



MINUTES
SOUTHERN NEVADA HEALTH DISTRICT
Southern Nevada HIV Prevention Planning Group
March 29, 2019 1:00-3:00PM

VOTING MEMBERS PRESENT

Cheryl Radeloff, Southern Nevada Health District	Christopher Reynolds, Community Member
Preston Tang, Division of Public & Behavioral Health, State of Nevada	Lyell Collins, Division of Public & Behavioral Health, State of Nevada
Todd Dickey, The Center	Connie Shearer, The Center
Robert Thurmond, Planned Parenthood	

NON-VOTING MEMBERS & GUESTS PRESENT

VOTING MEMBERS ABSENT

Cassandra Martinez, Community Counseling Center	Xavier Foster, Southern Nevada Health District
April Jackson, Community Member	

VISITORS/PUBLIC ATTENDANCE

Russell Argenal, UNLV	Kandace Hunt, AIDS Healthcare Foundation
Tiana Jones, Planned Parenthood	Christopher Mejia, AIDS Healthcare Foundation
Kashona Carew, Southern Nevada Health District	Erick De La Torre, AIDS Healthcare Foundation
Yoshi Castro, The Center	Channing Carney-Filmore, The Center
Michele Shingu, Southern Nevada Health District	

I. CALL TO ORDER - NOTICE OF POSTING OF AGENDA

Chair Cheryl Radeloff called the Southern Nevada HIV Prevention Planning Group meeting to order at 1:10 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 AGENDA** (for possible action)

A motion was made by Lyell Collins, seconded by Chair Chris Reynolds and was unanimously carried to adopt the March 29th, 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: January 19, 2019

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

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

C. **NOMINATION FOR COMMUNITY CO-CHAIR ELECT:**

Robert Thurmond discussed his background and work experience in HIV prevention and HIV prevention specifically in youth with many organizations including Planned Parenthood and in many states.

Robert Thurmond nominates Robert Thurmond for the position of Community Co-Chair Elect.

D. **VOTE FOR COMMUNITY CO-CHAIR ELECT:**

Chair Cheryl Radeloff states that the election for Community Co-Chair Elect will be tabled until the next meeting.

VI. **INFORMATIONAL ITEMS/DISCUSSION ONLY**

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

Chair Cheryl Radeloff stated many new people are interested in joining the SoN HPPG from different areas of the grid.

Chair Cheryl Radeloff stated that there is a need for recruitment from youth.

Chair Cheryl Radeloff discussed her intentions to recruit from the field of transportation.

Chair Cheryl Radeloff stated that Leana Ramirez from Avella Pharmacy has expressed interest in joining the group.

Chair Cheryl Radeloff stated that she will reach out to the business Adam & Eve.

B. Update about listening sessions

Chair Cheryl Radeloff stated that part of the Nevada Integrated HIV Prevention and Care Plan 2017-2021 requires SoN HPPG to complete listening sessions from priority populations and that cards have been

made in an effort to recruit individuals from these priority populations which include men who have sex with men, people who use substances, youth, and people living with HIV.

Preston Tang asked about the schedule of the listening sessions.

Chair Cheryl Radeloff states that there is currently no schedule but will be made with individuals who express interest.

Kashona Carew indicated the idea of using incentives to bring people to participate.

Chair Cheryl Radeloff stated that the Southern Nevada Health District would attempt to find gift cards or other incentives to recruit people to participate in listening sessions.

Chair Cheryl Radeloff stated listening sessions would be completed by Cheryl Radeloff and Robert Nagele.

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

Chair Cheryl Radeloff stated that there will be a training April 23rd-April 25th, 2019 which is full and then other trainings in July, October, and potentially other dates in early December.

Chair Cheryl Radeloff stated that individuals interested in the course can contact Joyce Castro to sign-up.

D. Update on policy regarding provider opt-out for HIV testing

Chair Cheryl Radeloff stated that current law states that individuals must request an HIV test in order to receive one; however, the proposed change to the state law would be that patients are offered an HIV test by providers unless they request to not have an HIV test.

Lyell Collins stated that the proposed change would be that any person seeking medical services by a provider would be offered an HIV test.

Chris Reynolds stated that UMC previously only tested individuals that disclosed a high-risk activity for HIV transmission and then now have changed to implementing opt-out testing where all individuals are offered HIV tests.

