



**MINUTES**  
**SOUTHERN NEVADA HEALTH DISTRICT**  
**Southern Nevada HIV Prevention Planning Group**  
**January 18, 2019 1:00-3:00PM**

**VOTING MEMBERS PRESENT**

Cheryl Radeloff, Southern Nevada Health District	Todd Dickey, The Center
Preston Tang, Division of Public & Behavioral Health, State of Nevada	Robert Thurmond, Planned Parenthood
Rosita Castillo, Planned Parenthood	Christopher Reynolds, Community Member
April Jackson, Community Member	Lyell Collins, Division of Public & Behavioral Health, State of Nevada
Cassandra Martinez, Community Counseling Center	

**NON-VOTING MEMBERS & GUESTS PRESENT**

Joyce Castro, Southern Nevada Health District

**VISITORS/PUBLIC ATTENDANCE**

Vince Collins, The Center	Tiana Jones, Planned Parenthood
Connie Shearer, The Center	Kashona Carew, Southern Nevada Health District
Chelsi Cheatom, TracB Exchange	Channing Carney-Filmore, The Center
Tony Garcia, Division of Public & Behavioral Health, State of Nevada	Leana Ramirez, Avella Specialty Pharmacy
Christina Parreira, TracB Exchange	

**I. CALL TO ORDER - NOTICE OF POSTING OF AGENDA**

Chair Cheryl Radeloff called the Southern Nevada HIV Prevention Planning Group meeting to order at 1:00 p.m. The Affidavit of Posting, Mailing of Agenda, and Public Notice of the Meeting Agenda were executed in accordance with the Nevada Open Meeting Law.

**II. PUBLIC COMMENT**

Public comment is a period devoted to comments by the general public on items appearing on the Agenda. All comments are limited to five (5) minutes. Chair C. Radeloff asked if anyone wished to address the group pertaining to items appearing on the Agenda. Seeing no one, she closed the Public Comment portion of the meeting.

**III. ADOPTION OF THE January 18, 2019 AGENDA (for possible action)**

*A motion was made by Chair C. Radeloff, seconded by member Chris Reynolds and was unanimously carried to adopt the January 18, 2019 agenda as presented.*

**IV. CONSENT AGENDA**

Items for action to be considered by the Southern Nevada HIV Prevention Planning Group which may be enacted by one motion. Any item may be discussed separately per group member request before action. Any exceptions to the Consent Agenda must be stated prior to approval.

**V. REPORT/DISCUSSION/POSSIBLE ACTION**

The Southern Nevada HIV Prevention Planning Group may take any necessary action for any item under this section. Members of the public are allowed to speak on action items after the group's discussion and prior to their vote. Once the action item is closed, no additional public comment will be accepted.

**A. APPROVE MINUTES/SOUTHERN NEVADA HIV PREVENTION PLANNING GROUP**

**MEETING:** October 12, 2018

*A motion was made by Lyell Collins to approve minutes, seconded by member Chris Reynolds and carried unanimously to approve the Consent Agenda as presented.*

**B. VOTING OF NEW MEMBERS FOR SOUTHERN NEVADA HIV PREVENTION PLANNING GROUP:**

*A motion was made by Lyell Collins to accept the application of Connie Shearer. This was seconded by Chris Reynolds. Voting members unanimously voted to accept Connie Shearer as a new voting member.*

**VI. INFORMATIONAL ITEMS/DISCUSSION ONLY**

**A. Discussion about recruitment & retention for members that meet grid**

Chair C. Radeloff stated that we have a new person applying for membership which is Connie Shearer.

Connie Shearer explained her interest in HIV prevention and desire to join the group.

Chair C. Radeloff discussed the need to recruit and retain members of all aspects of the grid, especially youth.

**B. Orientation for current members**

Chair C. Radeloff provided an orientation for current members to provide information about the Southern Nevada HIV Prevention Planning Group, the group's guiding documents, as well as the goals and guiding principles of the Southern Nevada HIV Prevention Planning Group.

Lyell Collins stated that new data for HIV rates shows little change.

Chair C. Radeloff stated that the needs assessment for Southern Nevada will be completed by the University of Nevada, Reno.

Lyell Collins stated that the University of Nevada, Reno completes monitoring and evaluation.

L. Collins states that the Southern Nevada HIV Prevention Planning Group will provide a letter of concurrence or non-concurrence.

Chair C. Radeloff stated the priority populations for Southern Nevada including men who have sex with men (MSM), youth and young adults, HIV-positive individuals, and substance users.

L. Collins stated that the first objective of the Nevada HIV Integrated Prevention and Care Plan pertains to HIV Prevention.

L. Collins stated that 85 percent of individuals are aware of their status and the performance indicator that Southern Nevada struggles with is linking individuals to care within 30 days.

Rosita Castillo states the need for media attention on Spanish radio because the message given provides antiquated information.

Chair C. Radeloff suggested we would want to seek someone who works in media that could become a voting member of Southern Nevada HIV Prevention Planning Group.

Lyell Collins stated the barrier to getting newly diagnosed patients to their first doctor's appointment and receiving their first prescription for treatment.

Chris Reynolds stated that receiving medication is not the central issue, but rather accessing a provider to continue to be in care.

**C. Discussion of recruitment for listening sessions**

Chair Cheryl Radeloff stated that there are several questions for listening sessions that have been developed for the Southern Nevada HIV Prevention Planning Group to ask priority populations so that information can be gathered on barriers to accessing testing and other HIV prevention services.

