



**Joint Meeting Minutes:  
Northern and Southern Nevada HIV Prevention Planning Group**

*July 15, 2022*

1:00 PM – 3:00 PM

**ATTENDANCE:**

Cheryl Radeloff – SNHD	Sandi Saito – SNHD	Samantha Hamilton – SNHD
Raychel Holbert – SNHD	Xavier Foster – SNHD	Dee Connor – PAC
Sanjay Mehta – UCSD	Victoria Young – PAETC	Brian Felgar – SNHD
Elizabeth Adelman – SNHD	Taylor Lensch – UNR	Marlin Munoz – AHF
Caress Balitmore – NDPBH	Percy Neaves – The Center	Leanna Ramirez - Equiscript
Chris Reynolds – Alto/SN Health Consortium		Tyler Shaw – Ferrari Reader Public Affairs
Robert Harding – UNR	Mona Lisa Paulo – The Center	Jennifer Bennet – UNR/AETC
Krystal Griffin – TracB	Jen Howell – WCHD	Sonya Smith – WCHD

1. Call to order/Notice of Posting Agenda	Cheryl Radleoff
2. *Public Comment (limit to five minutes)	Robert Harding
3. Consent Agenda	Leanna Ramirez
4. Presentation: “Molecular Surveillance and HIV Prevention” Dr. Sanjay Mehta Associate Clinical Professor, Medicine UCSD <a href="#">Molecular Surveillance and HIV Prevention</a>	Dr. Sanjay Mehta srmehta@health.ucsd.edu
5. Presentation: “Update: Integrated HIV Prevention and Care Plan” Taylor Lensch Assistant Director, Center for Community Engaged Research in Practice, UNR School of Public Health <a href="#">NV Integrated HIV Plan Section 2 Draft.docx</a> <a href="#">NV Integrated HIV Plan Section 3 Draft.docx</a>	Taylor Lensch tlensch@unr.edu
6. Discussion/Presentation “Resources for Education Providers on Perinatal HIV”, SNHD Office of Disease Surveillance & Control, Office of Communications <a href="#">Maternal HIV logos</a>	Brian Felgar Raychel Holbert Cheryl Radeloff
7. Updates from Advisory Task Force on HIV Exposure Modernization	Jen Howell
8. Committees and other NNHPPG and SoN HPPG related activities	
9. Individual & Agency Updates	Please see section below
10. *Public Comment (limit to five minutes)	Cheryl Radeloff
11. Adjournment	Robert Harding

#### **1. 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, although this is an informational meeting only.

#### **2. PUBLIC COMMENT**

Robert Harding called for any public comment. Hearing none, continuation of agenda was motioned.

#### **3. CONSENT AGENDA**

Chris Reynolds and Xavier Foster motion to move forward with agenda, including informational items as well.

#### **4. PRESENTATION BY DR. SANJAY MEHATA**

Dr. Mehta explains the definition of molecular epidemiology (ME) and how we can use sequencing to discover biogenetic trees that help identify sites and clusters. It also describes similarities through networks, which are suggested transmission chains or point of transmission. Networks can also be used in behavioral, social, venue, or transmission only (molecular). Using these networks, we can hopefully identify areas that have higher transmission rates and will be able to utilize it as opportunity for outreach testing/treatment.

**Question by Cheryl Radeloff:** Do we use molecular epidemiology to track infectious agents?

**Answer:** We don't use it for prevention however we use it as a tracking purpose such as gonorrhea, influenza, hep C, etc.

Dr. Mehta gave two examples on how molecular surveillance can be useful for HIV efforts, such as determining sub-populations and evaluate the impact of prevention interventions. He also explained the risk of using molecular epidemiology. Misunderstandings on how it may be used consist of unable to grasp viral evolution, linkage, misinterpretation of network/tree diagrams, and privacy risks.

**Comment by Jen Howell:** People living with HIV have expressed concerns of using ME by reengaging with clients once point of care is closed can be triggering and intrusive. Also, that it can be used as a form of HIV criminalization. Not everyone gets genetic testing at their first round of testing which can limit the data being used.

**Answer:** We understand that there can be an overstep and that there are 23 states that have criminalization statues, plus the data won't be completely accurate but just finding new methods that can help aide transmission discovery.

#### **5. PRESENTATION BY TAYLOR LENSCH**

Taylor held an overview of the newest update on the 2022-2026 Nevada HIV Integrated Prevention and Care Plan. Final draft to be submitted for the State review is 10/31/2022 and for CDC on 12/09/22. Working with internal workgroup from the state to assist with data requests and obtaining information. As drafts are completed, feedback from key stakeholders and community members are highly recommended.

**Comment by Cheryl Radeloff:** There is an HPPG meeting in October, we may have to reschedule for an earlier meeting due to have all edits/review in prior to deadline for the State.

**Question by Victoria Young:** Can we start the inclusion of monitoring plans on other agencies?

**Answer by Taylor Lensch:** I am on board with that would just need to run it through Jen and Cheryl

**Answer by Jen Howell:** There has been discussion previously, we just need to coordinate and ensure these are realistic measures so we aren't measuring things that don't need to be and we can focus on our objectives.

#### **6. DISCUSSION/PRESENTATION ON PERINATAL LOGO BY BRIAN FEGLAR**



Incline Village, Nevada. Registration is now open:

<https://med.unr.edu/cme/au2022>

- The Center – Condom Awareness Event, Condom Couture July 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2022, 7pm at The Phoenix.
- NV Consortium – We are looking for any volunteers to help with our Latinx event on Oct 15<sup>th</sup> held at Keller Sands providing pet food, COVID at home kits, COVID testing/vaccination. Now awarded as a nonprofit organization.
- AHF – Introduction to Rebecca the new APRN for wellness. August 15<sup>th</sup> well starts to offer PrEP services for uninsured clients, more details to come.
- SNHRA – Harm Reduction Alliance 6<sup>th</sup> annual overdose awareness day event August 31<sup>st</sup>, 5-7:30 PM at Chunk Minker.
- Nevada’s Diversity and Inclusion Liaisons – rescheduling the annual DIL meeting to July 28<sup>th</sup> at 2pm. If you would like to share thoughts or opinions on how the state can improve service delivery to minority committees, please RSVP at [ONAINfo@ona.nv.gov](mailto:ONAINfo@ona.nv.gov).