



**Joint Meeting Minutes:
Northern and Southern Nevada HIV Prevention Planning Group**

June 28, 2023

2:00 PM – 4:00 PM

Southern Nevada:

SNHD
280 S. Decatur Blvd
Calico Hills Conference Room
Las Vegas, NV 89107

Northern Nevada:

Washoe County Health District
1001 E. Ninth St. Building B
Administration Conference Room
Reno, NV 89512

Meeting <https://snhd.webex.com/snhd/j.php?MTID=m9067812463ec6db0d834f7f9e6c7a9d0> Link:

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ATTENDANCE:

*Please see attached sign in sheet.

1. Call to order/Notice of Posting Agenda	Cheryl Radleoff
2. *Public Comment (limit to five minutes)	Robert Harding
3. Consent Agenda	Cheryl Radeloff
4. Presentation: “ Addressing Community Concerns: Molecular Surveillance and CDC Grant Deliverables ”, Dr. Susan Little UCSD CFAR	Dr. Susan Little slittle@health.ucsd.edu
5. Presentation: “ Nevada’s Integrated HIV Prevention and Care Plan Updates ” Taylor Lensch Assistant Director, Center for Community Engaged Research in Practice, UNR School of Public Health	Taylor Lensch tlensch@unr.edu
6. Discussion: 2023 Nevada Condom Distribution Plan-Scarlett Cazares, MPH student at UNR and Office of HIV Intern	Scarlett Cazares scarlettczares@nevada.unr.edu
7. Updates and status of 2023 Nevada Legislative Session	Jennifer Howell

8. Committees and other NNHPPG and SoN HPPG related activities a. Proposal for creation of Policy and Media committee	Cheryl Radeloff
9. Individual & Agency Updates	Open discussion, see below
10. *Public Comment (limit to five minutes)	Cheryl Radeloff
11. Adjournment	Cheryl Radeloff

1. CALL TO ORDER - NOTICE OF POSTING AGENDA

Chair Cheryl Radeloff called the Southern Nevada HIV Prevention Planning Group meeting to order at 2:00 p.m. The Affidavit of Posting, Mailing of Agenda, and Public Notice of the Meeting Agenda were executed in accordance with the updated Nevada Open Meeting Law.

2. PUBLIC COMMENT

Robert Harding called for any public comment. Las Vegas PRIDE mentioned that Las Vegas Pride will be hosted October 6-7th, 2023. Brady McGill mentions of working with the community on including any agencies that provide testing and preventive care opportunities. Please keep this in mind as we approach closer to those dates.

3. CONSENT AGENDA

As there were no voting items, this joint meeting will serve as informational only.

4. PRESENTATION BY DR. SUSAN LITTLE

Dr. Little gave a brief overview of molecular surveillance/cluster detection response (CDR). This method detects the HIV sequence with an infected individual combined with tools of epidemiology to characterize the spread of HIV. Through CDR, it can network People living with HIV, virus’s that have a unique strain by detecting if it is similar or dissimilar. This information can be used to estimate zip code and rate of transmission through a community. Dr. Little explained that the CDC does not identify the transmission as there is no informational direction. There cannot be proof that someone acquired HIV from another person specifically. Although the directed edge can imply a source, it is not a transmitter. HIV trace software is utilized by connections that are made by nodes; there are connection implications by hubs, but not all member of the network will be visible since they aren’t sequenced (diagnosed). As sequencing methodologies are improving so will the accuracy. Dr. Little then concludes that molecular data analysis can help identify HIV clusters/outbreaks and prioritize prevention interventions to limit further transmissions.

Question: Is this data being used in legislation?

Answer: CDC is under a certificate of confidentiality such as the Health Departments; however, depending on the state this data cannot be subpoenaed even for a criminal an investigation. This is why the CDC do not show areas or visuals by county, publicized. The only way that data released subpoena for records would be through the public health department which would be very challenging to obtain. No PHI is reported to the CDC with exception of jurisdiction.

Comment: NDPBH does not send data to any other entities with the exception of local health department that are privy to that information.

Question: Is there any movement that when people who are testing for their viral load, that there is a way there can be a discussion of transparency that this information can/will be used for surveillance purpose?

Answer: No, it is not part of routine discussion that their labs will be a part of a process that can help identify transmission of clusters. We are doing a nationwide survey on consent versus simple disclosure. The vast majority are fine with the information but just let them be aware.

Providers do let clients know that their information will be sent to local health departments, but the conversation is that they aren't informing them about sequencing.

Question: What is the turnaround time that information is provided from the state to the CDC to identify clusters?

