



MINUTES
SOUTHERN NEVADA HEALTH DISTRICT
Southern Nevada HIV Prevention Planning Group
July 12, 2023, 2:00 PM - 4:00 PM
Calico Hills, 280. S Decatur Blvd, Las Vegas, NV, 89107/Webex

VOTING MEMBERS PRESENT

Cheryl Radeloff	SNHD	Xavier Foster	SNHD
Raychel Holbert	SNHD	Percy Neavez	The Center
Chris Reynolds	Alto Pharmacy	Mona Lisa Paulo	The Center
Preston Tang	NDPBH	Robert Thurmond	Planned Parenthood
Leana Ramirez	The Center	Dee Conner	Prevention Access Campaign
Krystal Griffin	Co-Chair Elect		

VOTING MEMBERS ABSENT

Bailey Way	Phillip Washington
Todd Dickey	Tiana Jones

NON-VOTING MEMBERS & GUESTS PRESENT

Samantha Hamilton – SNHD	Samantha Morales – SNHD
Zafiro Nawaz – Sagebrush	Donna Laffey – Ferrari Reader Public Affairs
Josephine Baltazar – SNHD	Stacey Airbe – SNHD
Marlin Munoz - AHF	Brady McGill – Las Vegas PRIDE
Nikki Rachal – Planned Parenthood	Jazmin Bravo-Rosas – SNHD
Victoria Young - AETC	Jen Howell – WCHD
Alberto Sedano – SNHD	Sarie Barnnett - SNHD
Tarrah Kilgore – ViV	Vanessa Cruz – Ryan White Pt A
Caitlin Firestone – AETC	Heather Smith - Gilead

I. 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 Nevada Open Meeting Law.

II. VIRTUAL MEETING (WEBEX) ETIQUETTE

Mute both your phone and computer when not speaking, state name when entering the meeting, type name and organization in “chat” meeting will be recorded.

III. **As this is a public meeting, please note that any private information conveyed during HPPG meeting's may be reflected for scribe purposes and used in meeting minutes, which are public records.**

IV. **PUBLIC COMMENT**

None.

V. **CONSENT AGENDA**

Items 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 Board Member request before action. Any exceptions to the Consent Agenda must be stated prior to approval. As quorum was not met, this is an informational meeting only.

VI. **REPORT/DISCUSSION/POSSIBLE ACTION**

Southern Nevada HIV Prevention Planning Group may take any necessary action for any item under this section. Members of the public can speak on action items after the Southern Nevada HIV Prevention Planning Group's discussion and prior to their vote. Once the action item is closed, no additional public comment will be accepted. Due to not meeting quorum this will solely be an information meeting. The bullets below will be up for voting via email with HPPG voting members.

A. Approval of April 05, 2023, minutes

- Quorum was not met at the beginning of this meeting. As quorum was met towards the end, the voting members in attendance agreed that approval of minutes will be sent via email.

VII. **INFORMATIONAL ITEMS/DISCUSSION ONLY**

A. Presentation: Victoria Hughes, SNHD, "Focus Group Update"

- i. Victoria gave a background and current overview of the jail presence that SNHD partners with Clark County Detention center (CCDC) to provide testing through two teams, Linkage 2 Action(L2A) and Focus. L2A assists in preventing fatal and non-fatal overdoses through education, surveillance, and linkage efforts. They are funded through CDC's Overdose Data to Action Grant. The Focus team provides HIV screening to incarcerated individuals at CCDC and City of Las Vegas Detention Center through Gilead Sciences FOCUS grant. Both teams are co-located at CCDC which helps allow those incarcerated upon release to have items left in their belongings such as bus passes, backpacks, prescription for HIV/Substance Use Disorder, medication, Narcan, FTS, and other services. Both teams also help in outreaches with SNHD's mobile unit for areas that are in need and detected by zip code that are reported to have fatal/non-fatal overdoses. Goals for both programs are to increase HIV/Syphilis testing. Both teams have had much success and even gain the trust of individuals and at times rather test with us then medical staff housed there. If you have any questions or comments you may reach out to hughes@snhd.org, gratzke@snhd.org, or arias@snhd.org.

Question: Is Hep C testing included?

Answer: SNHD wanted to start out with just HIV testing and through our other grant we are able to test for syphilis. We also found that previously when we have tested for Hep C there were numerous positives and with the small team, we have the workload would be too much.

Question: How do inmates know when services are available?

Answer: At medical intake they can request services or there is a kiosk stationed in the areas that will have the times our team will be there.

Question: Are PrEP/PEP services offered?

Answer: There is the medical staff at CCDC that are well equipped to offer these services. We tend to refer to them so that our team will not be inundated. A barrier that the team has come across is initiating medication as well. Our team can provide SNHD's PrEP Navigator's contact information upon release if needed.

