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**NEVADA RARE DISEASE ADVISORY COUNCIL**  
**MEETING MINUTES**  
**Date: February 13, 2023**  
**9:34 am – 10:27 am**

Meeting Locations:

Pursuant to NRS 241.020(3)(a) as amended by Assembly Bill 253 of the 81st Legislative Session, this meeting was convened using a remote technology system and there was no physical location for this meeting.

Chair Annette Logan-Parker opened the meeting at 9:34 am.

1) INTRODUCTIONS AND ROLL CALL

**COUNCIL MEMBERS PRESENT:**

Annette Logan-Parker (CHAIR); Gina Glass (Vice-Chair); Amber Federizo, DNP, APRN, FNPBC; Ihsan Azzam, MD, PhD; Shirley Folkins-Roberts; Valerie Porter, DNP, BSN, MBA; Kimberly Palma Ortega; Veneta Lepera; Susana Sorrentino, MD, Linetta Barnes, BSN, RN; Nik Abdul Rashid, MD; Craig Vincze, M.D.; and Christina Thielst (Quorum=9)

**COUNCIL MEMBERS ABSENT:**

Jennifer Millet, DNP, RN; Paul Niedermeyer (approved absence); and Naja Bagner

**DIVISION OF PUBLIC & BEHAVIORAL HEALTH (DPBH) STAFF PRESENT:**

Ashlyn Torrez, *Health Program Specialist I, Office of Public Health Investigations and Epidemiology (OPHIE), DPBH*; Elizabeth Kessler, *Health Program Specialist II, OPHIE, DPBH*; Kayla Samuels, *Management Analyst I, DPBH*; Julia Peek, *Deputy Administrator, DPBH*; Autumn Blattman, *Executive Assistant, DPBH*; and Sherry Stevens, *Administrative Assistant III, DPBH*

**OTHERS PRESENT:**

Brigette Cole; Amber Williams, *Cure4Kids Foundation*; and Jessica L. Woods, *President, Nevada Fertility Advocates*

Roll call was taken and is reflected above. It was determined that a quorum of the Rare Disease Advisory Council (RDAC, the Council) was present.

2) PUBLIC COMMENT

Chair Logan-Parker opened the floor for public comment.

There was no other public comment, so Chair Logan-Parker moved on to the next agenda item.

- 3) POSSIBLE ACTION: Discussion and possible action to approve meeting minutes from November 14, 2022. – *Council Members*

**Vice-Chair Gina Glass motioned to approve the meeting minutes from prior council meeting dated November 14, 2022. Councilmember Valorie Porter seconded the motion to approve. There were no objections. A quorum voted to approve the prior meeting minutes.**

- 4) POSSIBLE ACTION: Discussion and possible action to approve meeting minutes from December 2, 2022. – *Council Members*

**Vice-Chair Gina Glass motioned to approve the meeting minutes from prior council meeting dated December 2, 2022. Councilmember Susanna Sorrentino seconded the motion to approve. There were no objections. A quorum voted to approve the prior meeting minutes.**

- 5) POSSIBLE ACTION: Discussion and possible action to meet every other month on the first Friday of the month at 9 AM PST starting in April of 2023. – *Council Members*

Chair Logan-Parker commented that she was requesting to establish a more formalized meeting schedule moving forward to create some consistency and book the meetings well out into the future for ease of coordination. Chair Logan-Parker stated that there was a considerable amount of time and effort spent trying to get our schedules aligned on a meeting by meeting basis. Chair Logan-Parker added that she would also like to request that the Council adds two additional meetings minutes per the RDAC meeting calendar year to allow more opportunity to get more work done as long as quorum will be maintained. She was hopeful that having a predetermined and consistent schedule will allow the Council will be able to plan according and meet quorum on a regular basis. Chair Logan-Parker recommended having a set meeting schedule every other month on the first Friday of the month at 9:00 AM PST starting in April.

