

**Utah Behavioral Health Planning and Advisory Council**

**Approved Meeting Minutes**

Thursday, September 3rd, 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, James Park, Jeanine Park, Peggy Hostetter, Emily Bennett, Sherri Wittwer, Jason Jacobs, Whitney Geertsen, Rafael Montero, Sarah Miles, Jennifer Marchant, Dan Braun, Monica Scott, Teresa Molina, Martha Mendes, Lori Cerar, Lisa Hancock, Sigrid Nolte, MaryJo McMillen, Dave Wilde, Donald Cleveland, Julia Martinez

**DSAMH STAFF PRESENT:** Pam Bennett, Shanel Long, Heidi Peterson, Colin Dively, Shanin Rapp, Kim Myers

**OTHERS PRESENT:** Nettie Byrne, Rachel Bawden, Ryan Eddins, Athena Schwartz, Kyli Rodriguez-Cayro, Susi Feltch-Malohifo’ou

**COUNCIL MEMBERS EXCUSED:** Jane Lepisto, Cyndie Moore

**Welcome & Introductions; August Meeting Minutes Review—12:10**

August meeting minutes were reviewed and approved.

**General Announcements—12:14 p.m.**

NAMI General Conference is happening on October 8th. It will be a half-day virtual meeting. The theme is “Listening”. Registration is available on their website.

October 8-11, 2020 is the Pacific Island Violence Prevention Conference, and it will be a hybrid conference.

USARA put out a newsletter about Recovery Month highlighting virtual celebrations and speakers. It can be found [here](#).

**Medicaid Waiver Updates—12:19 Sarah Miles**

Went out for federal public comment on August 18th, will close for comment on September 18th.

**DSAMH Updates—12:22 Kim Myers and Pam Bennett**

Just finished a special legislative session with the possibility of another special session. If there is any interest in discussing any policy changes, please bring those up.

The Block Grant letter just went out. We are low on criminal justice, DCFS, and youth presences in UBHPAC, so they will be reaching out to see if they can find any interest in having more individuals from those groups join.

Pam briefly went over the Block Grant goals. She will be discussing these in more detail in next month's meeting. New major goals can be written in September 2021's Block Grant letter.

Don Cleveland expressed interest in finding out more information about suicide stats and how they have been affected by COVID-19. Pam and Kim will discuss this in next month's meeting.

Janene Park expressed concern about the lack of resources for women's domestic violence shelters during the COVID-19 crisis.

Susi Feltch-Malohifoou expressed concerns with how UBHPAC is conducted and the groups it represents. A discussion ensued about how UBHPAC operates and ideas were brought up about how UBHPAC can be more inclusive of minorities.

**Please Note: The meeting recording did not convert properly so some of the notes for the minutes were lost.**

Meeting adjourned at 1:53.

*Thank you for your support of the UBHPAC!*

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