

**ADVISORY COUNCIL ON THE STATE PROGRAM FOR WELLNESS AND  
THE PREVENTION OF CHRONIC DISEASE**

**[DRAFT] MINUTES**

**SEPTEMBER 30, 2021**

**1:00 p.m.**

The Advisory Council on the State Program for Wellness and the Prevention of Chronic Disease held a public meeting on 9/30/2021, beginning at 1:04 p.m., held over Zoom.

**Board Members Present**

Tom McCoy, MA, JD, Chair  
Andrew Snyder  
Caitlin Gatchalain  
Chris Syversen  
Stacy Briscoe, MS  
Tina Dortch, MPA  
Laura Valley  
Maria Azzarelli  
\*Sarah Rogers, MPH, NDTR, CLC

\*Designee for Chief Medical Officer, Dr. Ihsan  
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**Board Members Not Present**

Dr. Amber Donnelly  
Michelle Gorelow, MA  
Georgia Dounis, DDS, MS, FICD  
Chris Needham, MBA

**Division of Public and Behavioral Health Staff Present**

Lily Helzer, MPH, Section Manager, Chronic Disease Prevention and Health Promotion (CDPHP), Bureau of Child, Family and Community Wellness (CFCW), Nevada Division of Public and Behavioral Health (DPBH)  
Kayla Samuels, Office Manager, CDPHP, CFCW, DPBH  
Allen Pai, DrPH, Evaluation and Surveillance Manager, CDPHP, CFCW, DPBH  
Nicole Dutra, Tobacco Prevention Coordinator, CDPHP, CFCW, DPBH  
Oscar Fernandez, AHN Evaluator, CDPHP, CFCW, DPBH  
Taliman Afroz, Community Prevention and Wellness Evaluator, CDPHP, CFCW, DPBH  
Troy Lovick, Heart Disease and Stroke Coordinator, CDPHP, CFCW, DPBH  
Lynsie Powell, Administrative Assistant, CDPHP, CFCW, DPBH  
La'Tanya Cash-Calhoun, Diabetes Coordinator, CDPHP, CFCW, DPBH  
Brian (Mitch) DeValliere, DC, Quality Improvement Manager, CDPHP, CFCW, DPBH  
Kellie Ducker, Community Wellness Manager, CDPHP, CFCW, DPBH  
Michelle Harden, Nevada Healthy Aging, Caregiving, and Innovation Coordinator, CDPHP, CFCW, DPBH  
Amanda Santos, MPH, Clinical and Community Engagement Manager, CDPHP, CFCW, DPBH  
Blake Thomas, Tobacco Prevention Coordinator, CDPHP, CFCW, DPBH  
Judy Wright, Administrative Assistant, CDPHP, CFCW, DPBH  
Taylor Moseley, Clinical Intervention and Wellness Evaluator, CDPHP, CFCW, DPBH  
Kim Sloan, Synar Coordinator, CFCW, DPBH  
Karissa Loper, MPH, Health Bureau Chief, CFCW, DPBH

### **Others Present**

Kelli Goatley-Seals

Nicki Aaker

Linda Anderson

Nicole Olmstead

#### **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 noted that members of the public may speak for public comment shortly and at the end of the meeting. Chair McCoy asked for clarification whether the September 30, 2021 meeting was to be the last of 2021.

Lily Helzer replied that whether the September 30, 2021 meeting would be the last of 2021 was at the discretion of the Board and may be discussed during agenda item three (3).

#### **2. Public Comment**

Chair McCoy asked if there was any public comment. There was none.

#### **3. Approve Minutes from the June 2, 2021 Meeting**

Chair McCoy asked if there were any corrections to the minutes from the June 2, 2021 meeting. There were none.

**Chair McCoy entertained a motion to approve the minutes as is. A motion to approve was made by Maria Azzarelli, and Andrew Snyder seconded the motion to approve the minutes which passed unanimously. No public comment was made.**

#### **4. Discussion and possible action to establish meeting dates for the remaining quarters of 2021**

Chair McCoy asked if a required meeting for CWCD for 2021 had been missed.

Ms. Helzer clarified that there had only been three (3) meetings due to inability to meet quorum in the past.

Chair McCoy encouraged having one (1) more meeting before the end of the year to conclude 2021 and make plans for 2022, however acknowledged difficulties in having a meeting at the end of the year and offered to circulate a poll to the Board to gauge interest.

Chris Syverson asked staff if they believe there are items that need reporting on and noted that a meeting would not be ideal unless necessary.

Chair McCoy asked staff for a response to Ms. Syverson's questions on whether there would be items to discuss at a possible December 2021 meeting.

Ms. Helzer noted upcoming items including the Kidney Care Task Force under Senate Bill 311 that the Division of Public and Behavioral Health is charged with the creation of, development of the Chronic Disease State

Plan, and updates on pending grants that will require input from the Board for possible discussion at an end of year meeting. Ms. Helzer stated a meeting date in December 2021 or January 2022 to discuss the items would be preferable and is open to the board's recommendation.

Chair McCoy asked for any additional comments.

**Chair McCoy entertained a motion to confirm the September 30, 2021 meeting as the last CWCD meeting of 2021. A motion to approve was made by Ms. Syverson to make the current meeting the last for 2021 unless staff feel compelled to call the Board together for a specific agenda item. Stacy Briscoe seconded the motion which passed unanimously without public comment.**

Chair McCoy stated that the current meeting will be the last for 2021 unless a need for another meeting arises.

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

Ms. Helzer presented the report. [\(CDPHP Report 09.30.21\)](#)

Ms. Helzer added Kidney Care Task Force information and asked if the committee was interested in the topic. Ms. Helzer stated she would bring information to a future meeting to get recommendations from the Board.

