

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

January 25, 2024

1:00 PM

The Advisory Council on the State Program for Wellness and the Prevention of Chronic Disease held a public meeting on 1/26/2024, beginning at 1:02 PM, held over Microsoft Teams.

## **Council Members Present**

Chair Chris Syverson  
Andrew Snyder, MAT  
Krista Schonrock, MD  
Ihsan Azzam, Ph.D., MD,  
MPH Maria Azzarelli,  
EMHA, CHES  
Kagan Griffin, MPH, RD  
Tina Dortch, MPA  
Cari Herington, MBA  
Assemblywoman Michelle Gorelow, M.E.D  
Laura Valley

## **Council Members Not Present**

Vice Chair Amber Donnelly, RN, Ph.D., CNE  
Georgia Dounis, DDS, MS, FICD  
Steven Shane, MD, MS, FAAP, ABOM  
Senator Dina Neal, JD

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

Vickie Ives, MA, Bureau Chief, Child, Family and Community Wellness (CFCW), Nevada Division of Public and Behavioral Health (DPBH)  
Sarah Rogers, Nutrition Unit, Deputy Chief, CFCW, DPBH  
Paige Musser, Administrative Assistant, CDPHP,  
DPBH  
Desiree Wenzel, Bureau Office Manager, CFCW,  
DPBH

## **Others Present**

Elyse Monroy-Marsala, Government Affairs Manager, Belz & Case  
Azucena Ledezma Rubio (Suzie), Carson City Health and Human Services  
Steve Messinger, Nevada Primary Care Association  
Janet Osalvo, Nevada Public Health Foundation  
Donna Laffey, Senior Associate, Ferrari Reeder Public Affairs  
Justin Iorri, Patient Ambassador, Dialysis Patient Citizens  
Linda Anderson, Nevada Public Health Foundation  
Rayleen Earney, M Ed, CHES, Health Educator, Southern Nevada Health District

# MEETING NOTES

## **1. CALL TO ORDER, INTRODUCTIONS, AND VERIFY TIMELY POSTING OF AGENDA**

Roll call was taken and 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. PUBLIC COMMENT**

Chair Chris Syverson read the public comment script.

Chair Chris Syverson asked for public comment.

None heard.

## **3. FOR POSSIBLE ACTION- APPROVE MINUTES FROM THE OCTOBER 26, 2023, MEETING.**

Chair Syverson asked for a review of the minutes and a motion to approve the October 26<sup>th</sup> meeting minutes.

Maria Azzarelli made a motion to approve the minutes. Andrew Snyder seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

**(Agenda items 4 & 5 heard together)**

## **4. FOR POSSIBLE ACTION- TO REMOVE AND/OR ADD NON-VOTING MEMBERS TO KIDNEY DISEASE ADVISORY COMMITTEE AS A SUBCOMMITTEE OF CWCD**

Chair Syverson stated there was no new members applying for membership.

Sarah Rogers stated yes, that is correct.

Chair Syverson asked do we need any reason to remove or take any other action on members.

Ms. Rogers mentioned there is one vacant position, Nevada Government relations director.

Chair Syverson mentioned if anyone is interested in serving, please let Sarah Rogers know or myself and can add you on at a later date.

Chair Syverson states I the meeting scheduled for last week that was unfortunately canceled and we are looking for dates around mid-February for the next meeting.

## **5. FOR POSSIBLE ACTION- TO ADD CWCD MEMBERS TO KIDNEY DISEASE ADVISORY COMMITTEE AS A SUBCOMMITTEE OF CWCD.**

Chair Syverson asked if any current board members of CWCD were interested in joining the KDAC.

Chair Syverson stated no action to be taken on either #4 or #5.

## **6. INFORMATIONAL: IMPLEMENTING SENATE BILL 286 OF THE 82<sup>ND</sup> LEGISLATIVE SESSION**

Chair Syverson asked for Janet and Natalie to take over for their presentation.

Linda Anderson states they are not on yet. Ms. Anderson asks if we could continue it a little bit further on in your agenda.

Chair Syverson states we can go to our district report.

(Heard after agenda item #7)

Janet and Natalie presented their presentation.

Chair Syverson states her organization works solely with employers on the health of their employees, I had no idea that this resource was available out there. Chair Syverson mentions if you are interested in meeting with an employer group and finding out what they would be interested in seeing what would be helpful to them, that would be great.

Chair Syverson asked for any questions.

Ms. Dortch states she is aware of this new opportunity being created; I know personally on behalf of my program we are excited. We have an opportunity as agencies of state government to have a link on our respective web pages to this resource.

Janet states they are open to creating a link.

Ms. Dortch mentions it won't be overwhelming or cost burdensome, just to get more eyes on the resource, I know that's the goal to have it utilized to not only for State Government but be created for other interested entities.

Janet agrees that it would be a great idea. Director Whitley has also really advocated that once we have this website ready to launch, that Nevada Public Health Foundation is able to go introduce this resource to our different agencies to inform them that it is not only for our employees.

Cari Herington states there is a page as well on their site with some resources for employers for cancer prevention, early detection and support for employees who have cancer. We would love to collaborate and share.

Janet states the council seems open for NPHF to reach out to receive guidance,

seems many of you were surprised as we were learning that you have a role in providing guidance for the website.

Janet asks, should we reach out to the Council with the link to the website for you to be able to review and provide feedback?

