



So.N HPPG
Southern Nevada HIV Prevention Planning Group

MINUTES

SOUTHERN NEVADA HEALTH DISTRICT
Southern Nevada HIV Prevention Planning Group
January 22, 2021, 2020 1:00 PM - 3:00 PM (via WebEx)

VOTING MEMBERS PRESENT

Cheryl Radeloff, SNHD	Chris Reynolds, ALTO Pharmacy
Lyell Collins, State of Nevada	Xavier Foster, SNHD
Robert Thurmond, Planned Parenthood	Dana Beck, Trac-B
Leana Ramirez, Avella	Todd Dickey, the Center
Pastor Philip Washington	Connie Rose Shearer
Tiana Jones, Planned Parenthood	

VOTING MEMBERS ABSENT

Preston Nguyen Tang, State of Nevada

VISITORS/PUBLIC ATTENDANCE

Joyce Castro, SNHD
Christopher Mejia, AHF
Raychel Holbert, SNHD
AJ Holly Huth, the Center
Cathy Elliott
Michelle Sandoval-Rosario, HHS-Public Health Services
Caress Baltimore, State of NV
Angel Stachnik, SNHD
Kathy Thomas Gibson, City of Las Vegas
Davina Connor Otor, Prevention Access Campaign
Christopher Delaney, The Center
Cory M. Hall
Chris Davin, Henderson Equality Center

I. CALL TO ORDER - NOTICE OF POSTING AGENDA

Public Health Co-Chair Cheryl Radeloff called the Southern Nevada HIV Prevention Planning Group meeting via WebEx to order at 1:05 p.m. as quorum had been achieved. The Affidavit of Posting, Mailing of Agenda, and Public Notice of the Meeting Agenda were executed in accordance with the Nevada Open Meeting Law. Co-Chair Leana Ramirez reviewed virtual meeting (WebEx) etiquette, discussed muting upon webinar, stated that “chat” & raise one’s

hand functions can be utilized, participants' comments are appreciated, to look directly in the camera when speaking and ideally to stay engaged, and reminder that the meeting and the private/public chat functions are being recorded.

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. Public Health Co-Chair C. Radeloff asked if anyone wished to address the group pertaining to items appearing on the Agenda. Seeing none, co-chair Radeloff moved to the next agenda item.

III. 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.

IV. 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 can 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 GROUPS MEETING: Dec. 11, 2020

A motion was made by Co-Chair Robert Thurmond to approve minutes, seconded by member Connie Rose Shearer, and carried unanimously approved.

V. INFORMATIONAL ITEM/DISCUSSION ONLY

A. PRESENTATION ON "COVID-19 and HIV" by Angel Stachnik (SNHD OEDS) (See attached copy of Power Point Presentation)

- Purpose of the research was to see how COVID-19 was impacting folks living with HIV in Clark County during the first 6 months of COVID-19 from March 2020 to September 2020.
- It was noted that as more data comes in, the preliminary findings will be updated
- Published studies indicate that PLWH are similarly affected by COVID-19 as the general population
- HIV alone does not increase risk for acquiring COVID-19
- Comorbidities and older age drive the severity of COVID-19 in PLWH and in the general population
- A summary of studies presented at Virtual Fast Track Cities 2020 Conference, yet since the conference more studies should have been produced
- Some data that was presented:
 - AS of 9/30/2020, 10285 PLWH residing in Clark County, 282 confirmed cases among PLWH, 2 COVID related deaths, 13% hospitalized, cumulative

incidence was 2.7%. The standardized incidence ratio (SIR): 0.76, statistically significant. 95% CI: 0.67-0.85, P Value <0.001 By approximation.

- Incidence of COVID-19 among PLWH in Clark County was 24% lower than expected based on Clark County's average age-specific incidence from March to September 2020. This data will be run again to see if any major changes occur.
- Characteristics of PLWH/COVID-19 in Clark County, Diagnosis status: 55% HIV only, 45% HIV stage 3 (AIDS), Care status: 76% in care, 24% out of care. Current gender: 87% male, 12% female, .4% trans (MTF), Viral suppression (in care) 90% suppressed viral load (> 200 copies) and 9% unsuppressed viral load (>200 copies) (25.49)

B. PRESENTATION BY Dr. Michelle Sandoval- Rosario DrPH, MPH, Pace Region 9 Director “Ending the HIV Epidemic PACE Updates” (See attached Power Point Presentation and HIV National Strategic Plan: A Roadmap to End the Epidemic for the United States 2021-2025)

- The Fiscal Year 2020/2021 budget resources for Ending the HIV Epidemic were reviewed
- Overview of the Office of Infections Disease and HIV/AIDS Policy
- Review of the PACE regions in the US
- Review of the “Ready, Set, PrEP” Initiative and “Real Persons, Real Voices-I’m Ready” campaign
- Overview of America’s HIV Epidemic Analysis Dashboard or AHEAD and Clark County EHE indicators
- Upcoming national EHE events, such as focusing on cis black women and Awareness Days especially for the trans community and MSM community
- Leana Ramirez asked a question regarding funding for labs for PrEP and opportunities for community health centers and other providers to address missed opportunities
- Link mentioned in the chat for community health center grant and webinar on hard-to-reach populations