A: Throughout the whole process it can be 3-6 months. The data being analyzed is fairly quick; however, the challenge is jurisdictions. Also factoring in when/if the clusters travel, it can lead to branching out to other states. Additionally, the clusters are prioritized by rate of growth, populations, etc. meaning there is more discussion that goes into it causing the longer turnaround rate.

5. PRESENTATION BY TAYLOR LENSCH

Taylor Lensch provided an overview of each section in the Integrated Prevention and Care Plan 2022-2026. He then provided updates on the plan since the last presentation given at SoN HPPG. Within the updates, an evaluation plan includes, develop survey tool to collect data from key stakeholders, collection of data, synthesizing information and producing report, present findings to relevant stakeholders, solicit feedback, and update the plan as needed as this is a living document. Evaluation reports will be created, a mid-year report (first 6 months) and the entirety of the year (annual) which will be accessible to the public. Larson Institute has scheduled individual meetings with reporting agencies to review their sections while collecting the data. If you have any questions or concerns you may contact Taylor at tlensch@unr.edu. For review of the Integrated Prevention and Care Plan please visit: <https://endhivnevada.org/integrated-plan-2022-2026/>.

6. DISCUSSION BY SCARLETT CAZARES

Scarlett Cazares is an intern at NDPBH conducting a condom assessment. Within this assessment she has developed a public survey specifically geared to people that are sexually active and their condom behaviors and knowledge. She also is working on a HIV prevention activity that requires data from retailers in regards to condoms and any barriers found. All the data collected will assist in the new condom distribution plan which will ensure free condoms throughout the state.

A discussion about the current condom distribution plan were brought up and which agencies are able to provide condoms. Further discussion will be forthcoming as an agenda topics for SoN HPPG. AHF has a request form that can assist other agencies in obtaining condoms located at, <https://ahf.org/donation-request-form>. Additionally, you may contact Southern Nevada Health District at, adelman@snhd.org or Washoe County Health District at jhowell@washoecounty.gov and <https://endhivnevada.org/hiv-prevention/reducing-your-risk/>

7. UPDATES ON LEGISLATIVE SESSION

Jen Howell spoke on two bills that passed during the legislative session. The first being, SB172 which allows minors to receive prevention services including PrEP, PEP, condoms and contraceptives without parental consent. There is no minimum age requirement for this bill. The second bill being AB439, some of the highlights, since it is quite a large bill, include Medicaid/private insurance to pay for condoms, require health authorities to have a continuation of care, requires jails/prisons to offer timely care for HIV inmates, and certain medications to be covered by insurance such as Hep C, PrEP, and HIV in substance use treatment to name a few. One concern that came to the Governor's Task Force were for newly incarcerated inmates with a communicable disease were subject to class A felony (which is the equivalent to first class murder) will be sentenced if there is transmission of a bodily fluid. With AB439 passing, those charges have now lessened.

Preston Tang spoke on 148-22 and how recently passed during the state board of health. This will require all laboratories to report Hep C and HIV testing (not including rapid testing) to the local health departments and the state. This data will help gauge the state and can better track Hep C and HIV.

Question: Will this come out in a technical bulletin?

Answer: Once it is full approved the technical bulletin will be sent.

8. COMMITTEES/OTHER RELATED ACTIVITIES FOR NNHPPG AND SONHPPG

Cheryl Radeloff proposed for creation of Policy and Media Committee and if we wanted this to be jurisdictional or combined HPPG efforts.

9. INDIVIDUAL & AGENCY UPDATES

PAETC - Diagnosing Congenital Syphilis Training coming up on July 20th, 2023.
https://paetc.caspio.com/dp/050e700090280c9da9194a3daf9c?ER_ID=20016658

Doxy PEP Training https://paetc.caspio.com/dp/050e700090280c9da9194a3daf9c?ER_ID=20016771

LAS VEGAS PRIDE – Family Pride Bingo Event, Weekly Pride Pool Part at the Sahara Casino, there will be MPOX vaccination opportunities. You may contact Las Vegas Pride at info@lasvegaspride.org or visit their website at www.lasvegaspride.org.

CITY OF LAS VEGAS – Gina Candelario introduced herself as the new Program Coordinator she may be reached at gcandelario@lasvegasnevada.gov

THE GATHERING PLACE – Bishop Radden introduced herself and the nonprofit that she works with in the LGBTQ+ community. Bishopradden@thegatheringplacenv.org

SNHD CLINICAL SERVICES – CHW rapid sTART navigator waiting for two additional CHW's that will be beginning in July.

10. PUBLIC COMMENT

Robert Harding opened for public comment, seeing none continued to the next agenda item.

11. ADJORNMENT

Robert Harding and Preston Tang, motioned for adjournment at 3:51 PM.