

Statewide Epidemiology Organization (SEOW) Workgroup
DRAFT MEETING Minutes
Tuesday March 23, 2021
9:00 – Adjournment

Note: Agenda items may be taken out of order, combined for consideration, and or removed from the agenda at the chairperson's discretion

1. Call to order/roll call – Jennifer Thompson 9:03
Members Present: Jennifer Thompson (Chair), Helen See (Chair-Elect), Kathryn Barker (Past-Chair), Amber Batchelor, Elyse Monroy, Eric Ohlson, Ihsan Azzam, Ingrid Mburia, Jennifer DeLett-Snyder, Richard Egan, Stephanie Asteriadis-Pyle, Trey Delap, Wei Yang, Yen Long,
Members Absent: James Kuzhippala, Pauline Salla, Ying Zhang, Wei Yang, Yen Long, Ihsan Azzam
Guests: Megan Freeman Division of Child and Family Services; Jade Angulo, Join Together Northern Nevada, Teresa Etcheberry, Clark Regional Behavioral Health Coordinator; Tracy Palmer Bureau of Behavioral Health Wellness and Prevention (BBHWP); Bill Kirby, Substance Abuse Prevention and Treatment Agency (SAPTA); Jade Sliger, BBHWP; Shawn Thomas; Linda Lang, Nevada Statewide Coalition Partnership.
2. No Public comment
3. Approval of minutes for the December 14, 2020 Meeting – Jennifer Thompson
Ms. Monroy: I reviewed the minutes this morning aside from the pesky spelling error such as hots that probably should have been nots, I would be prepared to make a motion.
Ms. Monroy makes a motion to approve minutes with corrected spelling errors.
Ms. Barker seconds the motion.
Opposed: none; Abstention: Yen Long
Motion Passes
Item 2 closed. Item 3 Open.
4. 2021 Special Report – Discuss Topics and Possible Data Sources – Jennifer Thompson
Ms. Thompson: Two meetings ago SEOW decided not to provide the epi-profile every year but rather every two years as it would align with the Youth Risk Behavioral Surveillance System (YRBSS). In odd years we decided to produce a special report. Ms. Thompson would like to discuss what topic the SEOW would like to focus the report on and what data sources to use. From the collaborative meeting it was suggested marijuana use and youth mental health – specifically youth suicide and youth ideation – was a big concern. Ms. DeLett-Snyder does not know what data sources are available for use outside of the epi-profile. Ms. Thompson lists the available sources she is aware of from the Office of Analytics (OOA) - BRFSS, medic-aide data which is up-to-date, and hospital treatment episode data. Ms. Thompson