**D. Update of E-learning and the HIV Rapid Testing, Counseling, Safety and Certificate Program**

Chair Cheryl Radeloff stated that a beta, hybrid version of the HIV Rapid Testing, Counseling, Safety, and Certificate Program was completed in January.

Chair Cheryl Radeloff discussed changes to i-circle and HIV testing forms that were made incorporating new questions that are required for HIV surveillance data.

**E. Discussion regarding modernization of HIV laws**

Connie Shearer stated that discussions are being had about messaging of modernization of HIV laws as well as how to educate the public on the issue.

**F. Discussion on condom survey**

Chair Cheryl Radeloff stated that another condom survey needs to occur this year.

Lyell Collins stated that the purpose of the condom survey is to gather information about preferences people have when using condoms.

**G. Update on status of evaluation of Nevada Integrated HIV Prevention and Care Plan 2017-2021**

Chair Cheryl Radeloff stated that there is an HIV Prevention and Ryan White Care summit that is taking place and training was occurring on reporting progress to the plan.

**H. Discussion of efforts to educate and encourage HIV testing and prevention efforts in Southern Nevada**

Lyell Collins stated that the state funds condoms to local health departments, so if community-based organizations need condoms, they should be directed to their local health department.

Chair Cheryl Radeloff stated TracB Exchange offers HIV testing and Hepatitis C testing, Huntridge, Community Counseling Center, the Center, and AFAN offer HIV testing.

Robert Thurmond stated that Planned Parenthood will be offering no cost HIV testing at the Desert Inn location, but other locations will be able to offer referrals.

Chair Cheryl Radeloff stated that the Southern Nevada Health District, Washoe County Health Department, the Nevada Division of Public and Behavioral Health were all trained on academic detailing in December to train physicians and providers on public health issues such as PrEP and syphilis.

Lyell Collins discussed a survey that the Nevada Division of Public and Behavioral Health is completing to determine which providers are offering PrEP.

Chair Cheryl Radeloff stated the Southern Nevada Health District will be offering a video to providers on how to take a sexual history.

Chair Cheryl Radeloff discussed the idea of legislation that would required physicians to offer HIV testing to reduce the stigma around HIV testing.

Robert Thurmond discussed the beginning of focus groups that will be taking place through Planned Parenthood.

## **I. Updates**

Chris Reynolds stated that Southern Nevada HIV Awareness Consortium will be having their first meeting of 2019 on January 25, 2019.

Cassandra Martinez discussed the group “Somos” that is a Latinx, social group that includes HIV prevention and is inclusive to the LGBTQ+ community.

Cassandra Martinez stated there is a meeting on Friday where individuals do not necessarily disclose their HIV status, but there is also a meeting on Mondays for people living with HIV.

April Jackson asked a question relating to whether hospitals in the Las Vegas Valley are providing HIV and STI testing.

Chair Cheryl Radeloff stated there is no new information about testing policies of hospitals in the Las Vegas Valley.

Chris Reynolds stated UMC has a new initiative of having HIV testing be included for everyone unless they opt-out of the HIV testing in their bloodwork.

Chris Reynolds stated that similar HIV testing initiatives are being looked at for Sunrise Hospital and North Vista Hospital.

Lyell Collins asked if people are being given HIV tests in addition to other medical concerns they may be having.

Chris Reynolds explained that the HIV tests are being given when other bloodwork is completed, but is not sure if HIV tests are given without another medical concern.

Chair Todd Dickey stated that people are not receiving their HIV test results when asking for them in hospitals.

Cheryl Radeloff stated that she will follow up about this issue with Marlo Tonge.

April Jackson stated she will send information about an upcoming event.

Chelsi Cheatom stated TracB Exchange received a grant to ship any harm-reduction supplies to any address in Nevada.

Tiana Jones stated that National Black HIV/AIDS Awareness Day will be taking place on February 9<sup>th</sup> at Lorenzi park from 12-4PM including food, raffles, education, and testing.

Planned Parenthood in March will be doing a homeless outreach and they will be increasing outreach to homeless shelters including HIV, STI, and family planning services.

Tiana Jones stated Planned Parenthood will also be doing an outreach event at Gameworks in May for Teen Pregnancy Prevention month.

Chair Cheryl Radeloff stated that Southern Nevada Health District just had undergone accreditation and an appointment is the best route for the Sexual Health Clinic.

Chair Cheryl Radeloff stated that Southern Nevada Health District is offering PrEP navigation services.

Chelsi Cheatom stated there is a Southern Nevada Harm-Reduction Alliance Meeting January 24<sup>th</sup> from 12:30-2:00PM.

Robert Thurmond stated the youth and homeless count will be coming up soon.

Connie Shearer stated that the Women’s fest will be held March 22<sup>nd</sup> and 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2019 at the Center.

Connie Shearer stated that the Center provides hygiene kits and showers every Friday.

Christina Parreira asked if the needle exchange vending machine was currently in use.

Chair Todd Dickey stated that the needle exchange vending machine was not yet in use.

## **VII. PUBLIC COMMENT:**

A period devoted to comments by the general public, if any, and discussions of those comments, about matters relevant to the group’s jurisdiction will be held. No action may be taken upon a matter raised under this item of this Agenda until this matter itself has been specifically included on an agenda as an item upon which action may be taken pursuant to NRS 241.020. Comments are limited to five (5) minutes per speaker.

**VIII. ADJOURNMENT:**

Chair C. Radeloff asks for a motion to adjourn.

Member Lyell Collins motioned to adjourn, and Chris Reynolds seconded the motion. The meeting was adjourned at 2:48PM.