



## **Mineral County Behavioral Health Task Force (MCBHTF) Notes**

**Location: EOC Training Room, 205 S A Street, Hawthorne, NV 89415**

**Tuesday, November 14, 2023 (11:30am- 1:00pm)**

Fifteen people met to discuss Work Group Report Outs leading to Priorities and Direction. Brooke Sterns gave a report on the Youth and Families Group. The full notes can be found in attached documents. The synopsis of the discussion centered around utilizing developmental assets and communicating between and among agencies and individuals working with youth and families. The workgroup decided to take an assessment of existing work and programs and try to enhance the process and system before tackling any new or major initiatives not already underway or started. Tobacco and vaping continue to be serious areas of concern along with reinforcing the culture to be supportive, consistent, as well as holding youth and families accountable in the best ways.

The group heard from Boys and Girls Club and their SEL and other programs with elementary age youth in addition to discussing programs that 4H and Community Chest are doing in the schools and community. There was also talk of checking into tobacco prevention, vaping, and other funding by the health district. Changing the culture and focusing on violence prevention, conflict resolution, addressing gang-like culture, and parenting support. NAMI Western Nevada has text and online chat support along with the warmlines for youth and adults as well as other programming like Ending the Silence and peer support to provide for youth, parents, and teachers. We also addressed supporting youth activities, coaches and volunteers, and parents in being more intentional, appropriate, and aligned in those programs.

The whole group then focused on the Adults and Seniors Work by discussing transportation, community support, services, and groups. Other discussion around adults and seniors centered around working with the justice and behavioral health system on assessments and evaluations, being aware of community agencies, resources, and services and serving individuals by matching them with the right services according to where they are and what their needs are. The DA and rural clinics have been working to streamline the process and to provide more continuity and communication in the process. The group also discussed the need to find placement, residential services and community programs for adults and seniors with mental health, substance misuse, developmental disabilities, and aging. Deflection and diversion were also discussed along with the VCC, virtual community response around the Avel Tablet process for crisis telehealth support that is in the process of being approved by the state for Mineral County. There will be no meeting in December for the main BH Task Group.