



MINUTES
SOUTHERN NEVADA HEALTH DISTRICT
Southern Nevada HIV Prevention Planning Group
October 12, 2018 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	Cassandra Martinez, Community Counseling Center
Rosita Castillo, Planned Parenthood	Robert Thurmond, Planned Parenthood
April Jackson, Huntridge Family Clinic	Christopher Reynolds, Community Member
Xavier Foster, Southern Nevada Health District	

NON-VOTING MEMBERS & GUESTS PRESENT

Joyce Castro, Southern Nevada Health District

ALL MEMBERS ABSENT

Lyell Collins, Division of Public & Behavioral Health, State of Nevada	Michele Shingu, Southern Nevada Health District
Joshua Montgomery, Southern Nevada Health District	

VOTING MEMBERS PRESENT VIA PROXY

Preston Tang, Division of Public & Behavioral Health, State of Nevada

VISITORS/PUBLIC ATTENDANCE

Kandace Hunt, AIDS Healthcare Foundation	Marlin Barraza, Community Counseling Center
Connie Shearer, Community Member	
Angel Stachnik, Southern Nevada Health District	

I. CALL TO ORDER - NOTICE OF POSTING OF AGENDA

Chair C. 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 October 12, 2018 AGENDA (for possible action)

A motion was made by Chair C. Radeloff, seconded by Chair T. Dickey and was unanimously carried to adopt the October 12, 2018 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

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Corrections to be made on the organizational affiliation of community member C Watson. A motion was made by Member C. Reynolds to approve minutes, seconded by P. Tang and carried unanimously to approve the Consent Agenda as presented.

VI. INFORMATIONAL ITEMS/DISCUSSION ONLY

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

Chair C. Radeloff stated the need for updated paperwork for members of SoN HPPG and asked all individuals to fill out an updated grid form.

Chair C. Radeloff proposed delaying or tabling the vote of new potential members V. Collins and C. Watson, as they were absent.

Chair C. Radeloff made a motion to delay or table voting of potential members V. Collins and C. Watson, which was seconded by C. Reynolds.

Chair C. Radeloff asked specific members to complete an updated Conflict of Interest form.

Chair C. Radeloff distributed the SoN HPPG grid for members to review.

Chair C. Radeloff discussed the idea of reestablishing voting membership for all current voting members, as SoN HPPG obtains their current grid information.

Member C. Reynolds motioned to reestablish voting membership of all current voting members. P. Tang acting as a proxy for L. Collins seconded the motion to reestablish all current voting members.

B. Review of HIV Testing Data for Southern Nevada

A. Stachnik discussed HIV Testing data that has come from EvaluationWeb on a statewide level, including the number of HIV tests by agency, HIV test number by gender, HIV test number by age group, HIV tests by race/ethnicity, HIV test by sexual activity, risk for HIV acquisition by group, and number of HIV tests that report reactive from different medical facilities.

Chair C. Radeloff reiterates that thirty three percent of reactive HIV tests come from Southern Nevada Health District, and the majority come from outpatient facilities.

A. Jackson asked about the status of the Sexual Health Clinic at the Southern Nevada Health District and the methods of payment including insurance.

Chair C. Radeloff stated the Sexual Health Clinic now is taking insurance, participates in sliding scale payment, recommends making appointments, and Southern Nevada Health District is now offering primary care services, passport processing, and specific dental services.

Chair C. Radeloff stated that the \$40 fee for Sexual Health Clinic is no longer the fee associated with basic STD screening and pricing depends on the income and insurance of the individual.

C. Discussion of revised forms

Chair C. Radeloff stated that revisions have been made to forms that SoN HPPG uses in order to gain more information about which aspects of the grid the voting members of SoN HPPG are representing.

D. Discussion about recruitment & retention for member that meet grid

Chair C. Radeloff discussed the need to have a voting member from corrections and law enforcement.

C. Shearer discussed the issue with laws in Nevada relating to HIV being outdated.

C. Reynolds stated that one idea might be to use the association that Southern Nevada Health District has with jails and Las Vegas Metropolitan Police Department to begin a dialogue about HIV criminalization via a person named Kelly.

Chair C. Radeloff stated that SoN HPPG might seek out individuals that have personally experienced the correctional system in Nevada to be voting members.

Chair R. Castillo stated the issue with maintaining voting members that belong to faith-based organizations.

Chair C. Radeloff discussed the need for voting members that are youth, work in business, and work in transportation.

E. Discussion of USCA

R. Thurmond discussed his experience at the USCA conference.

P. Tang stated that there was a large focus on HIV care and U=U at the USCA conference.

R. Thurmond said there was a protest last year at USCA from the trans community and it seemed there was more representation at the workshops from the trans community.

K. Hunt stated that having the opportunity to ask other USCA conference attendees about their ideas in how to keep people living with HIV in care was beneficial.

Chair C. Radeloff discussed a talk that was given by a Pulse Nightclub survivor.

Chair R. Castillo stated that there was a large presence from Native Americans at USCA and there were powerful speakers present.

R. Thurmond stated an organization at USCA were asking executive directors to sign and contribute to a document that would be given to congress in light of changes that are being made to the National HIV Strategy.

F. “Getting to Zero” summit review

A. Jackson stated that much of the community was present at the Getting to Zero summit.

Chair T. Dickey said the summit went well although there were some logistical issues.

Chair R. Castillo enjoyed the breakout sessions and role-playing at the summit.

C. Shearer stated that the summit demonstrated the issue with dissemination of information related to HIV as providers were aware of new information, but clients were not.

Chair C. Radeloff stated that we will be having upcoming listening sessions and community engagement activities to get feedback about how HIV-related services can be improved in Southern Nevada.

