

Nevada Association of County Human Services Administrators

Minutes

May 7, 2019

Active Members:

Mary Jane Ostrander, Carson City

Shannon Ernst, Churchill County

Tim Burch, Clark County (phone)

Shayla Holmes, Lyon County

Karyn Smith, Nye County

Toni Acuff, Lincoln County

Karen Beckerbauer, Douglas County

Associate Members:

Affiliate Members:

Guests:

Dena Schmidt, ADSD (phone)

Dagny Stapleton, NACO (phone)

Item 1: Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 10:05am by Tim Burch.

Item 2: Introductions

Tim Burch asked those attending the meeting to introduce themselves and introductions were made.

Item 3: Public Comment

Tim Burch inquired as to whether there was any public comment. There was none.

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

Tim Burch called for a motion to adopt the agenda as submitted. Shannon Ernst made a motion to adopt the agenda as submitted. Karen Beckerbauer seconded the motion, and it was passed unanimously.

Item 6: State Updates Not Previously Provided

Dena Schmidt stated she is here to go over the County Assessments, since there was some confusion on those. We redid the contract and received a flow chart, which Dena forwarded to Dagny Stapleton and Shannon Ernst. Dena asked if they will help her send out to all members. The assessment that went out in January is for Fiscal Year 2020. The quarterly amounts that were on the January notice will start to be billed for July 2019. Shannon stated that her biggest concern is that they were notified in January on all of their assessments from ADSD it was going to be \$33,549. We turned around, and last week we received a notification from ADSD to do the amendment to our agreement for the cost rate. Shannon asked if it was going to include the assessment amount in there, and they told her it would be another \$10,000 more for Fiscal Year 2020. Shannon wanted to know if the amounts we received in January are correct or if the recent amounts were correct. Shannon will forward the email out to everyone to hopefully clarify things for people. Shannon also stated that everyone is receiving the amendment to their contract right now, and that does not have the assessment rate in it, just the change in rates.

Dagny asked Dena if it was ok if any county receives a bill for any portion of their payment for Fiscal Year 2020 that would indicate the incorrect amount, they can reach out to Dena for clarification. Dena stated it is ok if they contact her. Shannon stated that we can send out an email that we had this conversation to everyone stating we received the January numbers, and that there may be other figures thrown out there. We can attach the spreadsheets that we received in January with those numbers. Dena stated to let everyone know if they received anything different than the original amount, they can contact her. Dagny stated that there was a request for an amendment to the contract, and asked if that was something we wanted to discuss today. Shannon stated that the only thing they are requesting on the amendment is really the cost rates that are approved by Medicaid; they are just changing those in the contract. Dena asked if everyone was ok with the amendment, changing the contract with the rates. Everyone was in agreement they were ok with it. Dena also asked if everyone got notifications on rate increases, and everyone stated no they do not. Dena said she will give everyone's contact info over to Medicaid to be added to the notification emails.

Mary Jane Ostrander asked Dena if there was a chance we could still receive the monthly breakdowns for the Developmental Services. She said they are getting the quarterly bill, however they don't have anything to ensure who they are being charged for. Dena stated she will look into it and have those sent again. Dagny also stated that she briefly talked to Richard Whitley the other day. There is an increase to the Rural CPS Assessment, and she has more information on that if anyone needs it. She was trying to figure out where it came from, so she stopped Richard and asked him. He clarified that it didn't come from them. When they submitted the Governor's Recommendation, it did not include assessing counties for that. Richard suggested that sometime after session, they can do a meeting with him touching base and going over all of the assessments to ask any questions. Dagny stated she'd be happy to coordinate a meeting with Richard Whitley after one of our NACHSA meetings in the coming months.

The next meeting is in Douglas County in June, and someone suggested they have the meeting with him at the next Carson meeting so more people can make it. Karen Beckerbauer stated that going back to the other part of the conversations earlier this week about the budget not being finished yet at the

state, and the potential of the counties being able to negotiate in any way about the CPS Assessments. Dena stated that it isn't negotiable with DHHS, since it came from the legislature. They voted to close the budget and added that in on the day they closed the budget. The Senator stated that counties are responsible for CPS and it was an additional cost associated with CPS. Dena is unsure if we can fight it since the state made it clear that was the choice they made. Dagny stated that on the Medicaid Match, the budget has not closed yet and they are watching it closely. She asked Richard if there were any extra pages in the assessment, and there were none that he was aware of and that included the Medicaid Match. So far all they've heard is that they are sticking to the January Assessments and they will continue watching closely.

Dena stated that her Fiscal Staff is working on the Medicaid Budget, and she is going to make sure there are no proposed changes with her as well. Tim Burch stated that we can do the meet and greet meeting with Richard in July at the NACO meeting, and if there is anything that includes the counties specifically, Dagny can keep us in the loop and we can call a meeting with Richard sooner if needed. Dagny stated that NACO has meetings scheduled with the Governor's staff and leadership this week to let them know if it's going to affect the counties, they need to bring us to the table. Everyone agreed that they will do the meet and greet with Richard and his administrators at the NACO conference in July, and that everyone will bring any questions they may have to him. Shannon stated they are having an issue nailing down a date for their July meeting, due to trying to get their hotel room situation worked out for the conference.

