



Statewide Epidemiology Organization Workgroup (SEOW)

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Meeting Minutes

Thursday, November 17, 2022

1. Members In Attendance: Elyse Monroy-Marsala (Chair) Helen See (Past Chair), James K., Richard Egan, Trey Delap, Wei Yang, Brandon Delise, Ingrid, Amber Batchelor, Pauline Sala, Jamie Ross (proxy for Linda Lang), Laura, Yuen Long, Jamie Ross
Members Absent: Ingrid Mburia, Eric Ohlson, Marco Mendez
Quorum is established.
2. Public comment. There is none.
3. Introduction of new Substance Abuse Prevention and Treatment Agency (SAPTA) staff
Ms. Antonia Capparelli-Twait introduces Ms. Stacey Wittke as the new Administrative Assistant III for Prevention.
4. Approval of minutes for August 25, 2022, Meeting – Ms. Elyse Monroy-Marsala (Chair).
(For Possible Action)
Ms. Monroy-Marsala asks if all members have had a chance to review the draft minutes from August 25, 2022, and if anyone has any changes or revisions. Mr. Trey Delap comments that he reviewed the minutes and found some minor typographical errors which he will send over.
Mr. Trey Delap makes a motion to approve the August minutes.
Ms. Helen See seconds' motion.
Ms. Yen would like errors to be addressed.
Opposed: none. Abstention: None.
Motion Passes, with corrections from Mr. Delap and Ms. Yen.
Item 3 closed. Item 4 open.
5. Election of Nominees to the Statewide Epidemiology Organization Workgroup (SEOW) – Ms. Elyse Monroy-Marsala (Chair)
Ms. Monroy-Marsala asks if member bios must be read or resumes reviewed.
Ms. Capparelli-Twait states that neither resumes or bios are required in the by-laws, so it is up to the individual to share their own background information. New members that are nominated have the background and experience based off their nominations.
Ms. Palmer states that it was reviewed and verified through our DAG that the resumes no longer needed to be posted. I regard to Ms. Lucas with the Office of Analytics team, the position she holds is a supported element that we are required federally to have in and part of the SEOW.

New members –

Ms. Monroy-Marsala introduces Ms. Amy Lucas who is contributing the EPI Profile draft.

Ms. Monroy-Marsala moves to approve Ms. Lucas (Office of Analytics) and Ms. Elizabeth Northan (Join Together Nevada) as new members of the committee.

Ms. See makes the motion to nominate the two.

Mr. Kuzhippala seconds the motion.

Opposed: none. Abstention: None.

Motion Passes

6. Self-paced training for Open Meeting Law (OML) –

Deputy Attorney General representing the Division of Public and Behavioral Health, Pierron E.

Tackes discusses the OML. Questions include:

- Do cameras have to be on during video conferencing? Answer: No, there is not a requirement but it is advisable for members to do so, among other things, it ensures quorum.
- Do we have 24 hrs to remediate documents to be ADA compliant after they've been presented? Answer: Yes, get handouts posted within 24 hrs, but there is no ADA requirement explicit in the OML.
 - o Ms. Palmer comments that the state has the capability and can handle the ADA compliance component
- Could you define what is the public body? Answer: US, 241.051 subsection 4 goes through everything that's considered a public body under the open meeting law, it includes state advisory committees which either expend or disperse or is supported in whole or in part by tax revenue, and which makes recommendations to any entity that expends or disperses or is supported in whole or in part by tax revenue. And then it goes through how those public bodies are created.
- If a committee makes a subcommittee, is the subcommittee under OML? Answer: Yes.

Discussion ensues on the topic of Conflict of Interest and Ms. Capparelli-Twait wonders if members are required to sign a COI form annually or upon request.

Ms. Tackes comments: That's an internal process question. There's not a requirement in statute that it be completed on any periodic basis. I think generally it's done when someone joins a public body and then we rely on the members to take it upon themselves. If they're status changes or something comes up. But there may be, I don't want to speak on behalf of the division in case they have an internal process on how frequently they do it.