B. Presentation: Stacy Alaribe, NCED, "Supporting Sexual & Reproductive Health Care Needs of Youth with Disabilities SRH NVPCA 4.18.23.pdf

- i. Stacy Alaribe began by providing her educational background and how it pertains to her presentation given. She followed by explaining that people that have a disability experience stigma and are treated differently especially if staff (friends, family, or caregivers) are accompanying in medical visits. Historically people living with disabilities began being sterilized since the early 1900's and sadly reported that there are still states today that legalize sterilization, even cases without the person knowing. Stacy is encouraging youth with disabilities to speak up about their body and educate the community and medical providers on having these conversations. Stacy provided scenarios that can occur in a healthcare facility and brought to attention what problems could have been avoided and what behaviors/language could have been better alternatives. By providing insight on her experience, she would like to see more education to providers on the topic of people with disabilities and sexual reproductive health. Stacy concluded by sharing an example of what encouraging someone by encouraging that this community has a voice. If you have any questions or comments for Stacy, you may reach her at alaribes@gmail.com.

Question: What advise can you provide when HIV testing and within this community?

Answer: Use concise language, asking sexual reproductive, and client direct focus.

Question: What do you advise to do, if there is a pushy parent during interactions?

Answer: I would say there is no difference between someone with disabilities or without, you would still talk to your client and do what you would normally do.

Comment: With recent 2023 legislature SB 172 passed for youth to have access to preventive services, I wonder if this community is included. There are no age limitations on that bill and nothing clear about people with disabilities, but it does open the doors for more discussions and amendments if needed.

C. Discussion: Krystal Griffin "Barriers to Care for HIV and Knowing Your Status"

- i. Krystal began an open discussion on barriers to care/testing for People Living with HIV.

1. Transportation – Currently for people that are riding the bus; Las Vegas is experiencing excessive heat warnings.
 - a. Solutions - AHF has been providing transportation through Lyfts.
2. Hours of operation – With clients/patients worrying about missing work, they may not be able to make it time to certain clinics. Some are unsure what clinics are operating on weeknights/weekends. We live in a 24-hour town, yet healthcare services are still limiting, especially in rural areas.
 - a. Solutions - Collect 2 Protect program that offer free HIV testing at home kit, Telemedicine, reach out to rural providers, events that are incorporated with meeting people where they're at, resources that have current/consistent information, etc.
3. Accessibility – A common theme is that testing can be offered but can care be offered as well?

D. Update on Condom Use Survey and Condom Retail Assessment: Scarlett Cazares/Lyell Collins

- i. No updates currently. However, if distribution of the survey can be provided to any list serves that may be beneficial, it will help with the data collection.

E. Empower Change-HIV Testing and Training Program on July 19-20, 2023.

F. Review of Recent Conferences: STD Engage, AZ Integrated HIV, STI, Hep C Symposium, Biomedical Conference

- i. Biomedical Conference – Jen Howell, Leana Ramirez, and Cheryl Radeloff spoke on Women: Reproductive Justice. The biggest takeaway is that we are currently in a syndemic approach; it is necessary to leverage more people. This conference was very sex positive, which is great to remove any stigmas that may be associated with this community.
- ii. AZ Integrated HIV, STI Conference – SNHD presented on what is currently going on in prevention efforts in Southern Nevada. Health equity and social determinants of health, border healthcare, trauma informed leadership, as well as morbidity were a few topics that were discussed. <https://www.azdhs.gov/preparedness/epidemiology-disease-control/disease-integration-services/hiv-prevention/index.php#integrated-symposium>
- iii. STD Engage – Key factors during this conference were the importance of syndemics and how funding that was provided during the pandemic are now disappearing and it is affecting resources.

G. SoN HPPG committees and other related activities

- i. 24th Annual Autumn Update – Networking for HIV Care Conference is on November 18-19, 2023.
- ii. Condom Distribution – if you are an agency in need of condoms, please contact adelman@snhd.org.

H. Agency Updates

- i. SNHD – FQHC – Created an education resource booklet that includes health rights, resources, and information. An additional Southern Nevada Health District booklet explaining all the programs that is umbrellaed within the health district including all the

services that are provided. Please reach out to Albert to obtain any of these booklets at sedano@snhd.org.

- ii. NV Consortium: Working with 3 agencies to begin the creation of a Testing/Events Services Calendar that will be a live document so it will be current. Once this is piloted, they will start introducing other agencies to provide clear and current information for clients.
- iii. Las Vegas PRIDE – LV Pride Festival/Parade will be hosted in October. MPOX vaccination events held at Sahara’s on Saturday at their pool. They are also accepting articles and advertising for review
- iv. 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.
Currently working on training in regard to stigmatizing language/behaviors with providers.

I. Location of past SoN HPPG agendas and minutes

- i. <https://www.southernnevadahealthdistrict.org/meetings/southern-nevada-hiv-prevention-planning-group/>

PUBLIC COMMENT:

- VIII. **ADJOURNMENT:** Preston Tang and Chris Reynolds motioned for adjournment, all in favor at 3:45 p.m. motion carried.