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Date: September 8, 2017

To: State Board of Health members

Through: Richard Whitley, Director DHHS  
Amy Roukie, MBA, Administrator, DPBH

From: John M. DiMuro, DO, MBA, Chief Medical Officer

Re: **CHIEF MEDICAL OFFICER REPORT TO THE BOARD OF HEALTH FOR SEPTEMBER 8, 2017 MEETING**

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SECTION I: EXECUTIVE BRANCH ISSUES

***GOVERNOR'S BILL ON CONTROLLED SUBSTANCES***

AB474 unanimously passed and was signed into law at the conclusion of the 2017 legislative session. This new law will become effective January 1, 2018. The Division is aggressively implementing this bill statewide so all practitioners will have the opportunity to be compliant at the start of the New Year.

SECTION II: STATEWIDE ISSUES

***INFECTIOUS DISEASE / CANCER REGISTRY***

*Zika Virus:* Recent update on Zika virus from the CDC as of August 19, 2017 shows 5,415 cases in the USA. Pregnant women with lab evidence of Zika total 2,112 cases in the USA. Liveborn infants with birth defects secondary to Zika in the US and District of Columbia total 93.

*West Nile Virus:* As of July 26, 2017, there have been eight positive mosquito collections of West Nile Virus in Washoe County. I will defer to Dr. Iser of the Southern Health District for the numbers in Clark County.

*Cancer Registry:* We are in the midst of creating rationale cancer registry regulations with reporting groups and have begun creating appropriate wording of these regulations. We should have the new regulation language complete by the next Board meeting.

### SECTION III: CONTROLLED SUBSTANCES / MARIJUANA / MENTAL HEALTH

#### *SUBSTANCE ABUSE/MENTAL HEALTH*

We are actively engaged with dispersing our STR funds. This grant totaled about \$5.6 million to combat opioid addiction. I have been working closely with Dr. Stephanie Woodard, the DHHS Senior Advisor on Behavior Health, in engaging recipients and coordinating the state response.

Medicaid has approved our recommended policy changes around opioids and suboxone following the recent DUR board meetings. The following changes are to be implemented:

Appendix A MSM 1200 Effective October 27, 2016 **Opioid** – 7 day initial prescription without prior authorization.

*The following language will be added:*

Appendix A MSM 1200 Effective January 26, 2017 **Buprenorphine/Naloxone** – 7 day initial prescription without prior authorization.

Please note that this change in the DHCFP MSM 1200 only impacts the FFS population and does not dictate the MCO formulary.

#### *MARIJUANA PROGRAM*

The Medical Marijuana Establishment program is transitioning over to the Department of Taxation. I remain in charge of the Medical Marijuana program for minors and individually review every case prior to rendering a determination for approval or denial.

Retail marijuana was initiated July 1, 2017, and we have had some well-publicized issues over distribution. This is still being addressed by the Department of Taxation.

### SECTION IV: DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONS

#### *DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONS*

**Execution:** The novel Nevada lethal injection protocol has come into question by various news media sources and political groups. The execution of inmate Scott Dozier is scheduled for mid-November. This will be the first execution in Nevada since 2006. The execution is scheduled for November 14, 2017 at 8:00pm in the Ely State Prison located in Ely, Nevada.

Vivitrol Pilot Program: I am awaiting current information on this program as the primary contacts have recently changed. As stated previously, we are targeting one hundred inmates at both the Warm Springs Correctional Facility in Carson City and the Southern Desert Correctional Center in Las Vegas.

Dietary: We appear to have closure regarding the dietary issues at the Lovelock facility. Mr. Robert Stockmeier's appeal was denied on July 28, 2017. There have been no new dietary complaints since my last report to this Board.

#### SECTION V: CRISIS STANDARDS OF CARE

##### *CRISIS STANDARDS OF CARE (CSC)*

I have signed off on our final statewide CSC plan. We are in the midst of implementing our Emergency Provider of Nevada (EPON) network of emergency response providers. Program director Dr. Malinda Southard continues to perform admirably in her role. We continue to develop our code of ethics document and have aggressively increased our recruiting efforts for all provider types that can provide emergency level care during a time of crisis.

