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**MINUTES**  
**SOUTHERN NEVADA HEALTH DISTRICT**  
**Southern Nevada HIV Prevention Planning Group**  
**January 7, 2022 1:00 PM - 3:00 PM**

**VOTING MEMBERS PRESENT**

Cheryl Radeloff	Chris Reynolds, Alto Pharmacy
Preston Nguyen Tang, proxy for Lyell Collins	Xavier Foster
Chris Reynolds	
Dee Connor	
Leana Ramirez	

**VOTING MEMBERS ABSENT**

Todd Dickey, The LGBT Center	Connie Rose Shearer
Pastor Philip Washington	Tiana Jones, Planned Parenthood
Robert Nagele	
Robert Thurmond	

**NON-VOTING MEMBERS & GUESTS PRESENT**

Raychel Holbert, SNHD	Samantha Hamilton, SNHD
Michael Shoup, AHF	Rachel Kiser
Krystal Griffin, TracB	Percy Neavez, The Center
Nancy Garay, UMC Wellness	Vanessa Gotti, The Center
Victoria Young, AETC-NV	Marlin Munoz
Nicole Buffong	Victoria Hughes, SNHD
Merylyn Yegon, SNHD	Dennys Bautista, SNHD
Rob Phoenix, Huntridge	Taylor Lensch, UNR
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**I. CALL TO ORDER - NOTICE OF POSTING AGENDA**

Chair Cheryl 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. 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. PUBLIC COMMENT**

Chair C. Radeloff asked if anyone wished to address the group pertaining to items appearing on the Agenda. Seeing none, she closed the Public Comment portion of the meeting.

**IV. CONSENT AGENDA**

Cheryl Radeloff, Leana Ramirez, and Robert Thurmond motioned to accept the agenda as-is.

**V. 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. Approve Draft Minutes/Southern Nevada HIV Prevention Planning Meeting: November 12, 2021. Chris Reynolds and Leanna Ramirez motion to accept minutes. All in favor, none opposed.
- B. Vote on applications for SoN HPPG membership applications: Raychel Holbert and Marlo Tonge. Motion to accept Raychel Holbert's membership by Chris Reynolds and Xavier Foster, all in favor, none opposed. Raychel will now be a voting member. Marlo Tonge has resigned membership.

**VI. INFORMATIONAL ITEMS/DISCUSSION ONLY**

- A. Dee Conner: "Presentation: ["#UequalsU](#) Community Advocates Training on Language and communication" \*insert here\*
  - i. Dee's presentation supports the data following with UequalsU and explained how important it is to use correct language and gave suggestions from current usage and how to ease one's diction into these changes. A proclamation was created for the city. U=U Campaign will be out soon and Southern Nevada and Washoe County will support.
- B. Presentation "Fentanyl Test Strip" Katrina Pulver SNHD ODS.
  - i. Postponed to next meeting
- C. SoN HPPG annual orientation [SoN HPPG Orientation](#)
  - i. Overview of Bylaws that updated and review of the following: yearly EPI profile for Spring/Summer 2022, prevention and other grant applications, NV integrated care/prevention plans including PS12-1201, membership (grid categories) and co-chairs, and meetings, committees, and other processes.
  - ii. Co-chair position may be available soon, for more information please contact Leana Ramirez.
- D. Update on new HIV Biomedical Interventions (e.g. PrEP) and Insurance-Rob Phoenix.
  - i. PrEP approved in Dec/2021 and will launch in first quarter.
  - ii. Training with Speaker Bureau in Feb/2022.
  - iii. There is a need to advocate access in terms of providers insurance plans. The medical versus pharmaceutical benefits is creating issues, for example Medicaid is giving easier access as opposed to HPN.

