

**Utah Behavioral Health Planning and Advisory Council**

**Approved Meeting Minutes**

Thursday, July 2nd, 2020, 12:00 p.m.

Virtual meeting via Zoom

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***“Our mission is to ensure quality behavioral health care in Utah by promoting collaboration, advocacy, education, and delivery of services.”***

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**COUNCIL MEMBERS PRESENT:** Rob Wesemann, Jeanine Park, James Park, Dave Wilde, Emily Bennett, Peggy Hostetter, Sarah Miles, Donald Cleveland, Sigrid Nolte, Whitney Geertsen, Dan Braun, Monica Scott, Kimberly Mueller, Cathy Davis, Javier Alegre, Lori Cerar, Jennifer Marchant, Andrew Riggle, Teresa Molina, Jason Jacobs

**DSAMH STAFF PRESENT:** Heidi Peterson, Pam Bennett, Heather Rydalch, Colin Dively, Robert Snarr, Ming Wang, Shanin Rapp

**OTHERS PRESENT:** Nettie Byrne, Rachel Bawden, Susi Felch-Malohifoou, Wren Barnes, Adrew Johnston, Kyli Rodriguez-Cayro, Karla Arroyo, Athena Schwartz, Jeanette Villalta

**COUNCIL MEMBERS EXCUSED:** Lisa Hancock, Ryan Hunsaker

**Welcome & Introductions; June Meeting Minutes Review; New Member Applications  
Whitney Geertsen**

June minutes were voted on and approved. Whitney Geertsen was voted into the UBHPAC council by a unanimous vote. Whitney has been involved with many youth advocacy projects, panels, and works closely with YUTAC. We are happy to have Whiney join our Council!

**Guest Speaker—Andrew Johnston from the Salt Lake City city council (12:20 p.m.)**

Andrew Johnston did a Q&A for the UBHPAC council.

Q: What is the mood around the discussion of how the Salt Lake police department works?

A: There haven't been any official discussions, but unofficially, there is interest in changing how the police department functions.

Q: Does the Salt Lake police department have social workers employed?

A: Yes, but they are limited in how much they can help.

Q: Can there be an expansion of services to the Latino community on the west side?

A: Yes, the CARES Act funding may be able to help with that. Andrew will be in touch with Javier about updates concerning this.

Q: Can we get more specialized peer support specialists in the force?

A: Andrew will look further into that.

Q: Are there going to be any training in the police department for helping autistic individuals?

A: This question has been brought up by the council and will take it into consideration.

### **COVID-19 Funding Discussion—Ming Wang (12:52 p.m.)**

Ming asked the council for suggestions of vulnerable populations who would benefit from COVID-19 funding. The suggestions were as follows:

- Undocumented immigrants
- Those not receiving stimulus checks
- The latino population
- Children
- Creative individuals

Karla Arroyo brought up the concern of not knowing where the money from this funding is going. Ming and Kim committed to finding out where it is going and following up.

### **Needs Assessment Steering Committee—Monica Scott (1:20 p.m.)**

The Needs Assessment Steering Committee is taking recommendations for members, specifically from the UBHPAC council. Anyone who is interested in joining can contact Monica.

### **Break (1:26 p.m.-1:36 p.m.)**

### **Guest Speaker—Wren Barnes (1:39 p.m.)**

Wren spoke to the council about the film industry in Utah and how it has been impacted by COVID-19.

### **Telehealth and 1115 Waiver updates—Dave Wilde (1:48 p.m.)**

During COVID-19, Medicaid has removed the requirement for telehealth to be video. This has been beneficial to clients receiving mental health care who may not have access to video services. It isn't known how long these video requirements will be lifted for.

They are working on getting a 1115 waiver to expand treatment above 16 beds in mental health hospitals and residential treatment centers. The waiver information will be posted for 30 days for federal public comment at

<https://www.medicaid.gov/medicaid/section-1115-demo/demonstration-and-waiver-list/83321>.

After that, CMS will make a decision but there is no timeline for when that decision will be made.

### **Special Legislative Session Updates—Kim Myers (2:07 p.m.)**

During the special legislative session, there were some budget cuts to training funds, state hospital pay incentives, and others. However, there were some funds reallocated for the statewide warm line and the mobile crisis outreach team in rural areas.

### **Mental Health Block Grant Updates—Pamela Bennet (2:15 p.m.)**

Important environmental factors were briefly discussed by Pam. If anyone on UBHPAC has interest in learning more about those factors, they can reach out to her. A description of the allocation of the block grant funds will also be available to those interested.

### **3-digit Suicide Prevention Lifeline Update—Donald Cleveland and Kim Myers(2:18 p.m.)**

Don has been working on some visuals and slogans to accompany the release of the 3-digit suicide prevention lifeline number. They are working on connecting all the different hotlines across the country and a roll-out date is expected soon.

They are still trying to figure out funding for the lifeline as it is not quite as sustainable as 911, as 911 has per-call funding. They are also trying to figure out what services to deploy as a part of the lifeline.

### **NAMI Expansion of Services Update—Rob Wesemann (2:26 p.m.)**

NAMI has been able to expand their services to an online format. They are offering peer support classes and family support classes online. If anyone is interested in these services they can find more information on their website. They also have a warm line— (801) 323-9900—to offer support for mental health challenges.

Adjourned at 2:35 p.m.

*Thank you for your support of the UBHPAC!*

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