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**Senate Bill 275 (2021) –
ADVISORY TASK FORCE ON HIV EXPOSURE MODERNIZATION**

December 8, 2022, 5:00 PM

FINAL – APPROVED December 22, 2022

Microsoft Teams Teleconference

Call to Order, Roll Call – Tory Johnson, Office of HIV

TASK FORCE MEMBERS PRESENT:

Quentin Savwoir – Chair
Stephan Page – Co-Chair
Cheryl Radeloff
Rob Phoenix
Jennifer Howell
Jesus (JP) Coleman
Jennifer Howell
Caesar Espinoza

TASK FORCE MEMBERS ABSENT:

Andre' Wade
Gary Costa
Senator Dallas Harris

OFFICE OF HIV STAFF PRESENT:

Tory Johnson
Jordan Ellison

GUESTS PRESENT:

Linda Anders, Esq. – Nevada Public Health Foundation
James Lau

2. Public Comment:

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3. For Possible Action:

Review and approval of meeting minutes – Chair: Quentin Savwoir
• November 10, 2022

Motion to approve minutes made by co-Chair Stephan Page, Cheryl Radeloff seconded the motion. Tory Johnson led a roll call vote. One Abstention

4. For Possible Action: Discuss and possible action relating to drafting and submission of letter of support from modernization task force to host the 2023 HIV Fast Track Cities Conference in Las Vegas, Nevada – Rob Phoenix, APRN, FNP-C, HIV-PCP

No further comments made. Still pending draft.

5. For Possible Action: Discussion and possible action relating to drafting of report to Governor’s Office and Legislative Council Bureau (LCB) Possible topics to include and review in the report are as follows:

Possible Section	Status	Task Force Member
Community Engagement and the need to share information related to SB 275(2021)	Draft Submitted	Cheryl Radeloff & Stephan Page
Comprehensive sexual education	Pending	Quentin Savvoir
1 st Responders	Draft Submitted	Jennifer Howell
NRS 441A.320	Draft Submitted	Jennifer Howell, Rob Phoenix & Stephan Page
Applying SB 275 (2021) retroactively; clearing records of those previously criminalized under the statutes that SB 275 repealed	Pending	Senator Dallas Harris
Clients/patients access to medications through limitations placed on co-pay assistance cards (i.e., health insurance plans and deductibles) through commercial insurance plans	Draft Submitted	Rob Phoenix
Age of consent regarding STI testing and treatment	Draft Submitted	Andre’ Wade
HIV & Nevada State Prisons	Draft Submitted	Cheryl Radeloff & Stephan Page

Task force members discussed the age restrictions on treatment options. Suggestions for all agencies to follow one standardized process. However, there may be possible legal restrictions in standardizing the age limit for treatment for minors. Additional discussion regarding editing drafts from a legal standpoint. Suggestion made for drafts to go thru review process before finalization. Motion made to approve drafts and edits made by sections by Caesar Espinoza, seconded by Co-chair Stephan Page. Roll call vote held by Tory Johnson. Unanimously approved.

6. For Discussion: Continuation of Advisory Task Force on HIV Exposure Modernization – Current Task Force members

Tabled until the next meeting due to Senator Harris not being in attendance.

7. For Discussion: Review and discussion of Bill Draft Request (BDR) 99-9999 which seeks to revise provisions governing the ability of a minor to consent to certain health care services. – Senator Dallas Harris

No discussion made,

8. For Discussion: Legal Research State Statute Comparison (see attachment: Legal_Research_State_statute_comparison_12082022.pdf) – Andre’ Wade, Silver State Equality

No discussion made.

- 9. For Discussion:** Sexual Assault Bill and Advocating for development of a model of care for survivors patterned after the Children’s Advocacy Centers – Rob Phoenix, APRN, FNP-C, HIV-PCP
- This has been included in one (1) of the sections created for the task force report.
- 10. For Discussion:** Encouraging HIV/Hepatitis C (Hep C) testing for prisons, as well as standards of care for Hep C. – Rob Phoenix, APRN, FNP-C, HIV-PCP
- Discussions surrounding subject matter at hand. Suggestion to amend section ‘HIV & Nevada State Prisons’ to include Hep C testing. Possible edits to include that community standards of care from a provider should involve the rights to access care and best practices including evidence-based practice to help end the epidemic. Also, this will be incorporated into the “HIV & Nevada State Prisons” section of the task force report.
- 11. For Discussion:** Review and discussion regarding provider parity (see attachment: Provider Parity_12082022)- Rob Phoenix. APRN, FNP-C, HIV-PCP
- Discussion made around equity for reimbursement to providers from insurance payers. Further comments made stated that there should be a standardized billing level per the level of care and not just the provider’s title (i.e., practitioner, MD, DO). This will be a new section in the task force report.
- 12. For Discussion:** Review and discussion around removing barriers to care such as specialist requirements, same day-rapid start, medication access. (See attachment: HIV_modernization_recommendations_12082002.pdf) – Rob Phoenix, APRN, FNP-C, HIV-PCP
- Discussions surrounding recommending improving access for patients across the state of Nevada in relation to the state’s healthcare system and provider reform. This will be a new section in the task force report, possibly under community health considerations.
- 13. For Possible Action:** Make recommendations for next meeting’s agenda
- Keep agenda items #1 – 8 and remove #9 – 12 and incorporate in the sections for the task force report as applicable.*
- 14. Public Comment:** *No action may be taken on a matter raised under this item of the agenda until the matter itself has been included specifically on an agenda as an item upon which action will be taken.*
- No public comment made
- 15. Adjournment:** **Meeting adjourned @ 6:13 PM**