Sarah Rogers indicated she would add her email to the chat so NPHF could send the link to the website and Desiree will send to the Council members through the meeting invite.

Chair Syverson wanted to add that anytime you would like to be placed on the agenda and provide an update to let us know.

Janet said, yes, they work periodically like to be on the agenda.

Chair Syverson asked for other comments or updates before moving on.

No other comments made on this agenda item

Moved on the agenda item 8

## **7. INFORMATIONAL: PRESENT LOCAL HEALTH AUTHORITY CHRONIC DISEASE PREVENTION AND HEALTH PROMOTION PROGRAM REPORTS**

Ms. Azzarelli announces the new Community Health Worker that recently joined the team.

Ms. Azzarelli presented the update from Southern Nevada Health District (SNHD Report October – December 2023)

Chair Syverson asked for any questions.

Tina Dortch asked where and how will the health district be engaged during some of the NFL experiences activities. It's such a good opportunity to promote some of your work. Do you have any opportunities that you can let us know about right now that way I can promote the documents.

Ms. Azzarelli states a lot of the focus has been on that, also with the Environmental Health Division assuring food safety for all the various events. Ms. Azzarelli states now there is nothing specifically that she can pinpoint, many resources, time and attention is focused more on those other items rather than specifically the work to our office. Ms. Azzarelli asked to be reached out to for any material needed for the specific opportunity.

Ms. Dortch mentions to make sure Ms. Azzarelli is taking advantage of any opportunity. Ms. Dortch states she is going to send Ms. Azzarelli a summary of the activities that they are involved with or helping to facilitate, if there is an organic crosswalk, maybe we can still have some time to give visibility to your work.

Chair Syverson noted that they will be busy in Las Vegas for the next month reference the lead up to the Super Bowl.

Chair Syverson asked if Kelli or someone from Washoe County Health District was on the line

No response

Chair Syverson, okay, is Nicki from Carson City on?

Nicki Aacker acknowledged that she was on the line

Nickie Aaker introduces their new Chronic Disease Division Section Manager

Susanna who goes by Susie. Susie is very involved with the tobacco program. Ms.

Aaker states they have not had a Chronic Disease Division Manager for eight (8) years due to funding, we have a position currently open and if you know someone or are interested, please look at Carson City Resources website.

Ms. Aaker presented her report.

Ms. Aaker asked for any questions.

None heard.

Chair Syverson asks about the staffing challenges and positions that are open, seems like you move someone up and it creates an opening that is never ending battle.

Nicki Aacker agreed and mentioned to check the city website for openings.

Chair Syverson, noted Brooke Conway was on the line called on her to present her report.

Brooke Conway Kleven presented her report.

Chair Syverson mentions last year there was a group of Nevadans that got together and formed the Nevada Obesity Collaborative, looking at obesity issues across the state. Chair Syverson mentions she met some of the members earlier in the week about getting ready to restart up the group, if Ms. Conway Kleven wanted to join the group.

Ms. Conway Kleven states that two of her members from work group are also a part of that. Nicole Bungum and Doctor Steven Shane, they always report back to us, but would love to join.

Chair Syverson states we skipped over Washoe County Health District; they are not here at the meeting but please go ahead a look at that.

Chair Syverson states moving back up to Agenda item number six (6) with Janet and Natalie.

## **8. INFORMATIONAL: PRESENT CHRONIC DISEASE PREVENTION AND HEALTH PROMOTION (CDPHP) SECTION UPDATE AND PROGRAM REPORTS**

Sarah Rogers presents update on CDPHP. That Mitch DeValliere was no longer with CDPHP as he received a promotional opportunity. Amber Hise will come on as the CDHPH section manager starting February 5<sup>th</sup>.

Chair Syverson asked where could Mitch be found if we are looking for him?

Ms. Rogers states Mitch has the same email address in his new role and he is now the Agency Manager with the Division of Public and Behavioral Health.

Sarah Rogers also mentioned the additional of Paige Musser as a new CDPHP administrative assistant who will be providing administrative support to the council.

Chair Syverson states it is hard to keep up with the members because we are always promoting members of our team. Please let us know where people have landed because we are interested in knowing where to find them.

## **9. INFORMATIONAL: DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION TO ESTABLISH MEETING DATES FOR 2024**

Chair Syverson asked the council if there were any agenda items they would like to see on future meetings.

No future agenda items heard.

Chair Syverson asked where future agenda items should be sent if the council comes up with any.

Ms. Rogers states to send the future agenda items to her to get them organized.

Chair Syverson asked to get Paige's information to the group that way they know who they need to contact.

Ms. Rogers states absolutely.

## **10. FOR POSSIBLE ACTION: DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION TO ESTABLISH MEETING DATES FOR 2024.**

Chair Syverson opened discussion to establish meeting dates for 2024.

Chair Syverson mentioned she didn't have any information on future meeting dates and asked the Division look at sending out information on potential dates.

Sarah Rogers, yeah, absolutely

## **11. PUBLIC COMMENT**

Chair Syverson asked for public comment.

Chair Syverson asked Ms. Rogers for a list of board members and their dates of when they are on and when they are off to keep track of any upcoming openings.

Ms. Rogers states she will get that over to Chair Syverson.

No public comment heard

## **12.FOR POSSIBLE ACTION: TO ADJOURN**

Chair Syverson called for a motion to adjourn

Maria Azzarelli made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Andrew Snyder seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

**The meeting adjourned at 1:43 PM**