acknowledges if the focus is on youth the data from OOA may not be usable and a collaboration with coalitions maybe needed. Ms. Monroy states that ODA2 has a couple of data sources that we may use if the focus for the report was not going to be on youth. Also, when reviewing the previous meeting minutes, we discussed impaired driving data; She does have a meeting with the Office of Impaired Driving within DPS. She can look at what they have collected, and changes in alcohol consumption would be interesting data to look at. Dr. Yang mentions the report on cannabis and opioid which uses multiple data sources – The Plan Data, YRBS, BRFSS, a couple national substance surveillance data sources. Originally it was prepared for the summit, but it was not ready, however it will be ready soon. There was a concern by Ms. Thompson about how current that data is which Dr. Yang states it is mostly from 2019. Ms. Palmer: would like some of the data include the three primary high risk targeted population SAMHSA keeps asking us to look at and address - Military, LGTBQ, and Tribal communities. When looking at some of the special reports, I think it would be helpful not to forget the alcohol component. It seems to be increasing right now during COVID. Dr. Yang acknowledges that there are special reports in the YRBS on LGBT youth and on tribal schools but none on the military. There are two sets of students - troubled (all troubled students) and urban tribal. Ms. Thompson: states there is a bill right now requiring LGTBQ questions to be included in the YRBS, it may take some time for that to be useful and the same with tribal. She also mentions a report will be published by OOA on military and suicide and one in conjunction with the state department of Veterans Affairs which will be out in April. Mr. Delap suggests that we table this item for a later time during this meeting as there currently is not much participation on the special report. Ms. Thompson asks if everyone is okay with the tabling of this item. As no one disagrees we move on to Item 4 leaving this item open for a revisit. At 9:59 am, the committee returns to Item 4. Ms. Thompson encourages that the focus for the special report be on one topic rather than multiple topics. Ms. See mentions the report being done by Dr. Yang already has specific topic and we should do something not already being done. Ms. Thompson mentions that the OOA does not have enough data for a report on LGTBQ, tribal, or the military. Ms. See suggests focusing on youth substance use/abuse with hospital billing data. Ms. Thompson is concerned on focusing only on substance use/abuse because it would rely heavily on the YRBSS. Ms. Thompson suggests that that focusing on youth and suicide or substance use and suicide would be a good topic. Ms. Monroy agrees that a focus on youth and suicide however is concerned with limited data sets to look at. She also mentions an article from the New York Times on youth suicide in Las Vegas. Mr. Delap agrees and mentions that in Clark County there has been a lot of concern about use and suicide and would give insight to outreach or to connection in a disconnected world. Ms. Thompson asks Kathryn Barker about the Nevada Violent Death Reporting System (NVDRS) if data would be able to be pulled to use. Ms. Barker confirms Ms. Thompson's questions and states that the 2017 and 2018 are the most recent data available. Ms. Monroy asks if there is another data set, we could look at. Could we look at syndromic surveillance data?

Ms. Thompson mentions to Ms. Monroy that last fall a report was given to the Governor's Office on Syndrome of Surveillance. It could be used for a snapshot in time, but it would not be good for trends. Ms. Monroy is curious if there is anything we can pull or if in 2020 were there any child fatality reviews that were suicide? Maybe Richard Egan can help. Mr. Egan from the Office of Suicide Prevention states the child death review will come from the Executive Committee and is for children aged 17 and under. Preliminary data for 2020 is not available, however Clark County School District (CCSD) tracks July 1 through June 30 each year and the state track from January 1st to December 31 of each year. Due to Covid, this year CCSD will be looking March 16, 2020 through March 2021. The Office of Suicide Prevention has looked at 4.5% of suicides have which have been reviewed for 2020, and there was a shift in age groups. Elderly (65+ year of age) suicides have remained the same, adults (25 - 64) have reduced, however young adults (18-24) and youth up to 8-17 have increased. There is a legislative effort to improve hospital data. 2018 data shows an increase in suicide in the age group 17 and under. Ms. Monroy thanks Richard for his information which helps her better understand. Mr. Egan is concerned in the shift and is curious why that has happened. Ms. Barker is also interested in why there was an increase in younger children committing suicide. She also states when looking at suicides we have final records data to confirm deaths, and when looking at suicidality or attempts we have to pull in other data resource to pull from i.e., calls to suicide help lines or Syndromic surveillance data. Circumstantial data is much more difficult to extrapolate and analyze as they mainly come from narratives. Mr. Ohlson mentions that a question that may come out from the Washoe County School District (WCSD) is how much standardization is there from school to school as there may be differences in screens from school to school (quality of data). Ms. Batchelor from Nevada Coalition to End Domestic and Sexual Violence ask if any of the data sets mentioned have information on adolescence relationship violence as it have been on the increase. It was also in response to someone some mentioning earlier that youth suicide may be too narrow of a topic. Ms. Thompson: response is YRBS does ask those questions, so they can include them. Ms. Thompson believes it would not muddy the water of the report. Mr. Egan says that domestic violence and relationship issues are key issues in suicide which may be the end result. He also mentions a 2018 report gives results for ideation and attempts. Ms. Thompson is interested in investigating whether suicidal thought or ideation was even an option or if Child Protective Services were ever involved. Mr. Egan indicates he has national reports looking at current foster care; foster youth have greater suicide ideation and are at higher risk for suicide. Ms. Thompson asks the committee if this is the path, we want to take this year? Ms. Thompson ask if some is willing to make a motion that the 2020 Special Report to be on youth suicide and topics around youth suicide.

