

**Utah Behavioral Health Planning and Advisory Council Minutes**  
June 24, 2-330 pm, Room 1020 A & B  
Multi-Agency State Office Building (MASOB)  
195 N 1950 W, Salt Lake City

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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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**UBHPAC Members in Attendance:** Lori Cerar, Eileen Maloney, George Martin, Ginger Phillips, Julie Hardle, Valerie Fritz, Vanessa Tuckett, Eliot Sykes, Walt Moore, Eric Roux, Mary Gully

**General Public in Attendance:** Anna LaDamus, Yvonne Moore

**DSAMH and USH staff:** Dave Felt, Roy Castelli, Susannah Burt, Susan Hardinger, Carmen Lloyd, Lana Stohl, Rick Hendy, Dinah Weldon, Paul Korth, Robert Snarr, Eric Tadehara, Lola Davis-Werner

**Excused UBHPAC Members:**

**Joined by NEFSIS and telephone:** Kim Myers, Carol Ruddell, Jenifer Lloyd

This is an open public meeting. The UBHPAC provides direction to the Division of Substance Abuse and Mental Health (DSAMH or Division) on the use of the Block Grant funding.

1. Welcome and Introductions- Lori Cerar, UBHPAC Chairperson

- Lori Cerar
- UBHPAC orientation folders are available for those who may be new or interested
- Read the Mission Statement
- UBHPAC recorded meeting minutes are available 3 days from the meeting on the Utah Public Notice Website. They are also available at [www.dsamh.utah.gov](http://www.dsamh.utah.gov)  
On the left side of home page is UBHPAC.

2. Review and requested approval of May Minutes- Lori Cerar, UBHPAC Chairperson

- Eileen Maloney made the motion to approve the May minutes, Eliot Sykes seconded the motion, and approval was unanimous

### 3. Council Executive Committee Update

- SAMHSA TA support call and grant, bylaw development – Eliot Sykes  
The bylaws are close to being finished. The committee has been working on the project with Google docs. Anyone interested in providing feedback on the bylaws can contact Eliot for access to Google docs. The goal is to have the document ready to discuss and vote on at the next UBHPAC meeting.

For any procedural bylaw questions regarding the Executive Committee, contact Eliot Sykes or Lori Cerar

- UBHPAC Membership Committee Update – Eileen Maloney  
Membership data was compiled from membership applications and shared with attendees on screen to follow along. Those joining the meeting remotely by \*NEFSIS were able to view the document on their computer.

**The data was “self reported”.**

**MEMBER ID** was charted by male, female and total as a community partner, provider and peer/family member. *Community partner and peer numbers were even.*

**DISCIPLINE** : Substance Use Disorder & Mental Health –*Prevention* had the least number *with treatment and recovery* being about the same. A larger number was not specified.

**LOCALE**: Frontier, Rural and Urban – The Peer/Family Members were mostly *urban* as were the provider and community partners. There was a small number from rural areas and none from frontier areas of the state.

**RACE/ETHNICITY**: Community Partners, Providers and Peer/Family Members are predominantly *Caucasian* with some Asian, African/American, and other. No Native American or Latinos were identified.

**INTEREST/EXPERTISE**: *Advocacy* is the most important to every peer/family member. Also for that group a high interest is in homelessness, healthcare/wellness, employment, and education.

(The above data is accurate as of June 24).

A goal of the membership committee is to increase membership statewide so there is not just Wasatch front representation. Membership is up to about 26 and our bylaws states it should be at 35 so we have a ways to go.

The Executive Council with Eileen Maloney has drafted a one page introduction to the UBHPAC, which is nearly ready for approval by the council. It includes a link where to find information about the council including the application for council membership.

Several ideas were shared about how to increase council membership as follows:

-Eric Roux would like to see something formal sent to the State Rehabilitation Counselor's and mental health center clubhouses throughout the state, not just an application.

-Vanessa Tuckett will spread the word to Allies with Families to forward to those involved with that group.

-Walt Moore will share the membership information with the Veteran's Advisory Council.

-Susannah Burt said there is a higher ed network she is involved with. She can send the information to them and have them provide the information to their counseling centers for distribution.

-Ginger Phillips has a list of over 100 advocates she can pass the document/information to.