Councilmember Dr. Nik Abdul Rashid asked if there is a percentage of how many meetings that the Council has to attend.

Chair Logan-Parker replied with the bylaws indicate that you need to let the Chair know ahead of time for an excused absence. Chair Logan-Parker continued that two unexcused absences are allowed with the bylaws. Chair Logan-Parker asked Ms. Ashlyn Torrez to confirm.

Ms. Ashlyn Torrez confirmed that two unexcused absences as allowed per the bylaws.

Councilmember Dr. Rashid thanked Chair Logan-Parker.

Councilmember Dr. Ishan Azzam asked if the time can be for 9:30 AM PST instead of 9:00 AM PST.

Chair Logan-Parker stated that the motion to indicate the first Friday of the month at 9:30 AM PST starting in April of 2023.

Councilmember Valerie Porter asked if the meetings are going to be two hours long like the meetings currently are.

Chair Logan-Parker stated that she cannot say for certain due to the volume of discussion and public comment but she will try to keep the meetings more efficient and assured the Council that her goal is to move the meetings along. Chair Logan-Parker was hopeful that the work can be done in an hour.

Councilmember Linetta Barnes wanted to clarify that if the Councilmembers cannot be present, an e-mail needs to be sent to Chair Logan-Parker and Ms. Ashlyn Torrez.

Chair Logan-Parker confirmed.

Councilmember Ms. Barnes asked if information regarding sub-committees would be e-mailed or put as a future agenda item.

Chair Logan-Parker confirmed.

**Vice-Chair Gina Glass motioned to have RDAC meet every other month on the first Friday of the month at 9:30 AM PST beginning in April 2023. Councilmember Shirley Folkins-Roberts seconded the motion to approve. There were no objections. A quorum voted to approve a meeting every other months on the first Friday of the month at 9:30 AM PST beginning in April 2023.**

- 6) POSSIBLE ACTION: Discussion and possible action to develop a needs assessment to have available on the Nevada RDAC Website. – *Council Members*

Chair Logan-Parker requested the approval of the development of a Nevada RDAC Needs Assessment similar to the assessment that the Pennsylvania and West Virginia RDAC have done. Chair Logan-Parker stated that she took the liberty of drafting a sample survey instrument and have some sample documents to share for discussion purposes.

The Needs Assessment from Pennsylvania was shared with the Council.

Chair Logan-Parker stated the purpose of the needs assessment would be to collect data directly from the people of Nevada with rare disease in order to showcase what most of the Council already knows about the experience people with rare disease face when accessing medical care and the difficulties associated with navigating the healthcare system in Nevada. Chair Logan-Parker added that the project would be an online questionnaire and would be consistent with what the other states RDAC are doing. Chair Logan-Parker continued with the data collection tool consists of seven specific categories, background information, an explanation of the purpose of the needs assessment, demographics, the rare disease itself that the participant is reporting on including time to diagnosis and their experiences with seeking a diagnosis, family history, medical coverage and out-of-pocket expenses, quality of information and support services received for the person, family member, or caregivers of the person with rare disease,

and the needs survey would end with challenges faced in getting access to care and treatment. Chair Logan-Parker added that he other states RDAC did a great job of marketing and presenting their needs assessment, and Nevada's RDAC will be able to create our own version of and help get the word out. Chair Logan-Parker mentioned that Pennsylvania RDAC was in the analysis phase of their data, and are currently not collecting any new data. Chair Logan-Parker added that West Virginia needs assessment is still collecting data. Chair Logan-Parker commented that Pennsylvania had a great campaign called while you wait posters that was posted in all the of pediatrician office and places where patients would normally be waiting. Chair Logan-Parker mentioned that the poster had different options of taking the survey, such as QR codes and links. Chair Logan-Parker stated that the Cure4Kids Foundation would be willing to fund the cost of printing and mailing out the flyers to the different medical offices in all of Nevada. Chair Logan-Parker added that she recently purchased an updated license lit from the Nevada State of Board of Medical Examiners to use for sending out notices asking providers to put this in their waiting rooms. Chair Logan-Parker wanted to clarify to establish a subcommittee for the purpose of developing the needs assessment to be housed on the Nevada RDAC website with links and QR codes. Chair Logan-Parker added that the subcommittee would be tasked with project management, including the creation of the collateral materials and marketing materials required to disseminate the needs assessment via social media and statewide mailer to medical offices in Nevada. Chair Logan-Parker stated the cost of the campaign will be funded through the Cure4Kids Foundation. Chair Logan-Parker opened the floor to the Council for questions and comments.

