

# Clark Regional Behavioral Health Policy Board

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# POLICY BOARD PRIORITIES(NRS 433.429)

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1. Mental Health: Oversight Agency and Workforce Development Issues
2. Dedicated Funding for Crisis Services
3. Residential Treatment Services for Youth
4. Increasing Collaboration on the Spectrum of Substance Misuse and its Relation to Mental Health
5. Identify wrap-around services for individuals experiencing homelessness and mental health crisis.

## **Recovery and Recovery Support**

**Health**—overcoming or managing one’s disease(s) or symptoms and making informed, healthy choices that support physical and emotional well-being

**Home**—having a stable and safe place to live

**Purpose**—conducting meaningful daily activities and having the independence, income, and resources to participate in society

**Community**—having relationships and social networks that provide support, friendship, love, and hope

# Regional Challenges

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- Clark County: second largest percentage of population with severe depression and frequent suicidal ideation among the large counties in the United States. (Mental Health America, 2021)
- Las Vegas 20.6 substance abuse, behavioral disorder and mental health counselors per 100,000 people 4.3 times less than national average of 88.7 (HRSA, 2021)
- Clark County: severe shortage of child and adolescent psychiatrists (CAPs), 21 psychiatrists per 100,000 children aged 0-17.
  - An “mostly sufficient supply” is estimated at 47 per 100,000.
- Clark County Detention Center (CCDC): largest mental health provider in Clark County by patient volume.
  - 25% to 30% of the 70,000-inmate population processed each year has mental health needs

# Legislative Priorities

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Support Legislation that impacts Behavioral Health

- Letters of Support/Testimony/Intra Regional Legislative support/education

## **2023 Clark Regional Behavioral Health Policy Board Proposed BDR Concept:**

Exploring a system to build sustainable:

Supportive housing and supportive housing services that will improve the lives of individuals experiencing homelessness or near homelessness due to behavioral health challenges.

- Identify funding stream to support services
- Affordable housing options
- Provide various levels of support to keep individuals successfully housed