Mr. Delap make a motion for the Special Report to be on youth suicide and topics around youth suicide.

Ms. Batchelor seconds

Opposed: none; Abstention: none

Motion passes.

Mr. Egan notifies Mr. Trevino that he will be sending him the two articles he mention during this discussion.

5. Nevada YRBS/CDC YRBS Questions – Perception of Harm Indicators for High School and Middle School (Helen See)

(For Possible Action)

Ms. See would like to discuss this because at the Joint meeting many members had questions about the perception of risk questions. She would like to examine the questions found in the YRBS which include high school and middle school students. Ms. See states there are three types of perception of risk questions – personal perception of risk, perception of parent disapproval, perception of peer disapproval. She believes the perception of parent/peer disapproval question gauges moral beliefs rather than the science aspect (percentage of high school student who reported that their parents would think it is wrong for them to have two or more drink, smoke tobacco, smoke marijuana or use prescription drugs). Ms. See believes asking “if it is wrong to do it” implies/questions values/beliefs and not the science side – harmful effects. She is also concerned that the personal perception of harm only involves physical risks/harm but does not include harm of mental health. Ms. See believes the questions are vague in gauging the understand the risk. Mr. Delap would like to know how the questions are “couched”? do they reference cannabis? Is it marijuana? Edible? smoking? And are there other measurements of use other than marijuana cigarettes. Ms. See indicates that in the YRBS it is about smoking and to her it seems a bit vague. Dr Yang gives some background: CDC requires limit on question 99 which is usually the national standard. In certain cases, we can add very important questions. Second all questions must be tested – cognitively tested so the students understand. Every time those questions come from CDC standards - they are core questions. If we are modifying or adding question, we use either CDC or other states tested questions, or we test them ourselves. Nevada is the first state to have ACES questions. In two years, other states can use the ACES questions. The perception questions are included for parents and students and difference substance perceptions. We are currently working on new 2021 BRFSS questions. We have a meeting if you would like to join. There are certain questions we must include for example questions from SAPTA as part of grants. Dr. Yang also notes this years YRBS questions have been postponed until the Fall semester which is typically done in the Spring. Ms. See talks about being an advisory committee and if other state agency/organization would like to add/purchase A more specific question about marijuana or drug use that would be more beneficial in getting an accurate measure of perception of risk. Dr Yang: we now have 8 questions about marijuana and before the legislature passed there were 5 questions including questions about drive under the influence of marijuana. Dr. Azzam wants to know

why 5 or more drinks chosen? Why not 4 or 3 or any? And the same for 1 or more pack of cigarette? any cig.? We want them to know any amount is harmful. Dr. Yang responds that the question is asked as no limit, such as one puff, then it is converted to binary yes or no? we are trying to improve the questions but keep them the same to compare to past questions of 10 years ago. Dr. Azzam has a comment/question about the Canadian article mentioned by Ms. See. It shows that 69% of participants believe cannabis can be addictive. Do we know what are the other 31% answering? He is curious what the other side believes – not addictive, can be addictive, etc. Ms. See will send out the journal article. Ms. See stats that we are trying to gauge their understanding of the harmful effects and if there are no other questions, we can move to the next agenda item. Mr. Delap asks if it is known what is the most common use mode of ingestion? As states with expanded access to cannabis, is this public health data being collected? If the most common is through vaping, that is another great piece of information. Ms. DeLett-Snyder would like to know if there is still a group that meets to discuss the next YRBS questions. Ms. Thompson is not sure, but Dr. Yang says they keep inviting people before we finalize the questions, we always have a review. School districts and the health district are always in attendance. Ms. DeLett-Snyder is inquiring about the timing. Dr. Yang: The study usually it is every two year, it will happen soon. The advisory committee is currently meeting weekly with their focus being on the questions and will have a draft soon.
Item 5 Closed Item 6 Open.