Councilmember Ms. Barnes believed the survey is great and thanked Chair Logan-Parker for Cure4Kids Foundation for funding the campaign. Ms. Barnes added that she would have questions about the questions asked in the survey that could be asked later.

Chair Logan-Parker commented that the draft is an example of the needs assessment and thought that the subcommittee would go through and refine those questions. Chair Logan-Parker stated that the example only shows what type data could be collected for the Council. Chair Logan-Parker added that the ultimate goal would be to collect data and include in the annual report to the Governor's Office.

Councilmember Dr. Azzam wondered if the target audience could be clearly defined. Dr. Azzam added that he would like to hear from the prospective of Medicaid and pharmacists who are disposing medications to get a good understanding from all perspectives and not just the families and individuals with rare disease.

Chair Logan-Parker thought that was really great feedback and the subcommittee can add that to their responsibilities when building the needs assessments to assess the professionals side of rare disease.

Councilmember Amber Federizo expressed her thoughts about the needs assessment being a good idea and bringing the information to the payers because during legislative session the situation in Nevada is different from the way the folks who are in legislative session think it is, so having the patient perspective will help during legislative session. Ms. Federizo stated that the Council in the past has reached out to the Office of Consumer Health Advocates and were not successful in getting a response, but thought that getting their responses in the needs assessment of the complaints that have been given to the Office of Consumer Health Advocates in the past few years in regards to the consumers in the state of Nevada.

Chair Logan-Parker stated that was an excellent suggestion. Chair Logan-Parker asked if there was anyone else in the Council would like to provide suggestions or feedback.

**Councilmember Dr. Nik Abdul Rashid motioned to approve development of a needs assessment for rare disease in Nevada that will be made available on the Nevada RDAC website. Councilmember Shirley Folkins-Roberts seconded the motion to approve. There were no objections. A quorum voted to approve the development of the needs assessment for rare disease in Nevada that will be made available on Nevada RDAC website.**

- 7) INFORMATIONAL: Cure 4 The Kids Foundation 2023 Legislative Initiative: Medicaid Study on Rare Disease Service Delivery Models and an Analysis of the Issues Unique to Nevada. – *Chair Annette Logan Parker*

Chair Logan-Parker stated that she was notified by Dr. Capurro, the Deputy Administrator at Medicaid on January 6<sup>th</sup> that during the December Interim Finance Committee meeting, Medicaid received the approval from the Governor’s Office for \$250,000 allotment.

The language from the Finance Committee meeting was shared with the Council.

Chair Logan-Parker commented that the language is for a consultant to provide a review of the providers of rare diseases, including children with cancer and the clinical centers that render services for children with rare conditions. Chair Logan-Parker added that according to the Medicaid Office, the funding was to conduct a study on rare disease service delivery models and analysis on the issues that were unique to Nevada. Chair Logan-Parker felt that this was a significant step in the right direction, primarily because the Council knows that the healthcare landscape in Nevada is very different than our peer groups across the country. Chair Logan-Parker added that having Medicaid be able to outsource a study to really look at instead of just comparing us to the other states, and what Medicaid looking to understand the uniqueness that impacts the providers and patients of Nevada. Chair Logan-Parker opened the floor for discussion and questions.

Councilmember Dr. Ihsan Azzam asked if the funding only to provide the review of providers of rare disease or about other things related to rare disease, because the scope of the study is very limited.