#### SECTION VI: ORAL HEALTH

##### *ORAL HEALTH*

We continue to support the oral health efforts and are happy to report that Chief Dental Officer Dr. Capurro recently gave birth to a healthy daughter. Our State Dental Hygienist Judy White continues to work closely with Dr. Capurro as we coordinate the move of the program to Las Vegas and perform our outreach and education programs and screenings.

#### SECTION VII: DHCFP/MEDICAID

##### *DHCFP/MEDICAID*

Aetna has withdrawn from the State as one of the two new managed care Medicaid providers.

#### SECTION VIII: MEDICAL BOARDS

##### *MEDICAL BOARDS (M.D., D.O., R.N.)*

The Division maintains an excellent working relationship with the medical and nursing boards and has had no issues since our last meeting. The nursing Board was instrumental in helping to create a 'white paper' which can serve as an easy reference guide for prescribers related to AB474.

***DENTAL BOARD***

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No new complaints since last report. I am trying to work out a meeting with the Board's Executive Director in conjunction with the Chief Dental Officer in the coming months.

***BOARD OF PHARMACY***

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The BOP continues to support the Division and is actively helping to implement AB474.

SECTION IX: ASTHO

***ASTHO***

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Administrator Roukie and I will be attending a conference with the Association in two weeks. We continue to rely on ASTHO for timely nationwide health information including updates on the recent hurricanes and infectious disease.

SECTION X: FEDERAL ISSUES / HRSA

No new issues to report.

Section XI: Legislative Issues

***AB214***

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The division has initiated the implementation of AB214. This bill dealt with increasing ethnic diversity in medical clinical trials. We met with Comprehensive Cancer Centers and US Oncology in Las Vegas last week to discuss how they can assist us with implementation of this Bill.

Thank you.

September 8, 2017

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**John M. DiMuro, DO, MBA**  
Nevada Chief Medical Officer



# Suicide Prevention

Friday, February 16, 2018 at Paris Hotel in Las Vegas

3:45—4:45 PM: “**After a Patient Commits Suicide**” by Michael Gitlin, MD

4:45—5:45 PM: “**Guns and Mental Health**” by Jeffrey Swanson, PhD

Suicide Prevention CME will be available and meets  
the requirement of AB105\*

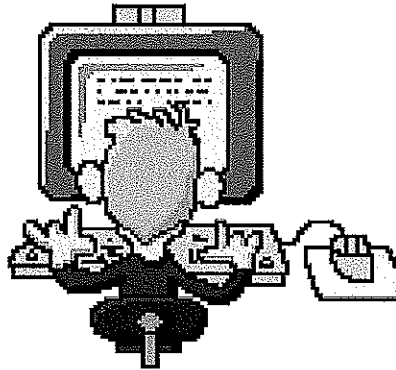
Offered as part of NPA’s 23rd Annual Psychopharmacology Update course,  
February 14-17, 2018 at Paris Hotel and Casino, Las Vegas, Nevada

### Three options to meet this requirement:

- 1) Sign up for the whole Update Course, February 15-17, at [www.nvpsychiatry.org](http://www.nvpsychiatry.org)
- 2) Sign up for Friday, February 16, all day and 8 CME credits by going to [www.nvpsychiatry.org](http://www.nvpsychiatry.org)
- 3) Sign up for just the 2 hours in the afternoon at a prorated fee by going to <https://www.etches.com/2018suicideupdate>

Online registration is now open. For any questions, please call 1-877-493-0007 or go to [www.nvpsychiatry.org](http://www.nvpsychiatry.org).

**\*The 2017 Nevada Legislature just added all physicians to the requirement to obtain 2 hours of CME in suicide prevention. The requirement applies within two years after initial licensure and thereafter every four years. Unfortunately this no longer meets the Ethics requirement.**



# Suicide Prevention CME

**Now available online!**

“Management of Treatment Resistant Depression: The Art and the Science”  
Charles Nemeroff, MD, PhD, Chair of Psychiatry, University of Miami

“Physician Suicide: What You Can Do to Save A Life”  
Michael Myers, MD, Professor of Psychiatry, SUNY Downstate, Brooklyn, NY

Suicide Prevention: 2 CME credits are now available online  
which meet the requirement of AB105\*

Go to: <http://med.unr.edu/cme/cmewebinarlibrary>

Lectures were presented as part of NPA's 22rd Annual  
Psychopharmacology Update course, February 15-18, 2017 at  
Bally's Hotel and Casino, Las Vegas, Nevada

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