compile a list of things we want to discuss and schedule a time so we have a couple of months to discuss it and get more into depth on those things.

Karen Beckerbauer stated that we can keep it on the agenda for next meeting so we can discuss topics that we want to bring forward. Karyn Smith stated that one of the things we talked about doing was reviewing Indigent policies to help a lot of the counties. She stated that Tim Burch was talking about doing that in July.

Item 13: Update on IRS Filing/Reinstatement & Treasurer's Report- March 2019

Mary Jane Ostrander stated that they did hear from the IRS and they did receive our Request for Reinstatement. There are two categories, with one being those applications that can be processed based on information submitted. The second are applications that require additional information in order to be processed. We sent everything that was required and if we fall into category 1, it will be 90 days before we hear anything. If we fall into category 2, it will be 180 days. We can file our annual 990 and we can move forward and file that. She will need a vote for that, and if she has the accountant do it, it will be \$100. We do need a vote on the \$100. Since April 15 is on Monday, she will have the accountant file an extension. The date of the letter they sent was March 18.

Item 14: Setting of Annual dues

Mary Jane Ostrander stated that we have a Tax ID number; we just haven't received confirmation that it will be made our Tax ID number. Mary Jane is hesitant to set the Annual Dues until we have confirmation, so we can wait until our Annual Meeting to decide.

Item 15: Approval of Minutes from March 12, 2019 Meeting

There were no revisions presented and will be tabled until next month to approve.

Item 16: NACO Staff Update on Items Not Agendized

Karen Beckerbauer stated that Dagny Stapleton is not here with us today to give updates.

Item 17: Legislative Updates

Shannon Ernst stated that we are going to work on some language for the legislative staff and have to have that sent out to them before 5pm today as they are meeting with the committee chair. They are looking at July for our meeting during the National Association Meeting in Las Vegas and are going to send us the contact that sets up the State Affiliate Meetings. We cannot do that through this office because it is a National Association. In September, our Nevada Association of County Organization meeting will be held in Reno at the Nugget. They are having complications for phone lines because they want to charge \$150 per phone line set up, so they are trying to get the fee waived. If they are unable to get it waived, we want to think of alternate locations or options like possibly using Zoom for the meeting. Shannon stated that if you go the National Association they do have a posted draft agenda. She also stated that if you have never been to one of these meetings, she urges everyone to go and it is a great thing to experience.

Shannon stated that there was an amendment to AB-152, which is for the account to do public health improvement and is going to the district. We included information about adding counties and it did come back that there was a concern that they wanted it tied to something. We did another revision and it was tied back to the Public Health Priorities outlining a Board Strategic Plan or through documented County input. That was the revision Churchill County put forward. There is a copy here so everyone can see the final we did submit so everyone knows where we are at. The next one is looking at Senate Bill 121, which is regarding Guardianship. It really looks at obtaining EPS reports, who obtains them, and how they can be used. There were concerns regarding Clark and Washoe County that they do really no investigative work. It goes to the courts who appoint an attorney, and there is a Guardianship appointment to oversee that case. We did a proposal that amends it to do it population based. Under 100,000 people, we could receive those if we had a Proposed Protected Person.

Douglas County came in and did further cleanup and changed it so that it listed what the restrictions were for over 100,000 in population, and for under 100,000. Yesterday we had a lengthy conversation about this and agreed with this language. Clark and Washoe County are not going to oppose this. What we are up against is the question "what is the definition of a Proposed Protected Person?" Shannon stated that we need to have it defined as to how we want it to be presented to the chair at their meeting tonight at 5pm, because the hearing is this Friday. Shannon asked if anyone had any input as to how we should define it. Karen Beckerbauer stated that she thinks it is the "Potential Protected Person" that needs to be defined, not the "Proposed Protected Person."

Tracey Bowles stated that she wanted more clarity as to what the issues were, so she reached out to Nicole Thomas in Douglas County to have that conversation. She feels that she is now clearer as to what the rural counties need. She really thinks they are still struggling under the resources with not having the people to do the third party petitioning process that Washoe and Clark County have worked out with the partners in our community. One of the solutions that I had been talking with Nicole about was maybe finding the Potential Protected Person as a person whom the Public Guardian has received the items that are listed in the statutes that are required for petitioning a court. That would narrowly define that Potential Protected Person and would allow them to receive the information that they need to petition the court for that guardianship.

Karen stated that would work, but also in the interim we should have the Public Guardian speak at the Guardianship Commission once we get that going so that they can talk about the issues they are having with their resources. That way we can talk about any changes we need made and how we can do it. Shannon stated that she agrees with everything and that since the counties differ so much, because of how the bill is written, we have the option so our counties can adopt that third person once we are there and have those resources. Karen asked if most of the Public Guardians in Nevada are linked to a Social Service Department the way that Churchill County is. Karyn Smith stated that Nye County is. Karen stated that she thinks that often Social Services are already entitled to most of the information under different statutes. Shannon said that it is a struggle and they have many conflicts with intertwining Social Services and Public Guardian. They try and make it clear what we are obtaining and for what purpose. There are some counties in Nevada where the DA is serving as the Public Guardian as well, so it's all fairly different throughout Nevada.

Shannon asked if Tracey could put in email what she stated as the definition of a Potential Protected Person to Shannon, so that she can submit it later that day and have it signed off. We have to also provide it to Washoe and Clark's representative at Legislature and also submit it to Dagny as well. Tracey stated that she would be happy to put it in writing and try and get it to Shannon by 2pm at the absolute latest. Shannon stated that she will also include others in the email so they can be included in the process. Shannon stated that the next Legislative Meeting is next Tuesday at 1:30pm.

Item 18: Update on Indigent Policy Workshop

Karen Beckerbauer stated that Karyn Smith received confirmation that Tim Burch is out sick today and will not be joining us to give updates.

Item 19: Comments, Updates, Reports NACHSA Members Not Agendized

There were none.

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