Chair Logan-Parker replied that Medicaid left it vague, and stated that she has had conversations with Richard Whitley, Dr. Capurro, and the Governor’s Office about making sure that for this study they cast a wide net and stakeholders. Chair Logan-Parker hoped that the Council can be instrumental and helpful for Medicaid understand all of the people that they really should be talking too, to get a very clear understanding of the layers and layers of complexity that is unique to the state of Nevada. Chair Logan-Parker added that as long as Medicaid and the Governor’s office ensures that the Council can be apart of helping who they should be speaking to, and she believes that the Council can get a world of information to them.

Councilmember Dr. Azzam agreed with Chair Logan-Parker that the scope is vague of the providers of rare disease. Dr. Azzam commented that nobody provides for rare disease, really the clinicians, family,

providers, and even insurance companies provide care. Dr. Azzam stated that he would like to as a part of the Council define what the Council wants from this study.

Chair Logan-Parker commented that the work that Councilmember Amber Federizo during her term as Chair for the Council really influenced Medicaid. Chair Logan-Parker stated that she knows that Medicaid anticipates a collaboration with the Council and that she has been in contact with them weekly about when the contract is being written, when will there be an understanding of the terms of the contract, and when can the conversations start with Medicaid and Mercer. Chair Logan-Parker felt it would be our responsibility to establish and ensure a wide net is casted in the collection for stakeholders.

Dr. Azzam thanked Chair Logan-Parker, and stated that the study is good news.

Councilmember Kimberly Palma-Ortega asked if the study is going to be via lifespan because the Council knows the differing needs between pediatric and adult care. Ms. Palma-Ortega also asked if there will any marketing of material and how can the Council help contribute to distribution.

Chair Logan-Parker commented that she would add to the list of questions during the first contact with Medicaid and Mercer since she does not know. Chair Logan-Parker stated that she does not know the scope of the contract and that is being negotiated. Chair Logan-Parker believed that the initial focus will be geared toward children and the biggest part of that conversation will be children, adolescent, and young adults. Chair Logan-Parker continued that the transition to adult care and what does and does not happen during that handoff. Chair Logan-Parker commented that once there is a clear understanding of the scope of work, the Council will be able to have a better understanding and provide insights and help. Councilmember Amber Federizo commented that a lot of these conversations have been a culmination of two years of talking with Medicaid, and one the gaps that have been identified is that there are many providers that do provide rare disease care but are not given acknowledgement, the resources, or the extra things above and beyond what other clinics that do primary care. Ms. Federizo stated that rare disease cannot be approached as a revenue base, and Medicaid acknowledging that there needs to be an actual rare disease provider type. Ms. Federizo added that Medicaid is stuck under certain policies, and are taking a look at what it should look like because it is going to take a complete revision of the handbook moving forward and then will provide the resources for the providers as well as to be engaged to actually look actually want to care for their disease because it costly for Medicaid as well. Ms. Federizo stated that she excited that Medicaid put federal funds towards this as this is the first step of many.

Councilmember Ms. Palma-Ortega commented that another issue that the Council has, for example, working on the Olmsted Plan with aging is that they have their own version, and the Department of Health and Human Services has their own version of it, but still the single individual that is still being looked at but receiving both services out of two different departments. Ms. Palma-Ortega added that having that collaboration, so that the individual and the types of care that they are receiving is something that needs to be mentioned too. Ms. Palma-Ortega stated that if Medicaid can narrow down the codes or create one that can be navigated at an individual level and the quality of care they are receiving. Ms. Palma-Ortega stated that if Medicaid falls underneath the bracket for rare disease that might help expand the different levels of care that is seen throughout, that might not be conventional or what the Council

may be thinking as it relates to healthcare but as it has been previously mentioned, Medicaid is not coded in that manner.

Chair Logan-Parker commented that these are excellent points, and is critical that the Council keeps a close eye on this study opportunity. Chair Logan-Parker asked the Council if there was any further discussion.

