

**THE ADVISORY COUNCIL ON THE STATE PROGRAM FOR WELLNESS AND THE
PREVENTION OF CHRONIC DISEASE
MINUTES
OCTOBER 19, 2017
1:15 p.m.**

The Advisory Council on the State Program for Wellness and the Prevention of Chronic Disease held a public meeting on 10/19/2017, beginning at 1:15 p.m., at the following locations:

Division of Public and Behavioral Health
4126 Technology Way
2ND Floor Conference Room
Carson City, NV 89706

Bureau of Health Care Quality & Compliance
4220 S. Maryland Parkway
Building D, Suite 810
Las Vegas, NV 89119

Division of Health Care Financing & Policy
1010 Ruby Vista Drive
Suite 102
Elko, NV 89801

Division of Health and Human Services
Aging and Disability Services Division
2667 Enterprise Road
Reno, NV 89513

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT

Tom McCoy, JD, Chair
Stacy Briscoe, RD
Andre' DeLeón
Jacquie Ewing-Taylor, PhD
Assemblywoman Amber Joiner, MA
Chris Needham, MBA
Julia Peek, MHA, CPM
Erin Russell, PhD
Rebecca Scherr, MD
Ben Schmauss, MPH
Deborah Williams, MPA, MPH, CHES

BOARD MEMBERS NOT PRESENT

Christina Demopoulos, DDS, MPH
John DiMuro, DO, MBA
Senator Joe Hardy, MD

DIVISION OF PUBLIC AND BEHAVIORAL HEALTH STAFF PRESENT

Karissa Loper, MPH, Deputy Bureau Chief, Bureau of Child, Family and Community Wellness (CFCW), Division of Public and Behavioral Health (DPBH)
Jenni Bonk, MS, Section Manager, Chronic Disease Prevention and Health Promotion (CDPHP), CFCW, DPBH
Kristi Robusto, PhD, Quality Improvement Manager, CDPHP, CFCW, DPBH
David Olsen, Policy and Systems Manager, CDPHP, CFCW, DPBH
Lily Helzer, Comprehensive Cancer Coordinator, CDPHP, CFCW, DPBH
Rose Sutherland, School Health Coordinator, CDPHP, CFCW, DPBH
Madison Huntley, Tobacco Prevention Coordinator, CDPHP, CFCW, DPBH
Allison Schleicher, MPHc, Tobacco Data Analyst, CDPHP, CFCW, DPBH
Jeanne Broughton, Administrative Assistant III, CDPHP, CFCW, DPBH

OTHERS PRESENT

Janae Ballingham, MAT, Douglas County School District
Erin Dixon, MS, Washoe County Health District
Kim Gahagan, Health Plan of Nevada
Bobbi Shanks, RN, Elko County School District and Elko County Health Board
Abby Wheeler, Elko County
Sandy Wartgow, RN, BSN Carson City Health and Human Services

1. Roll Call

Roll call was taken and it was determined a quorum of the Advisory Council on the State Program for Wellness and the Prevention of Chronic Disease (CWCD) was present, per Nevada Revised Statute (NRS) 439.518 § 2.

Chair Tom McCoy asked Jenni Bonk to find out who the replacement appointment was for Senator Joe Hardy. Ms. Bonk stated she would do so.

2. Vote on minutes from the April 20, 2017 meeting

Chair McCoy asked if there were any corrections to the minutes from the August 17, 2017 meeting. Deborah Williams had one correction.

CHAIR MCCOY ENTERTAINED A MOTION TO APPROVE THE MINUTES WITH ONE CORRECTION. A MOTION TO APPROVE WAS MADE BY MS. WILLIAMS. BEN SCHMAUSS SECONDED THE MOTION WHICH PASSED UNANIMOUSLY WITHOUT PUBLIC COMMENT.

3. Nominations for Committee Openings

Chair McCoy stated there were three (3) openings on the CWCD. A resume was received from Janae Billingham for the Physical Education position. Chair McCoy invited Ms. Billingham to speak to the Council about her qualifications for the position.

Ms. Ballingham stated she has been a National Board Certified Teacher in Physical Education since 2001, has been teaching for 23 years, and the past 13 years have been in Douglas County. She has been presenting on physical education topics around the country for many years. Currently, she serves on several boards as an advocate for physical education and activity in schools.

Chair McCoy opened the floor for questions for Ms. Ballingham. Mr. Schmauss inquired about Ms. Ballingham's availability for meetings. Ms. Ballingham stated she would be available to attend meetings.

Chair McCoy thanked and excused Ms. Ballingham so a vote could be taken.

CHAIR MCCOY ENTERTAINED A MOTION TO APPROVE THE NOMINATION OF MS. BALLINGHAM FOR THE PHYSICAL EDUCATION POSITION. A MOTION TO APPROVE WAS MADE BY MR. SCHMAUSS. ERIN RUSSELL SECONDED THE MOTION WHICH PASSED UNANIMOUSLY WITHOUT PUBLIC COMMENT.

4. Present Chronic Disease Prevention and Health Promotion (CDPHP) Section Updates and Program Reports

Ms. Bonk introduced new contract staff members present, Madison Huntley, Tobacco Prevention Coordinator, and Allison Schleicher, Tobacco Data Analyst. She proceeded to present the report. ([CDPHP Report](#))

Chair McCoy commented on the tobacco portion of the report. He was aware of an issue at Truckee Meadows Community College (TMCC) involving opposition from the faculty; they will not be completely smoke-free this fall. He opened the floor for questions and comments

Dr. Russell inquired about which school districts were targeted for the Comprehensive School Physical Activity Program (CSPAP). Rose Sutherland replied she was currently working with Nye County schools in Tonopah and Pahrump, then, she will be working in Elko and Carson City. She reached out to Washoe County School District and will be working with their new coordinator. Dr. Russell stated she was concerned Clark County was not participating. Ms. Sutherland responded she continues to try and provide technical assistance in Clark County.

