

Assembly Bill 37 (2023): Implementation of the Behavioral Health Workforce Development Center

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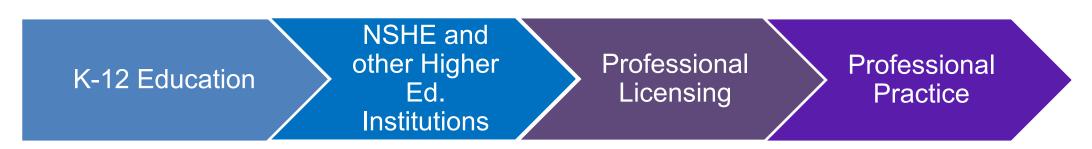
Rural Regional Behavioral Health Policy Board Nevada System of Higher Education & Board of Regents

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- AB 37: "Authorizes the establishment of the Behavioral Health Workforce Development Center of Nevada"
- Build out a robust pipeline for behavioral health providers in Nevada
- Based on successful models from Nebraska and Illinois
- Fiscal note from NSHE = \$2 Million for current biennium (FY 23-24 & FY 24-25)





Summary of AB 37

RECRUIT

Outreach and education about behavioral health professions to K-12, adult learners, undergraduates; connect to education pathways

EDUCATE

Expand higher education behavioral health training; clear pathways

RETAIN

Strengthen bridge between graduation and Nevada licensure; supervision support Provide technical assistance on the "business" of practicing in Nevada



"Hub-and-Spoke" Infrastructure

 Main administrative "hub" within University of Nevada Institutions

 Spokes to regional "hubs" in each Behavioral Health Region through other NSHE institutions



Implementation

Fall 2023

- UNLV submitted proposal to the Nevada System of Higher Education (NSHE) Board of Regents to create the center:
 <u>Be</u>havioral <u>H</u>ealth <u>E</u>ducation, <u>R</u>etention, and <u>E</u>xpansion
 Network of Nevada (BeHERE NV)
- Approved at the September 2023 BOR meeting; effective October 1, 2023
- February 2024: Silver State Health Improvement Plan 2023-2028
 Access to Health Care Goal 2; Objective 2.1
 "Establish the Behavioral Health Workforce Development Center..."



January - Present

- ✓ Hiring and onboarding personnel:
 - o 5 Full-time staff; 1 Graduate Assistant
 - Northern and Southern Nevada
- ✓ Develop outreach and marketing
 - Social media presence; monthly newsletter; website
- √ Follow-up presentations and meetings
- ✓ Meeting with NSHE institutions
 - o GBC; TMCC; WNC; CSN; NSU; UNLV; UNR
 - Academic programs; pre-college programs



K-12 Outreach

- 5 High School Career Fairs = Fernley, Yerington,
 Dayton, and Silver Stage; over 200 students
- Pre-Professional Health Summit through High Sierra Area Health Education Center (AHEC)
- Workshops through UNR Upward Bound Office and High School Health and Human Services Career and Technical Education (CTE) Programs



What's next?

- Continued outreach to K-12
- Collaborating with NSHE mental and behavioral health programs
- Data! Data! Data!
- Explore grant opportunities
- First legislative report in June 2024
- FY 24-25:
- √ Focus on retention
- Advisory consortium
- ✓ Business technical assistance
- ✓ Continued funding



Opportunities

- Expand career awareness at multiple education levels
- Acknowledge social determinants of education
- Scholarships
- Grow higher education training
- Data collection



Policy Considerations

"We are training psychology students to leave our state."

- SB 300: Appropriation to fund grants to increase accredited preand post-doctoral training placements
- SB 267: Expand reimbursement for services provided by psychology trainees beyond Medicaid to "certain public and private policies of insurance..."
- AB 69: Expands state loan repayment program to certain providers of behavioral health care



Questions?

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