Hearing none, Chair Logan-Parker moved on to the next agenda item.

- 8) **INFORMATIONAL:** Discussion of Executive Order 2023-003 and Executive Order 2023-004, and update on the sickle cell and lupus regulations LCB File No. R107-22 and R108-22. – *Chair Annette Logan Parker; and Ashlyn Torrez, Health Program Specialist I, Office of Public Health Investigations and Epidemiology (OPHIE), DPBH*

Chair Logan-Parker stated that on January 20<sup>th</sup>, the Governor’s Office informed her that Governor Lombardo signed two executive orders.

The Executive Order 2023-004 was shared with the Council.

Chair Logan-Parker stated that these Executive Orders ordered that all Nevada Occupational and Professional licensing Boards shall suspend the creation of any new regulations, before April 1<sup>st</sup> of this year a provider report detailing all regulations that restrict entry into any occupation or a position regulated by the Board. Chair Logan-Parker continued that at minimum that the Boards have to submit must justify the regulations, the fees and other requirements that obstruct a qualified professional from easily obtaining a license to practice in Nevada. Chair Logan-Parker commented that Nevada has been identified nationally as having among the nation’s most onerous occupational licensing requirements. Chair Logan-Parker added that it is in her opinion that Executive Order 2023-004 is a solid attempt to remove any of the unnecessary barriers into the Nevada workforce while also maintaining the integrity of ensuring that Nevada has qualified professionals obtaining licenses. Chair Logan-Parker opened the floor for discussion.

Councilmember Christina Thielst commented that she is struggling to find a provider in Nevada, and she has appointment with someone in April. Ms. Thielst added that meanwhile, she is continuing to get treated from her old physician that has moved to Texas. Ms. Thielst expressed that she believes that this is a good step in the right direction for her, so she can find someone to treat her.

Chair Logan-Parker thanked Ms. Thielst for sharing and agreed with her. Chair Logan-Parker commented that she believes it is a tricky job for professionals to have to maintain the quality of professionals in the community, however it takes eight months to get a medical license on a physician that Cure4Kids Foundation is recruiting to join which is an excessive amount of time to make a potential qualified physician who wants to move to Nevada and make Nevada their home but have to wait that long to get their licensing. Chair Logan-Parker added that especially those professionals who have been licensed in other states and have a long history of safety providing medical care in their specialty in the country.

Councilmember Amber Federizo commented that there is another bill that is moving forward that addresses the Nurse Compact Licensure, however, it has not pulled through in previous sessions. Ms. Federizo added that it may have a better chance for this Legislative session because the NSA and others have changed their previous position on opposing it in the past. Ms. Federizo continued that should assist in making sure that other individuals who are licensed elsewhere are able to address to be licensed here. Ms. Federizo stated from a personal nursing perspective, she does not feel that this change will be enough to address the nursing shortage. Ms. Federizo commented that this bill is a good step in the right direction and from the aspect of the Board of Medical Examiners, the order is a good because the charges sometimes charge for the eight month wait to be processed as a licensed physician and is unacceptably high when the regulation has been low. Ms. Federizo continued that the VAD has been on the news on more than one occasion because Nevada is a use one needle once kind of State, so individuals don't have their license pulled. Ms. Federizo continued that if the regulations are being added to, the clinicians are still held accountable without just doing the regulations for the sake of doing regulations for the sake of getting fees, making it easier. Ms. Federizo commented that she hopes that the regulations move in the right direction, but she still has concerns about the overall huge path to go in terms of getting providers here to the State.

Councilmember Dr. Azzam commented that he believes the Executive Order is great, the State of Nevada are among the most challenging boards and the nation to provide the license and it takes forever. Dr. Azzam continued that the state of Nevada has great shortages in health care providers, doctors, nurses, and specialists. Dr. Azzam added that Nevada ranks in the bottom ten when it comes to public health and health care. Dr. Azzam believes that the order is timely and effective that will impact physicians, nurses, PA's, and other healthcare providers including pharmacists because Nevada will have enough healthcare providers in the state.