Item 7: Regional Behavioral Health Efforts

Shannon Ernst stated that the Regional Behavioral Health Coordinators have been invited to the meeting, but we are not receiving reports from them. There are some legislative items they we're looking at, but we have not received a report. Tim Burch stated that he will reach out to Ariana to make sure we are getting reports from them at least the Southern Region.

Item 8: Updates on monthly Maximizing County Medicaid Workshops

Tim Burch stated that this was a carryover item, and asked if there was any activity on this item for discussion. Karen Beckerbauer stated that there hasn't been much activity in that realm, partially because of the legislative session being in, and also some discussion that happened at the Rural Nevada Hospital Partners meeting that got a little tense. It was regarding Maximizing Medicaid payments to the county being a Budgetary Discussion versus a State Plan Amendment. It has not been revisited again to that end, but she does plan to reach out again to set up conversations as to what the State Plan Amendment would look like. Tim stated that there's a Specialized Foster Care and Medicaid Waiver moving forward that should drop in June once session wraps, so by September we should know something from CMS one way or another. It would allow us to bill for Crisis Intervention and other services not currently allowed. We are focused on providing more direct and front end permanent services. If the state is able to get more Medicaid revenue for existing services, perhaps that might have reason to impact the assessment for rural counties. That might be a future conversation as well, and we will keep our eyes on that.

Item 9: Update on IAF Application Reimbursement

Karen Beckerbauer stated that this was a continuation conversation because of NACO's efforts to rework the IAF application process to distribute more of those funds out to the counties as reimbursement. Dagny Stapleton was working on updating the application and process based off of last year's distributions. Dagny stated that we did rework that process and finalize that new application. The new application opened last winter, and every county that applied received the approval. We are waiting on the IAF Finance Committee approval before those funds can be dispensed, which will be after June 1st before the counties will receive the award. Going forward we would reopen that application process around fall.

Item 10: Recommendation on person(s) to provide information on Behavioral Health and I/DD activities in Nevada at National Association Conference in July 2019

Shannon Ernst stated that we were contacted by Dagny Stapleton to try to link someone in to provide a presentation for the Affiliate Group on Mental Health. It's not actually right in the middle of the National NACO conference; it's at the end of the dates. They are looking at an hour presentation on Developmental Services in the State of Nevada and our Behavioral Health efforts. I was wondering if this group had an idea on who could present on all of the statewide efforts we have done for Behavioral Health. Perhaps some suggestions are Jessica Flood, Ariana Sanders, or Dena Schmidt to present on behalf of Developmental Services. Mary Jane Ostrander stated that she agrees that one of our Behavioral Health Coordinators would be best to talk about the Behavioral Health efforts. Tim Burch stated that he would be happy to talk to Ariana to see if she would perhaps do the presentation.

Shannon stated that Ariana and Jessica came up with a statewide presentation when Joelle was there, that kind of touched on everyone's priorities. She will also reach out to Dena Schmidt to see if she or someone else will present on behalf of Developmental Services. Everyone was in agreement on the recommendations. Shannon also stated we need to schedule a date for our meeting in July. Tim stated that they were selected to do some workshops that month, he just isn't sure of the dates or times from the NACO Coordinators. Shannon stated that registration is open that Friday, July 12th once you get there. Dagny mentioned that registration is open now, however when you get there, it starts on that Friday at 7:30am. Tim stated that there is a meeting from 9am-11:30am on the Friday, and the workshops are that Sunday. If we hold the meeting on Thursday or Friday it would work out. He checked his schedule, and Friday, July 12th works best. Everyone agreed that Friday, July 12th at 1pm would be a good time to have the next NACHSA meeting with the location to be discussed. Tim will try and find a place to hold the meeting and contact everyone once it is set up. Tim asked Shannon when the presentation for Behavioral Health Developmental Services is being held. Shannon stated she will get that information over to Tim so he can coordinate with Ariana.

Item 11: Nevada Association Conference in September 2019

Karen Beckerbauer stated that she was hoping that we could hold our meeting on the second day of the conference, so she can attend a power session. Dagny stated that the conference is being held in Sparks, NV on September 25th & 26th. We are going to do a shorter conference for the NACO, since we are also doing the National Association Conference in Las Vegas in July. We will have one workshop in the afternoon of the 25th, and the big banquet is Wednesday night with the awards and honoring our president. On Thursday, we will have our workshops all day and will end at 5pm. Shannon stated that it

might be better to have our NACHSA meeting that Friday morning at 8:30am on the 27th in Reno, and do the NCAA meeting afterwards.

