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Informational Statement per NRS 233B.066

1. AB 181 (2021) codified at NRS 441A.120 directs the Board of Health to adopt regulations governing the procedures for reporting cases or suspected cases of attempted suicide to the Chief Medical Officer or his or her designee including the time within which such reports must be made and the information that such reports must include. The regulation defines “attempted suicide” for the purpose of reporting attempted suicide; specifies health care providers required to report a case of attempted suicide and the information and procedures for submitting reports.

2. Public comment was solicited at a public workshop conducted virtually and by telephone by the Bureau of Behavioral Health Wellness and Prevention on January 9, 2023 and by email notification to interested parties using the SATPA listserv. In addition, public comment was solicited by the Board of Health at a hearing to adopt the proposed regulation held on January 20, 2023. Public comment in favor of the proposed regulation was offered at the Board of Health public hearing by a member of the Nevada Psychiatric Association and no opposition expressed.

A copy of this summary can be obtained from Autumn Blattman, regulatory coordinator, Division of Public and Behavioral Health by emailing a.blattman@health.nv.gov.

3. Twenty-six people including DPBH staff attended the combined virtual public workshop held on January 9, 2023 for this and two other proposed regulations. Seventy-six people including DPBH staff were in virtual attendance at the Board of Health public hearing at which this and two other proposed Bureau regulations were presented:

- Autumn Blattman, Executive Assistant, Division of Public and Behavioral Health
- Dorothy Edwards, Washoe Regional Behavioral Health Policy Board
- Misty Vaughan Allen, Statewide Suicide Prevention Coordinator, Division of Public and Behavioral Health
- Shannon Bennett, Health Bureau Chief, Division of Public and Behavioral Health
- Frederick Pilot, Behavioral Health Policy Coordinator, Division of Public and Behavioral Health

- Stephanie Cook, SAPTA Treatment Manager, Division of Public and Behavioral Health
- Stephanie Herrera, Program Officer III, Division of Public and Behavioral Health
- Dr. Tedd McDonald, County Health Officer, Central Nevada Health District
- Mark E Disselkoen, University of Nevada, Reno
- J Malikowski
- Mary McVicker
- Shannon Litz, Public Information Officer, Department of Health and Human Services, Director's Office
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- Tom Smith, State Board of Health Member
- Bobbie Sullivan, Emergency Medical Services Manager, Division of Public and Behavioral Health
- Sandy Stamates, Washoe Regional Behavioral Health Policy Board
- Sabrina Brasuell
- Jacqui Ragin
- Kelly Marschall, President, Social Entrepreneurs, Inc.
- Judith Bittner, State Board of Health Member
- Shana Rinehart, Management Analyst I, Contractor, Division of Public and Behavioral Health
- Jon Pennell, State Board of Health Member
- Ben Byrd, Outside Counsel, Charter Communications
- Lyndsey Tsiopos, Marriage and Family Therapist
- Abigail Bailey, Social Services Program Specialist II, Division of Public and Behavioral Health
- Trudy Larson, State Board of Health Member
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- Janice Hadlock-Burnett, Health Bureau Chief, Division of Public and Behavioral Health
- Ankita Makhani
- Lori Baumann, Clark County School District
- Cody Phinney, Deputy Administrator, Division of Public and Behavioral Health
- Tiana Jones, Health Program Specialist II, Division of Public and Behavioral Health
- Gerard Keegan, CTIA
- Brooke Maylath, Health Facilities Inspector, Division of Public and Behavioral Health
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- Alyson McCormick, City of Sparks
- Misty Grimmer, Vice President of Public Affairs, The Ferraro Group
- Lisa Sherych, Administrator, Division of Public and Behavioral Health
- Pierron Tackes, Deputy Attorney General, Attorney General's Office
- Shelly Polanco, Vibrant
- Jake
- Teresa Hayes, Health Program Manager III, Division of Public and Behavioral Health
- Helen Foley
- Kayla Villegas, Administrative Assistant III, Division of Public and Behavioral Health
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- AJ Holly Huth, Youth Services Manager, The LGBTQ+ Community Center of Southern Nevada
- J'Amie Webster-Frederick, Health Program Specialist II, Division of Public and Behavioral Health
- Fermin Leguen, District Health Officer, Southern Nevada Health District
- Andre Wade
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- Michael Frye, Senior Systems Director, Signature Healthcare Services
- Elyse Monroy-Marsala, Public Health Diversity Advisor, University of Nevada, Reno
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- Linda Anderson, Public Health Policy Analyst, Nevada Public Health Foundation
- Julia Ratti, Washoe Regional Behavioral Health Board
- Leah- Desert Parkway
- (323) 869-9069
- Amanda Brock, Community and Marketing Manager, Quest Counseling
- Barry Cole, Nevada Psychiatric Association
- Allison Genco, Public Health Resource Officer, Governor’s Office
- Mark DiNuzio, CCI Southwest
- Keibi Mejia
- Lea Case, Nevada Psychiatric Association
- Donna Laffery, Ferrari Reeder Public Affairs
- Vanness Dunn, Outreach Coordinator, Nevada Literacy Council
- LL Papert, Silver State Equality
- Lana Robards, Board Member, Northern Nevada Regional Behavioral Health Policy Board
- Erin Walker, Project AWARE Manager, Nevada State Public Charter Schools Authority
- Joseph Fillippi, Jr., Nevada Rural Hospital Partners
- Tiffany Smink, Charter Communications
- Jack Mayes, Executive Director, Nevada Disability Advocacy and Law Center
- Camalot Tood, Writer/Reporter, Nevada Current
- Scott Phillips

