



Executive Order 2013-01

**AMENDING THE EXECUTIVE ORDER ESTABLISHING THE
NEVADA STATE MENTAL HEALTH PLANNING AND ADVISORY COUNCIL**

WHEREAS, on March 15, 1989, Governor Miller signed his Executive Order Establishing the Nevada State Mental Health Planning Advisory Council;

WHEREAS, on October 18, 2012, the Mental Health Planning Advisory Council recommended updates to Governor Miller's executive order, including the recognition of behavioral health as a component of the work of the Council;

WHEREAS, behavioral health is a process of change through which adults and children with serious mental illness, severe emotional disturbances, and persons with substance use and co-occurring disorders improve their health and wellness, live a self-directed life, and strive to reach their full potential;

WHEREAS, Nevada citizens with serious mental illness, children with severe emotional disturbances, and people having substance use and co-occurring disorders deserve humane care and treatment in the most appropriate settings;

WHEREAS, effective behavioral health services for all age groups can only be achieved by careful planning;

WHEREAS, planning for behavioral health services should involve mental health and substance use professionals, consumers and family members of consumers in order to fully address individual and community needs; and

WHEREAS, Article 5, Section 1 of the Nevada Constitution provides that, "The Supreme Executive Power of this State shall be vested in a Chief Magistrate who shall be Governor of the State of Nevada."

NOW, THEREFORE, by the authority vested in me as Governor by the Constitution and laws of the State of Nevada, I hereby direct and order as follows:

Executive Order by the Governor Establishing the Nevada State Mental Health Planning Advisory Council is amended as follows:

1. **MISSION**: The Nevada State Mental Health Planning and Advisory Council will hereafter be known as the Behavioral Health Planning and Advisory Council ("Council"). The Council will serve as an advocate for chronically mentally ill individuals, severely emotionally disturbed children and youth, and other individuals with mental illnesses or emotional problems, and persons with substance use and co-occurring disorders.

2. **FUNCTIONS**:

a. The Council shall advise the Division of Mental Health and Developmental Services or its successor Division on development of the state's behavioral health plan.

b. The Council shall monitor, review and evaluate, no less than once each year the allocation and adequacy of behavioral health services within the state.

3. ADMINISTRATION: The Division of Mental Health and Developmental Services or its successor Division will be responsible for ensuring that the Nevada State Behavioral Health Planning and Advisory Council carries out its function in the best interest of persons having mental illness, and persons with substance use and co-occurring disorders in the State of Nevada. The Division of Mental Health and Developmental Services or its successor Division will provide administrative support to the Nevada State Behavioral Health Planning and Advisory Council.

4. APPOINTMENT OF COMMITTEE MEMBERS: The Governor shall appoint twenty-three (23) members of the Nevada State Behavioral Health Planning and Advisory Council.

a. Composition: Council membership will be composed of residents of the state, including representatives of:

i. The principal state agencies with respect to mental health, education, housing, vocational rehabilitation, criminal justice, social services, and substance abuse;

ii. Advise in the development of the Medicaid plan submitted pursuant to Title XIX of the Social Security Act;

iii. Public and private entities concerned with the need, planning, operation, funding, providing, and use of mental health, substance use and co-occurring disorder services, and related support services;

iv. Chronically mentally ill individuals who are receiving (or have received) mental health services;

v. Persons with substance use and co-occurring disorders who are receiving (or have received) services; and

vi. The families of such individuals.

vii. Not less than 50 percent of the members of the Council will be individuals who are not state employees or providers of behavioral health services.

b. Reimbursement: Members shall be reimbursed for travel and per diem costs, in accordance with state regulations, when attending regularly scheduled meetings of the Nevada State Behavioral Health Planning and Advisory Council.

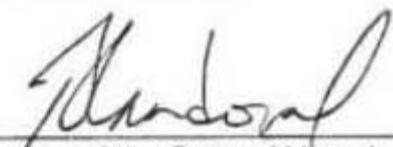
c. Frequency of Meetings: The Nevada State Behavioral Health Planning and Advisory Council shall meet at least annually.

5. SOURCES OF FUNDS: Joint Mental Health and Substance Abuse Federal Block Grant.

In all other respects, the Executive Order establishing the Council remains unchanged.

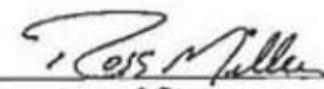
IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of Nevada to be affixed at the State Capitol in Carson City this 17th day of January in the year of our Lord, Two Thousand and Thirteen.





Governor of the State of Nevada

By the Governor:



Secretary of State



Deputy Secretary of State