5. Present Local Health Authority (LHA) Chronic Disease Prevention and Health Promotion Updates and Program Reports

Southern Nevada Health District (SNHD)

Ms. Williams presented the report. ([SNHD Report](#))

Chair McCoy opened the floor for questions for Ms. Williams. Ms. Bonk asked if the diabetes classes were prevention courses. Ms. Williams responded the online class, “The Road to Diabetes Prevention,” is adapted from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC’s) Diabetes Prevention Program, but it is not certified through the CDC.

Mr. Schmauss asked if it would be of value to have other groups collaborate with college campuses to present a different angle on the smoke-free environment issue. Ms. Williams stated they were still trying to identify a local champion and, once that person is available, having other organizations work together would be optimal.

Washoe County Health District (WCHD) Chronic Disease Prevention Program (CDPP)

Erin Dixon presented the report. ([WCHD Report](#))

Chair McCoy opened the floor for questions. Ms. Bonk commented Ms. Huntley will be working to provide tobacco training for merchants.

Carson City Health and Human Services (CCHHS)

Sandy Wartgow, Tobacco Prevention and Control Program Coordinator, presented the report on behalf of Nicki Aaker, MSN, Director, Carson City Health and Human Services. ([CCHHS Report](#))

Chair McCoy opened the floor for questions and inquired whether Western Nevada College (WNC) was 100% smoke free. Ms. Wartgow responded as of October 11, 2017, WNC campus was completely smoke-free.

Elko County

Bobbi Shanks presented the report and introduced Abby Wheeler, who is working for the county part-time in Community Health.

Ms. Shanks relayed information about the completion of Elko's Comprehensive Community Health Assessment (CHA) which identified the top ten health needs for the community. Elko is using the information to help the Board of Health develop a Community Health Improvement Plan.

A recent success was the formation of a Public Health Information Team (PHIT) comprised of several non-profit agencies working on different components of Public Health. They are forming action teams to address the needs identified in the CHA and working with County Commissioners to help them understand how they can be part of the plan.

Chair McCoy opened the floor for questions and inquired about the number one health need in Elko. Ms. Shanks responded the cost of care and lack of providers accepting Medicare and Medicaid were the priority concerns. The biggest problem is the lack of community health care in Elko, which in turn drives up the cost because of the limited number of providers.

6. Preventive Health and Health Services (PHHS) Block Grant Update

Kristi Robusto presented the update. ([PHHS Update](#))

Chair McCoy opened the floor for comments and questions. Ms. Williams asked Dr. Robusto to make the success stories available. Dr. Robusto responded she would comply as soon as the CDC approved and finalized the most recent success story for publication.

7. Present on Mobile Clinic

Kim Gahagan gave the presentation. ([Mobile Medical Clinic Presentation](#))

Chair McCoy opened the floor for comments and questions and asked how the Mobile Clinic is promoted. Ms. Gahagan responded they use a variety of methods, including: posting on the website, phone calls and mailers to members, flyers at community events, and working with community partners.

Ms. Williams inquired about the number of people served annually and how often the mobile clinic is out in the community. Ms. Gahagan replied, on average, the mobile clinic is out in different communities five days each week and offer 24 appointments on a typical day.

Mr. Schmauss asked if there is any effort to connect a patient with a primary care provider. Ms. Gahagan responded referrals are made and patients have access to medical information

through the online portal. Health Plan of Nevada is also utilizing CHWs both through the Mobile Clinic and at some physical clinic locations. Additionally, all HPN facilities and the Mobile Clinic accept Medicare and Medicaid.

8. Patient-Centered Medical Homes (PCMH) Sub-Committee Update

Chair McCoy reported on behalf of the PCMH Sub-Committee. He stated in 2015 the Legislature established PCMH as a Sub-Committee of the CWCD. An initial meeting was held to determine the role of the Sub-Committee and attempt to define the goals. The Sub-Committee is responsible to provide information to the CWCD on how PCMHs fit into the overall picture of wellness and the prevention of chronic disease in Nevada. Tom McCoy has been elected Chair of the PCMH Sub-Committee, and Nancy Hook was elected Vice-Chair.

Chair McCoy asked for referrals for more members for the Sub-Committee. The next PCMH Sub-Committee meeting will be held December 8, 2017.

9. Public Comment

Chair McCoy asked for public comment.

Mr. Schmauss requested all CWCD member recommendations made throughout the year be assembled into one document at the end of the year to include in the report to the Governor. Karissa Loper suggested adding an agenda item in January to review all the recommendations made and the outcome of each.

Ms. Williams inquired whether it should be addressed at each meeting or just the last meeting of the year. Ms. Bonk volunteered to put a list together to present at the January 2018 meeting.

10. Adjournment

CHAIR MCCOY ENTERTAINED A MOTION TO ADJOURN. A MOTION WAS MADE BY MR. SCHMAUSS. ANDRE DELEÓN SECONDED THE MOTION. THE MEETING WAS ADJOURNED AT 3:11 P.M.