4. Pursuant to NRS 233B.0608 (2)(a), the Division of Public and Behavioral Health requested input from health care providers including the Nevada Rural Hospitals Partners and the Nevada Hospital Association. A Small Business Impact Questionnaire was disseminated through the SAPTA Listserv, the Substance Abuse Block Grant Agencies, the SAPTA Advisory Board, the BHPAC, and the HCQC Listserv. It was posted on the SAPTA website as well along with a copy of the proposed regulation changes, on August 1, 2022. One (1) response was received out of 827 small business impact questionnaires distributed indicating no beneficial or adverse small business impact.

Summary of Response

Summary of Comments Received			
(There were { 1 } responses received out of {827} small business impact questionnaires distributed)			
(Q#1) Will a specific regulation have an adverse economic effect upon your business?	(Q#2) Will the regulation(s) have any beneficial effect upon your business?	(Q#3) Do you anticipate any indirect adverse effects upon your business?	(Q#4) Do you anticipate any indirect beneficial effects upon your business?
{ 0 } “Yes” Responses	{ 0 } “Yes” Responses	{ 0 } “Yes” Responses	{ 0 } “Yes” Responses
{ 1 } “No” Responses	{ 1 } “No” Responses	{ 1 } “No” Responses	{ 1 } “No” Responses

Comments (Q#1):

Comments (Q#2):

Comments (Q#3):

Comments (Q#4):

5. The regulation was adopted without change by the Board of Health on January 20, 2023

6. Anticipated effects on the business which NAC 441A regulates:

- A. *Adverse effects:* None identified.
- B. *Beneficial:* None identified.
- C. *Immediate:* None identified.
- D. *Long-term:* None identified.

Anticipated effects on the public:

- A. *Adverse:* None identified.
- B. *Beneficial:* This regulation will provide the Division of Public and Behavioral Health with more complete data on suicidality by including suicide attempts to better inform behavioral health program policy to benefit Nevadans experiencing behavioral health crisis and potentially reduce Nevada's relatively high suicide rate compared to other states.
- C. *Immediate:* This regulation will have no immediate public effects.
- D. *Long-term:* Over the long term the data on suicide attempts collected in accordance with this regulation is expected to produce the previously described public benefit.

7. The estimated cost to the Division of Public and Behavioral Health for enforcement of the proposed regulations is minor and absorbable within existing Division resources.

8. The proposed regulations do not overlap or duplicate any other Nevada state or federal regulations.

9. The regulation does not include provisions which are more stringent than a federal regulation which regulates the same activity, a summary of such provisions.

10. The regulation does not establish a new fee or increase an existing fee.