7. Discuss the SEOW Strategic Planning Subcommittee. There is a discussion about not continuing with a subcommittee for the SEOW. Ms. Palmer explains the reasons the Bureau Chief has made this decision.

Ms. Monroy-Marsala explains that instead of a subcommittee, she suggests using a strategic planning template she found from Central Connecticut University, called Start Stop. The bylaws should be updated to show that this body does not report to a subcommittee.

8. Review the Draft of the Epidemiology Report Profile.

Ms. Lucas is asked to present and discuss the EPI Profile Draft. There are some questions:

- Tobacco use is down for pregnancy; does that include vaping? Answer: I believe it does not include vaping.
- Is the graph showing suicidal ideation repeating? Answer: It is showing suicidal ideation for the prior quarter.

- Are we seeing a difference in cutting being suicidal ideation vs. self harm? Answer: That would depend on the ICD codes used.
- Illicit drug use numbers have gone down drastically – is this true? Is there a caveat? Answer: These are national numbers and they have been decreasing a lot since 2020 in most, if not all, categories.
- Regarding marijuana vs. methamphetamines drug-related in-patient admissions by quarter, why are there so many in-patients for marijuana? Answer: Perhaps this is because the data was taken from around the time marijuana became legal. People may have been taking larger amounts, thinking they weren't "feeling anything."
- Is polysubstance use accounted for? In our fatal data, people had at least two substances in their system. Answer: Not in this chart.

Ms. Lucas mentions that the veteran suicide report is being reviewed by the Director's Office right now and should be out soon.

- Is there a way to correlate costs to codes when someone is in the hospital for polysubstance use? Answer: The only insurance data we have available is Medicaid data for in-patient admissions.
- Regarding in-patient stays, are we looking at primary diagnosis or any diagnosis during the patient's stay? Answer: This is any diagnosis during their stay. There's a chart for primary diagnosis as well as for alcohol and drugs.

Ms. Lucas says that she'd like to look at admission and prescription data as they relate to suicides. Some members comment on work being done at Renown and mention Adam Ernst, who was involved in pulling the current data. Ms. Lucas will talk to him about the specific data discussed here.

- Is it possible to pull the whole diagnosis definition? Answer: There's no description but we do have the codes that were used.

There is discussion about the distribution of Naloxone and data about it. Ms. Palmer comments that Heather Kuhn works closely with CASAT and that the State will be able to provide distribution data.

9. Public Comment.

Ms. Monroy-Marsala asks is there anyone attending from the public, or the Nevada minority health and equity coalition, or Latino Steering Community.

Members voice the importance of hearing from diverse communities, with an emphasis on getting to the communities who most need assistance. Ms. Capparelli-Twait says we have annual collaborative meetings for this purpose. Dates are being set and will be sent out in January.

There is a discussion about why the MPAC was dissolved, and Ms. Palmer says that there were some duplicative components. She discusses SOR and CASAT and data they will compile. There is also support from SAMHSA, federal entities and grant project officers. She says we are currently working with the minority health sector.

The members discuss the importance of including data on the community's that are served, and that this data should be included in the EPI Profile. Ms. Palmer mentions that Heather Kuhn, Health Program Specialist for SOR will work with the CASAT team on the data component.

Ms. Monroy-Marsala recaps that there is work to be done around the topics of tobacco and vaping in pregnancy. Adam Ernst will be contacted to assist, as he did a cost indicator profile for the OD 2A Program.

- 10.** The next meeting will be in December to approve the EPI Profile. Ms. Capparelli-Twait says to email her any feedback.

Discussion around next meetings, with agreement that the next meeting is in December to vote on the EPI Profile, then January 19, 2023, with quarterly meetings after that. There may need to be a Doodle Poll for the December meeting.

Adjournment