Lori Cerar would especially like to make sure the work is spread to involve more youth age 16-25. As part of this year's monitoring on the family treatment questionnaire, an additional question could be included, on how to increase statewide presence for the council. An explanation of what our council does and how families can be involved would be included.

- National Technical Assistance Updates – Eliot Sykes

While listening to some TA calls, it was learned that some other state's council membership consist of 40 or more people yet some are quite small.

#### 4. Subcommittees for Peer Support Services (subcommittee of advocacy)-Eileen Maloney

- The Executive Committee approved having subcommittees for Peer Support Services and assigned that to the outreach and advocacy subcommittee chaired by Eileen Maloney.

An invitation was made for those on the council to participate/choose which one or more of the subcommittees they would like to work on.

ADVOCASY – Certified Peer Support Specialist- *Mary Jo McMillen*-Chair

Volunteers -Walt Moore, Yvonne Moore, Ginger Philips, Vanessa Tuckett

BUDGET – Block Grant w/DSAMH- *Julie Hardle and Dan Braun* – Chair

Christina Zidow, Eric Roux, Valerie Fritz, Mary Gully

MEMBERSHIP – Application Review and Approval – *Eileen Maloney* – Chair

EXECUTIVE – *Eliot Sykes* – Chair

Already has a subcommittee, however looking for more peer participation

Looked at the CPSS model in Georgia to learn what we can do in Utah to make the program more efficient and effective. What is being done to facilitate change getting peer support out to the rural areas, and getting the information out statewide. The subcommittees will determine what the work is that they will be doing and what needs to be done to facilitate change.

## 5. DSAMH Announcements-brief reports

- Rick Hendy —Block grant updates  
The Block Grant is due in September

Designing of the monitoring plans is taking place.

The Division has hired Janida Emerson, Leanne Huff, and Eric Tadehara. Job assignments will be rearranged among the new staff. A Suicide Prevention Specialist position was added and filled by Kim Myers. After seven years with the Division, Roy Castelli is moving on this week. That position will be filled but the responsibilities will change.

Rick Hendy invited those interested to participate in an upcoming echo webcast on suicide prevention hosted by the Division. It will be held in the Department of Human Services building on Thursday June 27 at 8:00 am room 2026. This is a national webcast.

Lana Stohl announced that she will be leaving DSAMH to accept the invitation to be the Deputy Director of the Department of Human Services. She will fill the position of Marie Chrisman who is retiring.

-Palmer DePaulis, Dept of Human Services Director, just announced he is planning his retirement to take place in a few months. He will stay while a nationwide search takes place to fill the position and transition in.

-There are at least two committees meeting on Health Reform. Their meeting last week talked about Medicaid Expansion. There were individuals there to give public comment. There are 5 workgroups on that committee. The Governor also has a committee on Medicaid Expansion which is chaired by the Lieutenant Governor and that committee has 4 workgroups. As a Division we are working to have representation on each of those. The state is working on the State Innovation Health Grant. The Division has been asked to partner on that. There are 5 workgroups on that committee. These will all determine what Utah's health care system will look like and what the innovation plan will be. Information regarding the legislative committees can be found on the Utah legislative website [www.le.utah.gov](http://www.le.utah.gov)

-There is an Interim Committee meeting scheduled for July 9. Health & Human Services appropriations subcommittee in New Orleans – On a department level we have been asked where are the overlaps in services are and what we are doing to address it. That group will meet again September 12, on early intervention/prevention – Lori said that would be a good time to share Systems of Care information.

Paul Korth will continue to provide budget information to the Council quarterly. The next information will be shared at the August UBHPAC meeting.

## 6. Consumer, Public and Council Member Comments

Eileen had membership applications to distribute and also her business card so those with any questions can call her.

Eileen Maloney made the motion to adjourn, Ginger Philips seconded the motion, and approval was unanimous.

\**NEFSIS* is a way people can connect to the UBHPAC meeting and be involved through the internet on their computer if they can't be in attendance. They can hear what is being said, type a question and receive an answer. They can see the documents which are being discussed on their computer screen.

Next Meeting – July 29, 2013 – MASOB – Room 1020 A&B 195 North 1950 West, SL

*Thank you for your support of the UBHPAC!*

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