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Proposed Amendments to Nevada Administrative Code (NAC) 439 in accordance with AB 254 (2019) & SB 175 (2021)

Public Workshop Minutes

January 9, 2023

In Attendance

- Ashlyn Torrez, Health Program Specialist I
- Lindsey Kinsinger, Health Program Manager II
- Donna Laffey
- Linetta Barnes
- Katie Ryan, Dignity Health
- Nik Rashid, M.D.
- Jennifer Millet

Public Workshop commenced at 10:00 am PST via Microsoft Teams.

1) Introduction of the workshop process.

Ms. Ashlyn Torrez opened the public workshop at 10:00 am and thanked everyone for their interest and time. Ms. Torrez introduced herself as the project coordinator for the lupus, sickle cell, and other rare disease program at the Office of Public Health Investigations and Epidemiology as known as OPHIE. Ms. Torrez stated that this workshop was conducted in accordance with NRS 241.020, Nevada Open Meeting Law. Ms. Torrez commented that copies of the public workshop notice are on file and copies may be obtained in person or by mail at the following locations: Division of Public and Behavioral Health in Carson and Reno, the Nevada State Library and Archives, Southern Nevada Health District, and Washoe County Health District. Ms. Torrez added that if anyone attending the public workshop needed the addresses, they may reference to the public workshop notice packet or to reach out to me at 775-447-0263 or atorrez@health.nv.gov. Ms. Torrez stated that following this public workshop, the draft regulations are a subset to the public hearing rulemaking process conducted by the Board of Health (BOH). Ms. Torrez added that all updates regarding this and other related meetings will be posted to the DPBH OPHIE Regulations website, and the proposed regulations heard today will be presented at a future BOH meeting and an appropriate notice would be forthcoming. Ms. Torrez stated that the meeting was recorded and will be transcribed and made available online at DPBH OPHIE Regulations website. Ms. Torrez reminded those who attended the public workshop to silence their phones, state your name before speaking to help us accurately transcribe minutes, and mute yourself when you are not speaking. Ms. Torrez asked those who planned to give public comment to please withhold your statements until the floor has been opened.

- 2) Public comment on errata to proposed regulation Legislative Council Bureau (LCB) file no. R107-22 amending Nevada Administrative Code (NAC) Chapter 439 in accordance with Assembly Bill (AB) 254 of the 2019 Legislative Session and Nevada Revised Statutes (NRS) Chapter 439.

Ms. Torrez continued Legislative Council Bureau (LCB) File No. R107-22 proposed regulation provided provisions to Nevada Administrative Code (NAC) 439 in accordance with Assembly Bill (AB) 254 from the 2019 Legislative session. Ms. Torrez stated that the bill would establish and maintain a system of reporting and analysis of certain information on sickle cell and its variants. Ms. Torrez added that the data collected through the Sickle Cell Registry will allow for the Division of Public and Behavioral Health to better understand the needs of patients living with sickle cell throughout the state. Ms. Torrez stated that the information will be imperative to developing programs and support systems for people living with sickle cell, and others impacted by it. Ms. Torrez opened the floor for public comment on the proposed regulations LCB File No. R107-22 in accordance with NAC 439.

Ms. Torrez asked if there was anyone who would like to comment on LCB File No. R107-22.

Ms. Torrez stated that if there was no further comment, she would move on to the next agenda item.

- 3) Public comment on errata to proposed regulation LCB file no. R108-22 amending NAC Chapter 439 in accordance with Senate Bill (SB) 175 of the 81st Legislative Session of 2021 and NRS Chapter 439.

Ms. Torrez reminded the audience again to please silence your phones, state your name before speaking to help us accurately transcribe minutes, and mute yourself when you are not speaking. Ms. Torrez stated the LCB File No. R108-22 proposed regulation provide provisions to the NAC 439 in accordance with Senate Bill (SB) 175 from the 2021 Legislative session. Ms. Torrez added that the bill will establish and maintain a system of reporting and analysis of certain information on lupus and its variants. Ms. Torrez commented that the data collected through the lupus registry will allow for a better understanding of the needs of patients living with lupus in the state. Ms. Torrez added that this information will help develop programs and support systems for people living with lupus and those impacted by it. Ms. Torrez opened the floor for public comment on the proposed regulation changes LCB File No. R108-22 in accordance with NAC 439.

Ms. Torrez asked if there was anyone who would like to provide comment.

Hearing none, Ms. Torrez moved on to the next agenda item.

- 4) General public comment.

Ms. Torrez opened the floor for general public comment on any of the proposed regulations that were discussed previously or any questions you may have.

Ms. Jennifer Millet commented that her login was not working on her computer, and she had to call in.

Ms. Torrez thanked her for attending and asked if she had any questions.

Ms. Millet stated that she did not and thanked Ms. Torrez.

Ms. Torrez thanked her. Ms. Torrez asked if there was anyone to like to comment or ask any questions. Ms. Torrez stated that if there is no one to provide public comment, she would move to adjourn.

Hearing none, Ms. Torrez thanked everyone for their time and adjourned the meeting.

The Public Workshop adjourned at 10:11 AM.