



Northern Nevada HIV Prevention Planning Group

Wednesday, June 27, 2018 – 2:00 PM
Washoe County Health District
1001 East Ninth St., Conference Room A
Reno, NV

MINUTES

Members Present: Jennifer Howell, Lyell Collins, Sarah Almaraz, Gwen Taylor, Janet St. Amant (alternate), Theron Huntamer, Doug Hodges, Robert Ashley, Jenna Bieber

Absences Excused: Henedina Tollerstad

Guests Present: Nathan Militante, Scott Benton, Roland Castro-Boulware, Preston Tang, Kellie Ducker, Karina Tomco, Ashlee Jones Balakrupa Ramachandran, Irene Rose

1. **Welcome and Introductions**

Co-chair Doug Hodges called the meeting to order at 2:20 pm.

2. **Public Comment**

Jen Howell announced that the co-chair position is up for election. Nominations can be submitted at the August and October meetings, with a vote at the October meeting. Also, new membership applications have been submitted. Prospective members need to attend one meeting before their application is on the agenda for a vote. Questions are asked of applicants prior to the vote regarding their commitment and interest.

3. **Approval of Minutes from February 28, 2018 Meeting**

Minutes were not available for review and approval.

4. **Integrated HIV Prevention & Care Community Plan Update**

Jen reported that the statewide workgroup met two weeks ago. The next meeting will focus on listening session logistics. Updates are available from Jen. Members are welcome to join Jen in the conference calls. Information provided through the community stakeholder meetings is being compiled by UNR staff for the upcoming plan update and mid-year report for CDC. New grant requirements were included in the update. Lyell reported that community suggestions may not be able to be implemented. Jen discussed the importance of HIV surveillance participation and spoke of Theron's experience being necessary to address the grant surveillance needs. Kellie Ducker reported that her office is focused on meeting the objectives. Lyell noted that the state is progressing well with strategies and Nevada is ahead of most states that have not integrated their care and prevention plans.

5. **HIV Testing and Condom Taskforce**

6. Agency Updates

HOPES – Irene reported that the third floor of HOPES is being renovated for behavioral health services, with Administration moving to an offsite location. An intern is working on a PrEP project and surveying community members for information on availability, access, and referrals.

Steve’s – Steve noted that the HIV/STD testing that is offered for 3 hour blocks has been successful, with more people being able to be tested.

7. Public Comment

Rob Phoenix, a provider located in Southern Nevada spoke about the PrEP medication, Truvada, being approved for adolescents in May. He questioned if there is a law preventing adolescents from receiving the medication without parental consent as well as other HPV vaccinations. Jen noted that the current law regarding access to reproductive health services without parental consent for those 13 years of age and older may cover this access. A legal opinion on the law may be needed.

8. Adjournment

There was a motion by Sarah Almaraz to adjourn the meeting and seconded by Robert Harding. Motion passed unanimously.