Todd Dickey stated that he has sent clients to UMC for testing and that individuals have not receive HIV testing.

Lyell Collins suggested amending current laws related to HIV testing rather than creating a new piece of legislation.

Chair Cheryl Radeloff stated that a proclamation to the State Board of Health would potentially create awareness.

Robert Thurmond asked about language of the proposed bill and whether or not clients can refuse to receive information from the results of an HIV test.

Lyell Collins stated there is nothing indicated in the legislation about refusal of HIV test results.

Michele Shingu stated it is similar to the results of a rapid test because once it has started, results will be delivered.

Robert Thurmond stated that certain individuals may not be mentally prepared to receive results and that it may be a consideration of opt-out testing.

Chris Reynolds suggested that people that have been sent to UMC in need of HIV testing may have been turned away because policies implemented hospital-wide by administration may not have effectively reached all hospital employees.

Chair Cheryl Radeloff stated there is an advisory committee to UMC Wellness and that these concerns should be addressed to that advisory committee.

E. Discussion regarding modernization of HIV laws

Connie Shearer stated that Senator Parks submitted a SB284 which states to develop a task force on HIV exposure and modernization.

Connie Shearer stated changes are being requested to the BDR that includes striking criminalization and using the term modernization and the task force will include fifteen members, two being from Health and Human Services from the North and South and the majority including individuals living with HIV.

Lyell Collins asked if the governor will name the task force or specifically would name the task force.

Connie Shearer stated the governor will do this and individuals interested should send a letter to the governor or Senator Parks.

Connie Shearer stated last month a coalition was created and will be voted on prior to the month of June 2019.

Chair Cheryl Radeloff states that if passed, the creation of the task force would happen, and the letter would go to the governor after that.

Connie Shearer stated the task force is decide how to update and modernize HIV specific laws that Nevada has.

Chris Reynolds stated that three cases in Nevada of intentional transmission charged but there are more cases prosecuted as an added component with HIV pertaining to sex work including more than 30 women in the prison due to soliciting sex work while being HIV-positive.

Chris Reynolds stated under the task force they are able to incorporate universal testing and other aspects of HIV law as part of modernization.

Chris Reynolds stated two legislative appointees on the task force.

Lyell Collins asked if law enforcement will belong to the task force.

Chris Reynolds stated that the people pertaining to the task force must be living with HIV, people affected by HIV, people in occupations, organizations, or communities that are more broadly affected by HIV, as well as individuals that have more expertise working in the field of HIV.

Connie Shearer stated Toni from The Center would attempt create a meeting with the district attorney and the Las Vegas Metropolitan Police Department to educate these departments about prosecuting and charging individuals.

Chair Cheryl Radeloff stated to contact Connie Shearer if you would like more information regarding this issue.

Preston Tang asked about specifics of which individuals are being included in the task force.

Chris Reynolds stated Department of Health and Human Services shall provide the task force with such staff as is necessary to carry out its duties.

Chris Reynolds stated the legislative positions will come from nominations from the speaker of the assembly and the majority leader of the senate.

Michele Shingu asked if policies for men who have sex with men and blood donation will be changed.

Lyell Collins stated that if an individual who identifies as MSM has not been sexually active for a year then they are able to donate blood.

Chair Cheryl Radeloff stated individuals wanting more information should contact Connie Shearer.

F. Update on condom survey

Chair Cheryl Radeloff stated that an intern may be acquired to assist in the formation of a survey and we would like feedback from the group on the condom survey in the future.

Lyell Collins stated that we will follow up on the data from the original survey.

Chair Cheryl Radeloff stated that next meeting we will discuss the results of the previous condom survey.

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

Lyell Collins stated the UNR is compiling the data from subgrantees on goals and objectives of the plan.

Lyell Collins stated that he will send the information from UNR when it is completed.

Chair Cheryl Radeloff stated that SoN HPPG will send out the Nevada Integrated HIV Prevention and Care Plan 2017-2021 to the group members and a summarized version if available.

H. Update on bylaws

Chair Cheryl Radeloff will set up a meeting with the state to update bylaws and has been coordinating with the Northern Nevada HIV Prevention Planning Group to ensure commonalities between the two.

