



MINUTES

**Southern Nevada HIV Prevention Planning Group
November 13, 2024, 2:00 PM - 4:00 PM
Lone Mountain Conf. Room/ 280 S Decatur Blvd, Las Vegas 89107/(TEAMS)**

MEMBERS/VISITORS/PUBLIC ATTENDANCE

Please see attached sign-in sheet for further information on attendance. Due to unexpected circumstances this meeting was solely an informational meeting, and no voting took place.

I. CALL TO ORDER - NOTICE OF POSTING AGENDA

SNHPPG Cheryl Radeloff confirmed this was an informational meeting only. Stated the meeting will be recorded.

II. WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS OF MEMBERS AND GUESTS

III. ESTABLISHMENT OF QUORUM – This meeting is solely informational. Attendance did not meet quorum guidelines; no voting took place.

IV. 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. Public Health Co-Chair C. Radeloff asked if anyone wished to address the group pertaining to items appearing on the agenda.

No public comments were presented.

None

V. CONSENT AGENDA

Items for action to be considered by the Northern/Southern Nevada HIV Prevention Planning Group were given via email. No consent will be given for this meeting as it is solely for informational purposes.

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.

A. New members of the SUN HPPG were acknowledged: Albert Sedano, Bishop Bonnie Radden, and Isabell Rowland-Santillan.

VII. INFORMATIONAL ITEMS/ DISCUSSION ONLY

A. "HIV/STI risk among secondary students in Nevada" results from Nevada YRBS - Dr. Kristen Clements-Nolle -UNR

See presentation titled “*HIV/STI Risk Among Secondary Students in Nevada: 2023 YRBS Results*”

- Nevada schools comprise the survey – 36 schools participated
- Significant decline in sexual activity among secondary students in Nevada from 2003 to 2023
- Decrease in students who had sex with 4+ persons
- Decrease in students who has sex within last 3 months
- Lack of improvement in condom use
- Rates of substance use before sexual encounters
- Importance of using weighted data for local prevention planning
- Correlation between housing insecurity and increased risk behaviors among students
- Protective factors of school connectedness and family communication in mitigating risky behaviors – ACE and PCE (Adverse Childhood Experience and Protective Childhood Experiences)
- Better data collection needed on housing insecurity and ACE
- Better data collection needed for rural and frontier communities
- YRBS study – CDC funded – specific procedures/guidelines

C: Check substance use data in youth – HS students seem to be dropping in numbers, but youth are increasing

C: Housing data is extremely important; it should be collected as a standard

C: Early initiation of sex – PrEP should be offered

Dr. Clements-Nolle will be sampling tribal schools in 2025 to ensure sufficient data collection for the survey.

Dr. Clements-Nolle is interested in legislative issues so contact her for inquiries and she can pull the data needed.

B. “Change Lab Solutions” – Rebecca “Becky” Johnson

See presentation titled “Overview of ChangeLab Solutions”

- The role of law and policy as determinants of health.
- Change Lab offers tool kits and technical assistance on housing security and school policies to interested parties – visit changelabsolutions.org
- Resources:
 - [How Do Recent Changes to Public Health Authority Affect Prevention of Infectious Diseases? | ChangeLab Solutions](#)
 - [Leveraging School Policies to Promote Student Health | ChangeLab Solutions](#)
 - [Expanding the Behavioral Health Workforce | ChangeLab Solutions](#)
 - [Housing | ChangeLab Solutions](#)
 - [Confronting Misinformation | ChangeLab Solutions](#)

Q: Healthcare for trans-patients – they are getting nervous about changes due to new presidency. How do we protect their privacy?

A: Change Lab will provide resources and contacts related to healthcare privacy and data protection for transgender patients. American Heart Association has a resource “[How to Reach Someone with Other Ideology.](#)”

Contact: rjohnson@chagelabsolutions.org

- C. “Long-Acting HIV Prevention in Women” - Karla Torres and Natalie Nix- ViiV Healthcare *Karla Torres was unable to join.
See presentation titled “CAB LA for Prevention” ****NOTE: This presentation is for HPPG and not for further distribution.**

- 1.2 million people living with HIV since 2021
- 32,000 new diagnoses in 2022
- Goal: 75% reduction by 2025; 90% reduction by 2030
- 64% of eligible persons not receiving PrEP
- Sexual health discussion tools available for providers
- Research study – 984 participants; 73% women of which 30% aged 15-24
 - HPTN 084 Pregnancy study – OLE phase – data on pregnant and breastfeeding women who stopped taking PrEP
 - HPTN 084-01 – adolescent females under age 18
 - HPTN 083 – transgender women who have sex with men
 - HIV testing – HIVRNA required to confirm negative results due to high rate of false positives; RNA is expensive and could be a barrier for some patients

Q: If a positive RNA with a viral load of <200; is the recommendation to repeat the test?