C. SoN HPPG Orientation (See attached SoN HPPG Orientation Power Point Presentation)

- Overview of HPG, Bylaws, Epi Profile (will be presented later in 2021), Prevention and other grant application process, NV Integrated Plan, Membership and Co-Chairs, and Meetings, committees, and other processes such as letter of concurrence
- Bylaws were revised in 2019
- SoN HPPG membership (e.g., voting members) and “grid” or priority and community population representation
- CDC and HRSA guidance’ for SoN HPPG (PS 12-1201) along with HIV National Plan which prioritizes health inequalities with feedback from all the federal agencies
- Nevada Integrated HIV Prevention and Care Plan 2017-2021. This and other documents are available through End HIV.org
- SoN HPPG participated in the process as well as voted to support the EHE Clark County and Nevada 2021-2026 plans.
- SoN HPPG Activities 2020 included (in-person/online) meetings, education and updates on condom distribution, Nevada Department of Education Sex Education

Health Standards, 2021 policy issues including HIV Modernization and HIV/STI testing to be asked by medical providers, condom access, and Youth HPG.

Subcommittees and/or Ad Hoc Committees

- Leana Ramirez discussed emerging ideas for sub/committees and ad hoc committees
- Discussion included adding more subcommittees and how SoN HPPG members will be chairing them. Chris Reynolds reinforced that nonmembers can be part subcommittees and or ad hoc committees. of the committee. The committees may include condom access, U=U, public policy, community education and engagement, bylaws and membership, and future committees as needed.
- Members Join committees that one feels passionate about or gain skills and can join more than one committee.
- Part of the process includes setting goals and recruit members
- Idea that the committees will also do more community engagement
- Leana will send out an online survey to gauge interest, participation, and suggestions.
- Leana will serve as the contact on this process.

D. Update by the state on HIV Prevention Grant: CDC/HRSA Guidance(s), Funding sources and budget

- No update

E. Progressive Summit-January 30-31, 2021:

- Informational item for members to attend a summit to learn more about policy processes, community organizing and mobilizing. Cheryl Radeloff mentioned that there might be scholarships and other assistance for attending this event.
- https://battlebornprogress.actionkit.com/donate/PS21_Virtual_RSVP/

F. Empower change-HIV Testing and Training Program on Jan 28-29, 2021

- The rapid HIV testing, and counseling training has a new name. This training will be online, but based on COVID-19 restrictions, some may be totally online, hyflex or face to face. The January 2021 is full but future dates will be posted.
- The training will have both synchronous and asynchronous elements.

G. The Center's Youth HIV Advisory Group update

- AJ Huth had no updates but mentioned virtual sex education classes for persons 13-18 within the next several weeks every Wednesday.
- Go the thecenterlv.org for more information as well thecenterlv Instagram live at 4 pm on Fridays which could include members of the community including prevention messages.
- The center has started a Tic Tok and the first was on Inauguration Day partially as a way for youth to be involved.

H. Public Health Initiatives and Updates: EHE/Fast Track NV/Harm Reduction Coalition/C2P-SNHD, OD2A, COVID-19 -resources for testing and vaccinations

- Dee Connor mentioned a webinar from Prevention Access Executive on Jan 28, 2021 the U=U proclamation
- Chris Reynolds, as the chair of the education committee, mentioned that the Harm Reeducation Alliance completed their 2021 strategic plan. One of the interventions of the plan is to increase Narcan distribution throughout the Valley and educational programs.
- Planning will begin for International Overdose day which is August 31st.
- 10 High or There is No Hero in Heroin will be holding their annual Black Monday event Feb 8 or 11th virtually.

- Preview of the new L2A Mobile Unit. Funded by the CDC and involves several agencies such as Touro University, Trac B, and is designed to do outreaches and help decrease overdoses. Due to COVID-19 restrictions, outreach events are currently on pause.
- February is targeted to resume outreaches.

I. Agency Updates

- Chris Reynolds stated that the Southern Nevada Health Consortium is working on a virtual and possible drive through resource fair for National Black Awareness Day

J. Location of past SoN HPPG agendas and minutes

- <https://www.southernnevadahealthdistrict.org/meetings/southern-nevada-hiv-prevention-planning-group/>
- If anyone would like to post or make an announcement for public comment, you can send the information ahead of time so that it can be attached to the minutes.

K. Joint meeting with Northern Nevada HIV Prevention Planning Group March 2021

- A joint meeting is proposed for March as to address bill draft reviews and other measures that reflect HIV Prevention that are introduced in the legislature.
- NNHPPG and SoN HPPG can discuss mutual goals and recommendations.

L. Public Comment

- Connie Rose stated that on Feb 4th the Nevada HIV Modernization Coalition will be presenting information on HIV Modernization and more involvement of PLWH in February
- The coalition is also willing to present information to community groups, organizations, as well as for clients and staff.
- Chris Reynolds shared that the condom access committee met. The committee submitted a one-year budget for a multiyear project directed toward pharmacists, medical providers, and then the community/patients regarding Medicaid coverage of condoms. The second goal of the committee is to review the Condom Distribution Plan and possibly distributing surveys regarding where folks obtain free condoms. Academic detailing is also planned for committee members regarding Medicaid and Condoms.
- Connie Rose mentioned that the NV HIV Modernization Coalition will continue to meet post the legislative session including how the laws will impact them

M. Adjournment:

Public Health Co-Chair C. Radeloff asks for a motion to adjourn.

Member Connie Rose Shearer motioned to adjourn, and Member Leana Ramirez seconded the motion. The meeting was adjourned at 2:50 PM.