I. Upcoming trainings

Chris Reynolds stated there are no harm-reduction or overdose prevention trainings coming up; however, May 17 will be POINTS which stands for Prevention Options Insurance Needs and Treatment Support Event at The Center and the documentary "Written Off" will be shown at that event.

Chris Reynolds stated May is Hepatitis Awareness Month and there will be a Hepatitis Program May 7th or May 9th with the Southern Nevada Harm Reduction Alliance, but the date must be confirmed.

Chair Cheryl Radeloff stated that there is an event Getting to Zero and Cheryl will distribute the information about the event for those who would like to be involved.

Lyell Collins stated that there will be an online training provided by the HIV/STD Training Center.

Chair Cheryl Radeloff stated she will obtain the email from UNR and AHAC.

J. Updates

Chair Todd Dickey stated that The Center has a needle exchange vending machine, but there are issues with client use inside The Center.

Michele Shingu advised the use of signage to state that substance use is not permitted at The Center.

Channing Carney-Filmore stated that The Center has the Condom Couture Fashion Show on April 26, 2019.

Todd Dickey stated there is a Latin Social Group called "SOMOS" at The Center the night of March 29th, 2019 at The Center.

Chair Cheryl Radeloff stated there is the "Celebration of Life" event for Jim Foley on April 6th, 2019.

Chris Reynolds stated April is STD Awareness Month, includes National Youth HIV Awareness Day and Trans HIV Testing Day is April 18th.

Chris Mejia stated the larger mobile testing unit is once again operating.

Erick De La Torre stated April 7th, 2019 is the AIDS Walk and that testing is offered Wednesday evening and Saturday afternoons.

Erick De La Torre stated he is the new Pharmacy Rep with AHF.

Kashona Carew stated that Teen Pregnancy Prevention has two events coming up including RESPECT on April 16, 2019 at the Pearson Center which includes testing and birth control, and on April 17th, 2019

a youth access event at Southern Nevada Health District that shuts down the clinic except for youth ages 13-19 to access HIV/STI testing and birth control.

Kashona Carew stated that May 24th, 2019 is the GameWorks event for youth ages 13-19 for the TPP Birthday.

Yoshi Castro stated they are the new MAI Coordinator looking to get minority-based groups back into care and provide prevention for those minority based groups.

Yoshi Castro stated there is either a fee at the door or you get tested for the Redco Fashion Show which provides proceeds to AFAN.

Russell Argenal stated that at UNLV there are updates to education, programming, and condoms.

Russell Argenal stated that regarding education, there was an Intersexuality Workshop that has been implemented to talk about sex through an intersectional lens.

Russell Argenal stated that UNLV plans to offer condom hotspots throughout campus and typically provide more than two thousand a month to students.

Russell Argenal stated UNLV will begin a pilot for an HIV Voucher Program that involves free HIV testing for those with a voucher where students will meet with a peer educator to receive information about the HIV test then can receive testing any time for one week following the meeting with a peer educator.

Lyell Collins stated that Preston Tang will be moving to the HIV Prevention Program.

Robert Thurmond stated that Planned Parenthood will be starting early intervention services and will begin linking people living with HIV who are out of care to get back into care.

Robert Thurmond stated that Planned Parenthood is working to approve their free rapid testing at the Desert Inn Planned Parenthood location.

Tiana Jones stated that there will be a Planned Parenthood Game Night Friday April 26th, 2019 that will include bingo and jeopardy for people living with HIV at the Desert Inn Planned Parenthood location.

Cheryl Radeloff stated that there has been investigation into the feasibility of using Medicaid to pay for condoms.

Cheryl Radeloff discussed her experience at the National HIV Prevention Conference.

Cheryl Radeloff discussed her experience at the 2019 HIV Symposium in Phoenix, Arizona.

Chris Reynolds stated the HIV Awareness Consortium Meeting will be taking place at the Nunnery at Commercial Center in Orleans Square at 9PM on March 29th, 2019.

Cheryl Radeloff discussed options for dates for the next meeting for SoN HPPG.

Preston Tang stated that a motion might be made via email.

Todd Dickey offered The Center as a potential location.

Chris Reynolds stated the Southern Nevada Harm Reduction Alliance Education Committee Meeting will be April 8th, 2019 at Foundation Full Recovery from 2:30PM-4PM.

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 Chris Reynolds motioned to adjourn, and Chair Todd Dickey seconded the motion. The meeting was adjourned at 2:45PM.