Chair Logan-Parker thanked Dr. Azzam, and moved on to the next Executive Order 2023-003.

Executive Order 2023-003 was shared with the Council.

Chair Logan-Parker introduced Ms. Ashlyn Torrez to speak regarding this Executive Order.

Ms. Ashlyn Torrez stated that Executive Order 2023-003 puts a hold on all regulations. Ms. Torrez commented that the regulations for sickle cell and lupus, R107-22 and R108-22 have been put on hold with the order, and the regulations will be going forward with June Board of Health meeting. Ms. Torrez added that the Sickle Cell Data Collection Grant Opportunity is an opportunity that the State is considering applying for and is going through the Administrative approvals to apply. Ms. Torrez commented that while the regulations have been put on the hold, the work on getting the data forms ready for providers for sickle cell reporting is continuing on. Ms. Torrez thanked the Council for their time.

Chair Logan-Parker thanked Ms. Ashlyn Torrez, and provided feedback that the order has good and bad aspects. Chair Logan-Parker believes that having the health department and the licensing boards required to also take a deep dive into their regulations, requirements, and fees for the facilities is a good start. Chair Logan-Parker added that in a very similar way the occupational boards, the licensing requirements and things that could possibly be outdated or no longer relevant that people must continue



to work through in order to even start a business in Nevada. Chair Logan-Parker continued that simplifying healthcare arena would also potentially attract additional physicians who would want to move to Nevada and start practicing here. Chair Logan-Parker stated that the regulations are very labor intense and cumbersome to get through, so it is a similar concept where health departments need to look at all their requirements, fees, and justify them. Chair Logan-Parker stated that with this particular executive order to identify ten things that could be removed to improve the process. Chair Logan-Parker added that when Legislative looks to improve things, they will add instead of subtracting from the process. Chair Logan-Parker commented that she and the Council will be following both executive orders and see the outcome of both.

Councilmember Federizo commented that the positive of these executive orders are what will could be removed from the process that has not been used, but the negative is how long the executive order will remain in place because the order could make meaningful changes.

Chair Logan-Parker commented that the rare disease providers are stuck in the middle between the good and bad and the Council will keep an eye on these regulations. Chair Logan-Parker continued that she would ensure the Council is informed and are a part of any public testimony or anything that would need to take place. Chair Logan-Parker asked if there is any one else on the Council who would like to comment.

None heard, Chair Logan-Parker moved on to the next agenda item.

9) INFORMATIONAL: RDAC Member Feedback Survey an overview and discussion of the results and recommendations. – *Chair Annette Logan-Parker*

Chair Logan-Parker thanked everyone who participated in the Nevada RDAC Council Member survey, and showed appreciated the information that was received from the Council. Chair Logan-Parker stated that 13 of the 16 members completed the survey and from a statistics standpoint that is an impressive amount of the Council. Chair Logan-Parker commented that the summary and survey results was shared with the Council for review last week.

The RDAC Member Feedback Survey was shared with the Council.

Chair Logan-Parker stated that the survey yielded results confirming that the Council is not only engaged but willing to serve the state of Nevada on behalf of people with rare diseases, and have equally aligned in their personal collective agendas to improve the overall landscape of rare disease management in Nevada. Chair Logan-Parker commented that the survey was for conversations perspective and if there an event that there needs to be approved action items that will be addressed at the next meeting. Chair Logan-Parker stated that the survey determined the top priorities of the Council as collection and analysis of data being tied and will be combined into one priority area. Chair Logan-Parker continued that second most common priority of the Council was funding for RDAC operations, the third was an awareness campaign, and the fourth was the establishment of a comprehensive rare disease plan for Nevada. Chair Logan-Parker felt the survey was helpful in providing good information that can turn into a recommendation of a two year strategic plan focusing on the four categories that the Council felt was

the most important and listed as a priority out of all the tasks assigned to the Council in Senate Bill 315. Chair Logan-Parker opened the floor to the Council for discussion.

