

## Draft Minutes of the Thursday, August 19, 2021, meeting

Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS)  
Grants Management Advisory Committee (GMAC)

The Grants Management Advisory Committee (GMAC) held a public meeting on Thursday, August 19, 2021, beginning at 10:00 a.m.

Per Governor Sisolak's Emergency Directive 006, there was no physical location required for this teleconferenced meeting; public comments by teleconference were welcome.

*Agenda and/or Materials:* [http://dhhs.nv.gov/Programs/Grants/Advisory\\_Committees/GMAC/GMAC/](http://dhhs.nv.gov/Programs/Grants/Advisory_Committees/GMAC/GMAC/)

### I. Call to Order

(Welcome, Roll Call, Announcements) Chair, Diane Thorkildson

The meeting was called to order at 10:00 am by Chair Diane Thorkildson. Connie Lucido took roll, and a quorum of the Grants Management Advisory Committee (GMAC) members was confirmed.

#### Members Present

Ali Caliendo  
Amber Bosket  
Amy Kelley  
Diane Thorkildson  
Fernando Serrano  
Fred Schultz  
Leslie Bittleston  
Lisa Genasci  
Shirley Trummell  
Stacy York  
Tom McCoy

#### Members Absent

Shayla Holmes

#### Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS), Grants Management Unit (GMU) staff present:

Candice McDaniel, Deputy Director, DHHS  
Connie Lucido, Chief, GMU, DHHS  
Julieta Mendoza, Social Services Program Specialist, GMU, DHHS  
Katherine Dolan, Management Analyst, GMU, DHHS  
Cyndee Joncas, Administrative Assistant, GMU, DHHS

### II. Public Comment # 1

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Chair Diane Thorkildson invited public comment. There was no public comment.

### **III. Approve April 27, 2021, Meeting Minutes**

(Discussion, Possible Action) Diane Thorkildson

**Action** - Chair Ms. Thorkildson invited a motion to approve the April 27, 2021, meeting minutes. Leslie Bittleston motioned to approve the April 27, 2021, meeting minutes and Fred Serrano seconded the motion. Chair Ms. Thorkildson asked if there was any discussion. There was no discussion and all voted Aye. The motion passed with no discussion, oppositions, or abstentions. The minutes of the April 27, 2021, meeting was approved.

### **IV. Chair Election**

(Discussion, Possible Action) Stacy York, Vice Chair

Vice Chair Stacy York invited nominations for the seat of Chair of the Grants Management Advisory Unit (GMAC).

Diane Thorkildson offered to continue as Chair. Amy Kelly nominated Ms. Thorkildson to continue as Chair. Vice Chair Ms. York asked if there was any discussion. There was no discussion.

**Action** – Amy Kelly motioned to approve Diane Thorkildson to continue as the Chair of the GMAC, Ms. Bittleston seconded. There was no further discussion, ten members voted aye, there were no opposed votes, Ms. Thorkildson abstained, motion passed. Diane Thorkildson will continue as Chair.

### **V. Presentation – Regional Mental Health Coordinators**

(Information) Connie Lucido and Regional Mental Health Coordinators - Dorothy Edwards, Jessica Flood, Dawn Yohey, Teresa Etcheberry, Valerie Cauhape Haskin invited the GMAC to view the handout titled “Regional Behavioral Health Policy Boards” and presented information from that handout.

Ms. Kelly asked what percentage of the homeless population relative to the general population uses the 988 telephone line?

Ms. Edwards replied the 988 telephone line will not be active until July 16, 2022. Per the data of the homeless population who reach out to the crisis response call center the number is not high. Ms. Edwards will forward data to Ms. Kelly as it becomes available. The 988 telephone line will provide immediate services to a person is having a mental health crisis. The 988 telephone line will be paid for by fees on telephone bills at a rate of 35 cents per telephone subscriber.

Tom McCoy asked if there is a typical average travel distance factor to reach a mental health provider such as a psychologist? Mr. McCoy also asked if telehealth services would help?

Ms. Cauhape Haskin replied there are not psychologists in the region she covers. Ms. Cauhape Haskin listed the travel times to the nearest towns and said most persons seeking treatment travel to Las Vegas, Salt Lake City, Utah, or Twin Falls, Idaho. Ms. Cauhape Haskin said telehealth

helps depending on the population. As an example, the elderly population are more comfortable with face-to-face services than any sort of technology.

Ms. Bittleston asked how much of the workforce development issue is a cause of disparities in salaries?

Ms. Cauhape Haskin salary disparity is a factor in retaining serve providers and costs associated with students, such as having a supervisor or taking a pay cut to complete internships. A program to bolster salaries for students completing their clinical licensure requirements would be helpful.

Chair Ms. Thorkildson invited discussion. There was no discussion.

## **VI. Presentation – Office of Suicide Prevention**

(Information) Misty Vaughan Allen

Misty Vaughn Allen invited the GMAC to view the handout titled “Office of Suicide Prevention”.

Ms. Bittleston asked if juveniles are referred to the Harbor for services? Where do juveniles fit into the whole piece. Ms. Bittleston agrees mobile crisis service is an excellent resource but has a concern in that mobile crisis only comes out when people start to show signs of a mental health crisis. The mobile crisis services are not applied when a person is in a full-blown manic state. Ms. Bittleston asked if the goal of expanding mobile crisis services is targeted to persons in a full-blown manic state? Ms. Bittleston is receiving information from community homes that the personnel is not equipped to handle juveniles in crisis.

Ms. Vaughn Allen said she had not mentioned the Harbor in this presentation. Ms. Vaughn Allen said they work closely with the Department of Education, School Districts, and community partners to provide screening and education. Mental health services vary by community. Ms. Vaughn Allen said they are partnering with people to address persons experiencing a crisis such as leaving the hospital and needing recovery support. Mobile crisis services are still in development.

Chair Ms. Thorkildson invited further discussion. There was no further discussion.

## **VII. Presentation – Neighbor Network of Northern Nevada**

(Information) Valerie Lefler and Amy Dewitt-Smith

Valerie Lefler invited the GMAC to view the handout titled “N4 Connect, GMAC Overview” and gave information from the handout.

Chair Ms. Thorkildson invited discussion. There was no discussion.

## **VIII. Other Information Items**

(Discussion, Possible Action) Chair-Elect Chairperson

Connie Lucido asked GMAC members to submit topics for future meetings to her. A new ListServ has been created to send out information specific to the GMAC. An email will be sent to the current ListServ introducing the new ListServ and offering subscription to the new ListServ.

The next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, October 21, 2021, 10:00 to 12:00 pm.

Chair Ms. Thorkildson asked if meetings will continue in the virtual platform.

Ms. Lucido said yes, she has been asked to continue virtual meetings at this time.

Chair Ms. Thorkildson invited discussion, there was no discussion.

**IX. Public Comment #2**

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Chair Ms. Thorkildson invited public comment.

Shirley Trummell expressed appreciation for virtual meetings reducing her travel time.

There was no further public comment.

**X. Announcements and Adjournment.**

(Information, Discussion) Diane Thorkildson

Chair Ms. Thorkildson adjourned the meeting at 11:32 am.

*This notice was mailed to groups and individuals as requested and posted on the DHHS website at:*

*<http://dhhs.nv.gov/Programs/Grants/GMU/> and on the State of Nevada Public Meeting Notice website at <https://notice.nv.gov/>.*

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