A: Yes, repeat the RNA test to confirm.

- Apertude is the only long acting injectable with a 2-month coverage. It works incredibly well in cis-gender women and is highly preferred among men and women.
- CAB LA is the first LAI PrEP with 2-month coverage, proven superiority to daily oral TDF/FTC in CGW, MSM, and TGW with high preference
- Data from HPTN 083 OLE phase supports a high preference for CAB LA across Latin America, Asia, Africa, and the US
- Convenience and adherence considerations were amongst the top reasons for adopting CAB LA in PILLSR proactive provider conversations, which may enable broader PrEP uptake in MSM and TGM
- CAB LA PrEP is well-tolerated during pregnancy and is unlikely to require dose-modification; however, the label indicated that injections are not recommended during pregnancy unless the benefit justifies the potential risk to the fetus
- Regular RNA screening in HPTN 083, while highly sensitive, led to false positives that should be followed up and confirmed through additional testing

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Karla is bilingual (English/Spanish) and can offer injection training in addition to program/client engagement.

- D. Empower Change-HIV Testing and Training Program

- January 8-9, 2025
- March 19-20, 2025
- May 21-22, 2025
- July 16-17, 2025
- September 17-18, 2025
- November 12-13, 2025

- E. SoN HPPG Committees and other SoN HPPG related activities

- Southern NV Health Consortium – National Latinx HIV Awareness Day – October 5 – 11am – 4pm - offering testing, free services, food and entertainment; Chicanos por Las Casa - 555 N Maryland Pkwy
- World Aids Day – Sunday December 1, brunch and human red ribbon
- Creating Change Conference - National LGBTQIA Task Force: – January 22-26, 2025 – Rio Hotel/ Las Vegas – no one turned away to attend due to lack of funding; call for abstracts will go out soon
- National Latinx HIV HCV SUD Conference – April 29 – May1, 2025 at the Palms; session will be available in Spanish
- Thrive – held in March for female, long-term survivors
- Sexual Health Fair at SNHD held September 3, 2024 – tested over 15 patients in Express Testing and 13 in Mobile unit. The next day we had a lot of clients testing.
- SHOPP – offers free testing for all STIs and HCV at Decatur M-Th, and at Fremont on Fridays. We go out to encampments, we offer linkage with Rapid stART and other services, we work alongside NV Homeless Alliance and attend events, and access HMIS to help with alerts on out-of-care clients. We offer free case management and navigation services for congenital syphilis cases, and project NEON for cases with neurosyphilis. The newest initiative is with Clark County Social Services Department providing non-medical case management as a whole person approach. Help navigate multiple services including PrEP.
- HIV Self Help and Wellness Summit on October 17 from 9am -4pm from EpiCenter. Currently accepting abstracts for workshops, due by Friday September 27.
- Condom Couture – 10 designers, 80 persons in attendance
- The Center – Youth Programming – Albert about to start teaching sex education to youth, started a Dungeons and Dragons group
- Advocacy Network Program – The Center – 8 weeks of training on HIV, Stigma, Sexual Assault, Social Determinants of Health: <https://thecenterlv.org/form/center-advocacy-network-application>
Contact: asedano@thecenterlv.org
- Cynthia is the new program manager of mobile health at AHF
- AFAN – Black and White Ball this Saturday, September 14 at the Palms
- Ryan White Part A – check out the Planning Council Meetings
- Rainier – UNLV – Champion Mental Health Research Lab study on intersex individuals; study on mental health, sexual health needs, 12-20 participants needed; flyer attached
Intersex is persons born with biological, genetic and hormonal male and female traits.

F. S. Nevada Organizations Agency, Planning Group Updates

- Next meeting in November
- Will send voting on new applicants out via email – include represented category
- Scheduling 2025 SoN HPPG meetings

G. Location of past SoN HPPG agendas and minutes

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

VIII. PUBLIC COMMENT: A period devoted to comments by the general public, if any, and discussion of those comments about matters relevant to the planning group’s jurisdiction will be held. No action may be taken upon a matter raised under this item on this Agenda until the matter itself has been specifically included on the agenda as an item upon which action may be taken pursuant to NRS 241.020. Comments will be limited to five (5) minutes per speaker. If any member of the general public wishes to make a public comment, either in person or via MS Teams, request time from a SoN HPPG co-chair, clearly state

your name and address, and spell your last name for the record. Please state whether you have any direct or indirect interest in or relationship with any individual or organization that proposes to enter any transaction with Southern Nevada HIV Prevention Planning Group. If any member of the Southern Nevada HIV Prevention Planning Group wishes to extend the length of a public comment, this may be done by the Co-Chairs or the Southern Nevada HIV Prevention Planning Group by majority vote.

IX. ADJOURNMENT

Meeting adjourned at 4:00pm.