Item 12: Workshop topics and setting of dates

Shannon Ernst stated that everyone was supposed to think about what topics we could discuss, and then we could work with Richard Whitley to set those dates. Karyn Smith stated that one of the topics we haven't gone over yet is the Indigent Policies. She has received about 5 counties policies so far. There was talk about doing it in July. Shannon stated that Affordable/Accessible Housing was a topic everyone was thinking about doing, and looking at how we can leverage our partnership with all the different agencies. Another topic was expanding the Medicaid; where some say its state policy and others say its state budget. Karen Beckerbauer stated that we will need to follow up on the 1915i, depending how it closes out of the legislative session. Tim Burch asked if the 1915i is going through the session to get approval to put together the application, or is the application already together and then they will submit it once they get approval from the legislators. Karen stated that the application is put together already; it's just a matter of the approvals.

Dagny asked if they have the programs developed, or if they are ready to submit the amendment if the legislators approved. She wants to know if they got approval from Medicaid, then they will develop the program? Karen stated they already have spelled out what the program looks like; however from the county perspective, we just don't have any idea on how to implement it. They list out a number of supportive services to be provided to people that are placed in the community as part of their discharge plan, but there's no place to put them in the community to provide these services. It is more of a support to encourage the counties to work the program. I don't think anybody disagrees with the concept of the program; however housing is the biggest issue with it. Tim asked Dagny if he could get some NACO support with the crosswalk between counties on the Indigent Policies and Housing, etc. Shannon suggested we hire someone through our association to work on this. Dagny stated that NACO would be happy to help and support everyone on this however they can.

Tim asked if everyone wanted to throw out names of people who can get the job done. Shannon agreed that we can submit some names and maybe some points on what kind of outcomes we want to achieve from this, and maybe we can set a deadline to get that to NACO. Tim stated that he will start a Word Document and call it "Indigent Policy Crosswalk Project," and put down what his thoughts are on the outcomes and maybe we can add to that. For deadline purposes, we can try to do that and get those suggested names by next meeting so we can get that to Dagny.

Item 13: Approval of Treasurer's Report for March 2019 and April 2019 and Update on IRS Filing/Reinstatement and FY19 dues

Mary Jane stated that we did accrue \$0.16 in interest on our savings account. Our checking account balance is \$789.31, and our savings account balance is \$3,818.84, with a total balance of \$4,608.15. We have not heard back yet from the IRS. Last month I explained that everything is in and has been acknowledged, it just will take 180 days before we get reinstated. Our accountant has been working on all of this and did file our current 990, so that has been filed. I attached the invoice for that, she charged us \$100 on it and I will need an approval to go ahead and pay that. Karen Beckerbauer made a motion to approve the Treasurer's Report for March 2019 and April 2019. Shayla Holmes seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

Item 14: Setting of Annual dues

Tabled for next month.

Item 15: Approval of Minutes from the March 12, 2019 Meeting and April 9, 2019 Meeting

Shannon Ernst made a motion to approve the minutes from the March 12, 2019 meeting. Tim Burch seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously. Karen Beckerbauer made a motion to approve the minutes from the April 9, 2019 meeting. Mary Jane Ostrander seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

Item 16: NACO Staff Update on Items Not Agendized

No updates.

Item 17: Legislative Updates

Shannon Ernst stated that we had a meeting last week, and decided that everything is cruising forward with the amendments we requested. Nobody really had anything to discuss, so we decided to not have any meetings until something else comes up.

Item 18: Update on Indigent Policy Workshop

Tim Burch asked how wide of the Indigent Policies conversation do we want to get into when we put this product together and have the workshops. Tim asked if we should look at all of our Indigent Poverty Services, or just specific ones. Everyone was in agreement that we should look at all of them, since it gives us a better idea of what each of us is doing.

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

Tim stated that down in Clark County they promoted Randy Reinoso to the Assistant Director of Social Services, and posted his old management position to fill. He recently lost Ebony Washington as Assistant Director at Department of Family Services, and will be posting that job opportunity as well.

Item 20: Scheduling of Next Meeting

It has been established that the next meeting is being held in Douglas County in June. Karen Beckerbauer asked when the state COC meeting is. Karyn Smith stated that it is being held on October 23rd & 24th in Reno. Shannon stated that we can coordinate and maybe have the NACHSA meeting early one morning before the COC meetings. We will work with Kelly on the dates and times and get back to everyone on the October meeting.

Item 21: Future Agenda Items

There were no suggestions on future agenda items.

Item 22: Public Comment

There was no public comment

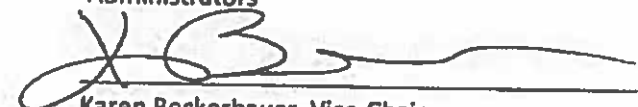
Adjournment

There being no further business to come before the committee, Tim Burch called for a motion to adjourn the meeting. Shannon Ernst made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 11:29am. Karen Beckerbauer seconded the motion, and it was passed unanimously.

APPROVED:



Tim Burch, Chair
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Karen Beckerbauer, Vice-Chair
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