



Nevada Governor Brian Sandoval

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Sandoval Announces Planning Meeting to Examine Prescription Drug Crisis
Creates Timeline for Summit to Discuss Best Practices and Strategies for Improvement

CARSON CITY, NV – Governor Brian Sandoval today announced the details for the Prescription Drug Abuse planning session which will serve as the precursor to a two-day Summit to be held in Las Vegas at the end of August, 2016. The planning session will take place on June 21 from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. in the Legislative Building in Carson City and video conferenced to the Grant Sawyer Building in Las Vegas. Members of the committee will listen to presentations from state agencies, licensing boards, public comment, and other community stakeholders on prescription drug prescribing practices, options for treatment, criminal justice interventions, and challenges and opportunities in our state. The committee will also hear public comment on the issue of prescription drug abuse in our communities.

The information gathered will be used by the planning committee and the Governor's office to inform and prepare the agenda for the two-day Summit at the end of August.

WHAT: State Planning Session on Prescription Drug Abuse

DATE: June 21, 2016

TIME: 9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.

LOCATION: Legislative Building
Room 4100
401 South Carson Street
Carson City, NV 89701

VIDEO CONFERENCE:
Grant Sawyer Building
Room 4412
555 East Washington Avenue
Las Vegas, NV 89101

The planning committee members include:

- Governor Brian Sandoval
- First Lady Kathleen Sandoval
- Jim Wright, Director, Department of Public Safety
- James Dzurenda, Director, Department of Corrections
- Richard Whitley, Director, Department of Health and Human Services
- Dr. John M. Dimuro, DO, Chief Medical Officer, State of Nevada
- Marcia Turner, Vice Chancellor of Operations and Chief Operating Officer, Health Sciences System, Nevada System of Higher Education
- Linda Lang, Nevada Statewide Coalition Partnership
- Nancy Roget, Executive Director, Center for the Application of Substance Abuse Technologies, University of Nevada, Reno
- Lidia Stiglich, Second Judicial Court
- Steven Wolfson, Clark County District Attorney
- Christy McGill, Health Communities Coalition
- Robert Bohls, FBI Supervisory Senior Resident Agent
- Jeff Ellis, MGM's Vice President and CFO, Human Resources Shared Services
- State Senator Patricia Farley
- Assemblyman Mike Sprinkle

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The Governor also released a tentative agenda for the planning meeting. This agenda was created with the intention of gathering preliminary information that will assist the Governor, First Lady, state and local agencies in building a program focused on these four priority topics:

- Duties and responsibilities of healthcare licensing boards
- Overview of current coordination and opportunities for expanded collaboration with local, state and federal law enforcement
- Review of existing rehabilitation practices and substance abuse treatments
- Cooperation and oversight for private sector issues, including sale and availability of pharmaceuticals

Additional details will be made available prior to the event and posted on the Department of Health and Human Services' website.

The preliminary agenda will include:

1. Opening Remarks - Governor Brian Sandoval
2. Overview/History of National Governor's Association Prescription Drug Abuse Prevention Policy
– First Lady Kathleen Sandoval
3. Community Testimony
4. State Data Overview
5. Statewide Prevention Efforts
6. Criminal Justice Interventions
 - a. Law Enforcement
 - b. Specialty Courts
7. Treatment
8. Clinical and Regulatory Interventions
 - a. Clinical interventions
 - b. Regulatory interventions
 - Board of Pharmacy
 - Board of Medical Examiners
 - Board of Osteopathic Physicians
 - Board of Dental Examiners
 - Board of Nursing
9. Public Comment
10. Closing Remarks and Next Steps

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