Chair McCoy asked DPBH if they will be using community health workers if funded.

Ms. Helzer noted that while funding was not received under the Community Health Workers for Community Resiliency grant, funding was received through the Health Disparity Grant so CHWs efforts are currently being funded. CDPHP has been actively providing technical assistance to Medicaid in the reimbursement of community health workers. CDPHP under the health equity effort is proposing expanding community health workers and partnerships.

Chair McCoy noted he appreciated the update and that this has been a long process with the community health workers. Chair McCoy stated the state will see an increase in community health worker functionality and will benefit all of us and other agencies they will be working with. Chair McCoy called for any other questions for Ms. Helzer.

**6. Present Local Health Authority (LHA) Chronic Disease Prevention and Health Promotion Program Reports**

**Elko County Health Board (ECHB)**

Chair McCoy asked for a representative from ECHB, none came forward.

Ms. Helzer confirmed the absence of a representative from ECHB.

Chair McCoy reviewed the ECHB update and mentioned added increase of interaction from Elko County with the public. [\(ECHB Report 09.30.21\)](#)

**Southern Nevada Health District (SNHD)**

Chair McCoy called for Southern Nevada Health District representative, Maria Azzarelli.

Ms. Azzarelli presented the updates, noted that the tobacco-free campus policy was signed into action at UNLV and that the topic is no longer pending or open to public comment. ([SNHD Report 09.30.21](#))

Chair McCoy called for any questions for Ms. Azzarelli and commented the smoke-free campus effort was wonderful news. Chair McCoy asked if this will be the second or summer semester that the policy will take place.

Ms. Azzarelli responded that the policy would take effect either June 2022 or Fall 2022.

Chair McCoy asked if it was going to be campus wide.

Ms. Azzarelli confirmed it is campus wide and noted that any tobacco or smoking products are covered under the policy.

Chair McCoy noted it was smoking in a broad sense.

Ms. Azzarelli confirmed.

Chair McCoy asked for any further questions for Ms. Azzarelli.

Tina Dortch gave praise to the district for the accomplishments in the cessation of smoking in public spaces. Ms. Dortch asked if this was strictly for UNLV or Nevada System of Higher Education (NSHE) policy adaption.

Ms. Azzarelli responded it was just for UNLV and mentioned in 2010 the two (2) year effort to get approved for NSHE was unsuccessful. Ms. Azzarelli stated they will continue to work with College of Southern Nevada and Nevada State College in hopes that they will follow UNLV in adopting the policy.

Ms. Dortch asked if a survey might help push the policy forward.

Ms. Azzarelli responded there is a plan in motion for a study and evaluation.

Chair McCoy commented efforts were made to do a NSHE system-wide policy, but it did not happen. Chair McCoy felt it was due to the reluctance of UNLV and said it is likely indicative of more policy adoption. Chair McCoy noted that after UNR campus adopted policy, it became easier to get western and northern Nevada to go smoke free, besides TMCC.

Chair McCoy thanked for the comments and asked for any other thoughts.

Ms. Briscoe extended the congratulations on running the diabetes programs during the pandemic in addition to the accomplishments with the tobacco policy.

Ms. Azzarelli thanked for the comment and noted in person as well as virtual programs were tested out.

Chair McCoy asked for anything else regarding SNHD.

## **Washoe County Health District (WCHD)**

Chair McCoy asked for a representative from WCHD.

Kelli Goatley-Seals presented herself as the representative. Ms. Goatley-Seals noted TMCC has a resolution in place but not an official policy for a tobacco-free campus and delivered the updates. Ms. Goatley-Seals mentions not listed on the report is a public service intern helping with a project focusing on nutrition and healthy food access in certain communities as well as a second health educator coordinator and a vacant health educator position. Ms. Goatley-Seals noted next time she will include an org chart for future updates to provide a better idea of new staff and vacancies. ([WCHD Report 09.30.21](#))

Chair McCoy asked for questions or comments for Washoe's report and asked if the injury prevention educator will discuss bone health.

Ms. Goatley-Seals responded she did not believe it was something that had been suggested at this time and asked for more information.

Chair McCoy discussed cell development and how bone health is impacted by chronic disease.

Ms. Goatley-Seals said she could not answer that at this time but said she would bring it up to the program.

Chair McCoy noted impact of overall health to the bones and puts individuals in a position to be more injury prone.

#### **Carson City Health and Human Services (CCHHS)**

Chair McCoy noted there was nothing in the packet from CCHHS.

Nicki Aaker said she did not get the update submitted before the deadline but gave an oral report that will be made available in writing after the meeting. Ms. Aaker asked for any questions.

Kayla Samuels asked for the written version to be sent to her after the meeting to be available to the public per Open Meeting Law.

Chair McCoy commended efforts of the staff and work that has been done to benefit the Nevada population and noted there is still work to be done.

Chair McCoy asked for any thoughts or comments on the LHA reports.

([CCHHS Report 09.30.21](#))

#### **7. Public Comment**

Chair McCoy pointed out any of the members may make comments about important issues or work being done in this agenda item and asked if there was any public comment.

None heard.

#### **8. Adjournment**

Chair McCoy reiterated that this will be the last meeting for 2021 and thanked the Board for their commitment and efforts to the prevention of chronic disease and wellness in the State of Nevada.

**Chair McCoy entertained a motion to adjourn the meeting. A motion to adjourn was made by Ms. Dortch and Ms. Azzarelli seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.**

**The meeting adjourned at 2:03 p.m.**

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