Chair R. Castillo discussed her intentions to speak with the superintendent of Clark County School District to begin a discussion about HIV prevention in health and sex education.

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

Chair C. Radeloff discussed the Southern Nevada Health District’s transition to E-learning for the HIV Testing, Counseling, and Safety Certificate Program; the program would have E-learning components for fundamentals of HIV, linkage to care, bloodborne pathogens training, and the epidemiology of HIV.

Chair C. Radeloff stated that the rest of the HIV Testing, Counseling, Safety and Certificate Program will be condensed into a 3-day training beginning in December 2018.

Chair C. Radeloff discussed that Southern Nevada Health District may be having another training for the HIV Testing, Counseling, Safety and Certificate Program in January.

H. Discussion regarding modernization of HIV laws

C. Shearer explained her past experiences living with HIV and how moving from Indiana to Las Vegas changed her experience completely.

C. Shearer stated 9 states have changed their laws regarding HIV criminalization, and her affiliation with the Sero Project which advocates for changes to modernize HIV law because people are currently in prison for nondisclosure when there was no HIV transmission.

C. Shearer stated the state of Nevada originally signed HIV criminalization into law due to their lack of knowledge, fear of HIV, and as a public health measure to reduce HIV acquisition;

however, given new medical information C. Shearer states there is need for updating and modernization of laws.

C. Shearer discussed current HIV criminalization laws in Nevada and proposed updates to the laws; C. Shearer stated that a federal repeal of the law would be easier to then allow states to change.

K. Hunt asked if there is a person that runs the U=U campaign in Nevada.

C. Shearer stated they were the person that runs the U=U campaign and that the AIDS Healthcare Foundation nationally supports the campaign; however locally, the AIDS Healthcare Foundation does not.

C. Shearer discussed the talking points that the Sero Project advocates individuals use when discussing modernization of HIV criminalization laws, and highlights one that is especially important for individuals involved in sex work or who are advocates for sex workers.

C. Shearer stated that regardless of disclosure, condom use, and viral load, sex workers currently can be charged with a felony in the state of Nevada.

C. Martinez discusses concerns that sex workers may have when trying to develop policy related to the modernization of HIV criminalization laws.

Chair C. Radeloff discusses a seminar on how to pitch a bill to a legislator, and the need for Southern Nevada HIV Prevention Planning Group to support changes that are well-organized so that legislators are willing to go forward.

C. Reynolds states that prostitution is legal in Nevada but allows individual counties to determine if it is legal or not; he states that if there are more than 750,000 people in a county, then it is illegal.

C. Reynolds states that being no legal, female sex worker has acquired HIV in the state of Nevada while working in a brothel, this fact provides significant backing for legalizing prostitution; he states that if Nye County decides to criminalize prostitution then it will have a direct impact on HIV rates given that over 800 individuals have reported participating in illegal sex work and have tested positive.

Chair C. Radeloff states the need to hear from individuals that belong to the sex work community, including those that work in licensed brothels but also those who do not work in licensed brothels.

C. Reynolds states that the Southern Nevada HIV Prevention Planning Group must consider sex work beyond the scope of heterosexual sex work.

Chair R. Castillo states that many women are sick of being harassed by police, even when not engaging in sex work.

M. Barraza discusses the problems with pronoun usage by police departments here in the greater Las Vegas area.

Chair C. Radeloff states that Southern Nevada HIV Prevention Planning Group will be looking at opt-out provider testing as well as supporting modernization of HIV criminalization laws.

Chair C. Radeloff discusses that Southern Nevada HIV Prevention Planning Group should look at the groups that might be opposed to these kinds of changes and how the group can look to

other programs like syringe exchange programs to see what has worked well in the past, and what aspects have failed in the past.

C. Shearer discusses her stance on HIV criminalization and updating it to match science, but that her work is not focused on protecting people who intentionally transmit the virus.

C. Shearer states the next meeting for the Nevada HIV Reform Coalition will be the first week in November.

I. Updates

Chair R. Castillo discusses National Latino Awareness Day on October 15, which will include HIV and Syphilis testing.

C. Martinez discusses the social, latinx group “Somos” which includes discussion on HIV testing and being in a discordant relationship, goals, and mental health awareness; it was stated the group takes place every Friday at 6PM at Community Counseling Center.

Chair R. Castillo discusses “Nuestro Centro Comunitario” and the impact that Cassandra Martinez made in their meeting.

A. Jackson stated that Huntridge Family Clinic is becoming non-profit and they are doing testing daily.

P. Tang states that the entire state of Nevada will be transitioning to a new HIV testing form after January 1st, 2019; he states training will be upcoming after more information is made available from the CDC.

R. Thurmond states they are moving forward with their community center at Planned Parenthood; he states Planned Parenthood is planning on testing no later than January 2019.

Chair C. Radeloff discussed her experience at the Gay & Lesbian Medical Association (GLMA) Conference.

Chair T. Dickey stated there has been multiple clients stating emergency rooms in hospitals are not testing for HIV and are sending individuals to the health district, specifically at the Dignity Hospitals; he states the Southern Nevada HIV Prevention Planning Group should draft a letter to inform them on how they should follow up with patients who want an HIV test, if they are not willing to do the test themselves.

Chair C. Radeloff introduced the Nevada AIDS Education and Training Center to the Southern Nevada HIV Prevention Planning Group and asked the group which topics might be good to inform the Nevada AIDS Education and Training Center on in their trainings of providers.

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 P. Tang motioned to adjourn, and Chair T. Dickey seconded the motion. The meeting was adjourned at 3:15PM.