- iv. New CDC guidelines for recommendations of renal function testing in some populations for 6 months to 1 year status.
- v. Discussion on 211 Strategy for Truvada.
- vi. Ryan White benefits policy was not going to cover medical but after advocating it was able to be overturned. Low documentation for insurance to present to legislation.
- vii. Mention of using an implant similar to Nexplanon
  - 1. Cheryl Radeloff asked: Do we see microbials emerging?
  - 2. Rob Phoenix replied: Yes also offering a vaginal ring for HIV
- E. Status of Planning for 2022+ Integrated HIV Prevention and Care Plan
  - i. Status – Taylor Lensch will be presenting the findings from the survey that was conducted last year. Complete EHE, Ryan White will be integrated.
- F. Joint NNHPPG and SoN HPPG meeting February 23, 2022-Jen Howell and Cheryl Radeloff
- G. Status on Southern Nevada PrEP Institute April 5, 6, 7<sup>th</sup> 2022
  - i. Due to COVID-19 rates increasing we are going to conducted online projecting for March medical providers and pharmacist, if any interested please contact Preston Tang so they may be included in webinar.
- H. Empower Change-HIV Testing and Training Program on January 27-28, 2022 at SNHD
  - i. Due to COVID-19 rates increasing we are conducting a hybrid version as well.
- I. SoN HPPG Committees and other SoN HPPG related activities

## VII.

- A. Agency Updates
  - i. SNHD – World Aids Day, 2021, launched HIV Fast Track Nevada dashboard. We are seeing more request for Collect2Protect, express testing opened a partner All Saints Episcopal Church Monday thru Wednesday from 9am -2pm, L2A outreaches have been successful.
  - ii. PAC - <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/224810142187>, U=U Event details.
  - iii. Arlene Cooper Health Center – Youth HIV prevention counsel, hosted first event changed the name to AGENTS (young adults from 18-25 and scheduling once a month).
  - iv. TracB – No updates will have further information next meeting.
  - v. EHE/AATC - SB325 toolkit for pharmaceutical PrEP is approved and now going through the process, Cheryl Radeloff was shouted out for being a large help. Raychel Holbert will be presenting Fast Track next Monday. AATC Program additional training moved to online. EHE hired an intern from UNR to start up Student Advisory by conducting monthly counsel groups and survey’s measuring UNR students and education on safe sex.
  - vi. AFH – Wellness center testing three days a week wanted to give an update that numbers are issued at 3pm but do not start operating until 5:30 pm and are reaching capacity prior to operating hours. Marlin wanted more information on other centers that she can provide for clients that they need to turn away.
  - vii. Minorities for Medical Marijuana – Working on an event for National Black HIV Awareness Day as well as introducing an online series, flyer attached.

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Health  
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# HOLISTIC LIVING WITH HIV

**ONLINE SERIES:**

- Monday, January 24th at 10am:  
PLANT BASED LIFESTYLE
- Monday, January 31st at 10am:  
MEDITATION & MOVEMENT
- Monday, February 7th:  
JOIN US IN PERSON TO CELEBRATE NATIONAL  
BLACK HIV/AIDS AWARENESS DAY  
Location: Nucleus Plaza, Las Vegas, NV. (1pm-6pm)
- Monday, February 14th at 10am:  
HERBS & ACUPUNCTURE.

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Email: [Nicole@PurplePlantMagic.com](mailto:Nicole@PurplePlantMagic.com)  
to register for online series

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Join Minorities for Medical Marijuana and Southern Nevada Health Consortium for a Free series of events on "Holistic Living with HIV", hosted by Founder of Purple Plant Magic, Nicole Buffong. The online series will begin on Monday, January 24th at 10amPT, and continue every Monday, through February 14th. During the online portion of this series, Nicole will speak with professionals in their perspective fields from the Las Vegas area that have helped her live a more holistic lifestyle as an HIV positive woman. Nicole will share her experience and knowledge as a Cannabis Patient and Advocate living in Nevada. Nicole will also be guest speaker at the National Black HIV/AIDS Awareness Day in Las Vegas on Monday, February 7th.

HOSTED BY  
**NICOLE BUFFONG**  
Founder of Purple Plant Magic  
M4MM Western Regional Director

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**B. Location of past SoN HPPG agendas and minutes**

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

**VIII. PUBLIC COMMENT:** None.

**IX. ADJOURNMENT:** Thanks to all. Adjourned 3:14 pm, motion by Preston Tang and Leana Ramirez. All in favor, none opposed.