

Utah Behavioral Health Planning and Advisory Council

Executive Committee Meeting Minutes

Monday, March 22nd, 2021 11:30 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.

Multi-Agency State Office Building, Division of Substance Abuse & Mental Health
195 N 1950 W, Salt Lake City, UT 84116

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

Planning Council 2021-2022 priorities:

1. Parity
2. Early intervention and prevention
3. Recovery support services
4. Youth in transition
5. Block Grant

Join via Zoom. Link is also in the calendar invite.

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Present: Dan Braun, Nettie Byrne, Javier Alegre, Mary Jo McMillen, Jennifer Marchant, Sigrid Nolte, Pam Bennet, Emily Bennett, Heather Rydalch

Excused: Rob Wesemann, Rachel Bawden

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1. Review: February Executive Committee meeting minutes and March Full Council meeting minutes. No new member applications to review- Sigrid **asked for a motion to approve the February Executive Committee meeting minutes. Mary Jo made the first motion, Javier made a second motion, all were in favor and the minutes were approved. The Committee also reviewed and approved the full meeting minutes from March to be taken to the full council in April for a vote to approve.**
 2. Discuss points from the March Full Council meeting- Sigrid **asked for Parity feedback from the last meeting after Tanji Northrup presented. Dan felt that there are so many intricacies that exist as to whether parity laws apply or not. Sigrid felt it would take legislative measures to be able to enforce parity in Utah. MaryJo pointed out that if more people reported mental health care denials to the Insurance Commission that eventually the issues might be recognized.**
 3. Discuss agenda for next meeting: UHPP will be presenting. May not have time for breakout rooms- **Dan suggested sending our breakout room feedback to Stacy Stanford and Allison Heffernan so they might be able to follow up on points we have been discussing when the present on behalf of UHPP at the next meeting. Nettie will get that out to them this week. Will add REIC and DSAMH updates to the agenda as well.**

Javier brought up the need for more culturally appropriate SUD services for the Latino population and other minorities as an identified barrier. Mary Jo said that we should explore what exists and what more is needed. Sigrid asked if Javier could present on what culturally appropriate SUD services would look like and he responded that he would be willing once he gets some more information together. Nettie mentioned that it may be helpful to compare appropriate models in other states to cover what they are doing to treat SUD in more culturally appropriate ways.

- 4. Other: Any co-chair interest? Javier said he would see if anyone from the REIC subcommittee would be interested. Rob and Sigrid will reach out to people as well.**