Hearing none, Chair Logan-Parker added that she will present a draft of the strategic plan for consideration and possible action for the next Council meeting. Chair Logan-Parker moved on the next agenda item.

- 10) INFORMATIONAL: Nevada Fertility Advocates an overview of the upcoming Fertility Preservation Legislation Bill. – *Jessica Woods, MPH, President, Nevada Fertility Advocates; Amanda Klein, Nevada Fertility Advocates; and Kendahl R. Servino, Nevada Fertility Advocates*

Chair Logan-Parker introduced the Nevada Fertility Advocates and thanked them for being here and opened the floor to Nevada Fertility Advocates.

Jessica Woods thanked Chair Logan-Parker and stated that she was the President of Nevada Fertility Advocates. Woods provided an Impact Report to give an idea of what their organization is working on and who they are.

The Impact Report was shared with the Council.

Woods stated that if anyone had any questions or had interest in Nevada Fertility Advocates, she would be happy to meet offline and provide more information. Woods thanked the Council for their time.

Chair Logan-Parker thanked Jessica Woods, and opened the floor for comments or questions from the Council.

Vice-Chair Gina Glass thanked Jessica Woods. Glass asked if their organization focuses on febrility for people with cancer and if Nevada Fertility Advocates plan to expand upon.

Woods commented that her organization supports any person in the State that is experiencing infertility. Woods continued, from a legislative perspective that her organization is working on fertility preservation for those undergoing cancer treatment, Woods added that her organization has support groups and employer advocacy that is for everyone experiencing infertility.

Vice-Chair Glass thanked her.

Chair Logan-Parker thanked Jessica Woods and moved on to the next agenda item.

- 11) INFORMATIONAL: Council member information sharing announcements. – *Council Members*

Chair Logan-Parker opened the floor to Councilmembers to share any announcements.

Chair Logan-Parker stated that for Rare Disease Day on February 28<sup>th</sup>, Chair Logan-Parker was invited to do a studio interview with Channel 3 to discuss her work as a professional and the RDAC goals and

objectives that has been assigned to the Council through Senate Bill 315. Chair Logan Parker was planning to announce the needs assessment and invite the public to participate.

Councilmember Kimberly Palma-Ortega asked Chair Logan-parker for a link to the interview she was going to do to distribute to others.

Chair Logan-Parker replied absolutely, she will put the link on the Nevada RDAC website.

Vice-Chair Gina Glass commented that she is board member of the Nevada Minority Health and Equity Coalition, that is under the School of Public Health, which received a larger federal grant. She continued that Coalition is offering to anyone who wants to pursue advanced education within the School of Public Health that cannot go, an opportunity to go with tuition covered for the entire term. Glass continued saying the that the application is due March 1<sup>st</sup>, and the individual would have to start as of the upcoming fall semester and need a certificate in public health. Glass added that to her knowledge that is the only prerequisite besides submitting the application and getting accepted. Glass asked where the link should be shared with Chair Logan-Parker or Ashlyn Torrez.

Chair Logan-Parker stated to share with Ashlyn Torrez. Chair then asked if the opportunity can be promoted on social media.

Vice-Chair Glass stated that the opportunity can be promoted on social media.

Chair Logan-Parker asked if any other Councilmembers had anything else to share.

Hearing none, Chair Logan-Parker moved on to the next agenda item.

## 12) PUBLIC COMMENT

Chair Logan-Parker opened the floor for public comment.

Hearing none, Chair Logan-Parker moved to adjourn the meeting.

## 13) ADJOURNMENT – *Chair Annette Logan-Parker*

Chair Annette Logan-Parker moved to adjourn and expressed appreciation for everyone on the council.

**Chair Annette Logan-Parker moved to adjourn the meeting at 10:27 am.**