6. Evidence Based Practice Public and Policy Active Workgroup (EBPPPAW) Connecting Factors – Substance Abuse Prevention and Treatment (SAPTA) Flow Chart Revision – Tracy Palmer, Behavioral Health Wellness and Prevention Health Program Manager II and Cyndy Gustafson/Dr. Justin Gardner, Strategic Progress Lead

Ms. Palmer discusses the primary reason to have this on agenda as it was requested to update flow chart to remove the word subcommittee. The flow chart is updated to reflect the Partnership for Success Statewide Epidemiology Organizational Workgroup evidence-based compliance review team ensuring everything is in compliance with the terms and conditions as outlined in the framework of the award. The word subcommittee implies it is an appointed and put together subcommittee. The revised chart will be posted to the SEOW webpage as well as the SAPTA webpage. There were no questions asked of Ms. Palmer.
Item 6 Closed. Item 7 Open.

7. Open Meeting Law Training – Discuss [Online Training Video](#) and Office of Attorney General Follow-up (Ben Trevino)

Mr. Trevino reminds the committee that last year it was discussed to invite the Attorney Generals' Office to a meeting for Open Meeting Law training. Mr. Trevino reached out to the Deputy Attorneys General who suggested that the committee

members view the online training, and they could attend the next scheduled meeting for a question-and-answer session. Monday and Wednesday they would not be able to attend as they are in court. Mr. Trevino presents this information for your consideration and asks if there are any questions. Ms. Thompson moves on to the next agenda item. Mr. Delap interjects saying that we have moved past this item to quickly and would like to make a motion that the committee act on the training. Ms. Monroy would like clarification on a motion and would like to know the expectations for committee members and that once completed will we report to Ben with questions. Mr. Delap acknowledges that it would be for everyone, and Mr. Trevino states that the invitation to the Deputy Attorneys General would go out regardless and it may jog people's memory and questions may come up during the meeting. Mr. Egan would like to know if every member is required to view the training as he is a state employee and is already required to have Open Meeting Law training and he would be willing to share his documentation on Open Meeting Law. Mr. Delap modifies his motion to proceed with the online training for those who have not been through training and invite the AG to the next meeting. Yen Long: seconds. Ms. Asteriadis-Pyle would like the motion a little more precise. When should we do the training? By the next meeting? Do we report to someone once completed? Mr. Delap states the online training should be done by the next meeting and we should invite the Attorney General's Office. Reporting does not need to be done. Ms. Thompson reiterates the motion presented that: we all watch the online training before the next meeting and send completion to Ben.

Ms. See makes motion to approve item.

Mr. Delap seconds

Opposed: None; Abstention: none

Motion Passes.

Item 7 closed. Item 8 Open.

8. Legislative Session Guide to Boards/Commissions – Discuss Session Representative (Tracy Palmer)

Ms. Palmer would like to remind this committee – whether for this meeting or any other committee/board meeting – that anyone commenting at the legislative session to not represent themselves as a member unless given previous authorization to do so. If the notice/memo has not been posted to the website, we will make sure to have it online. Ms. Palmer is willing to answer any question.

Mr. Trevino interjects that he would like to do another roll call to ensure a quorum as a few people have left. Ms. Thompson mentions he has taken note of those who have left and believes a quorum still exists but agrees to roll call. Mr. Ben confirms the meeting is still in quorum although three members left (Wei Yang, Yen Long, Ihsan Azzam).

Item 8 closed. Return to agenda Item 4 at 9:59 am.

9. Schedule 2021 Quarterly Meeting – Discuss Possible Dates and Times (Ben Trevino)

Mr. Trevino discusses possible calendar dates or the rest of the year. The committee would need to be mindful of when the next meeting as the Deputy Attorneys General would not be able to attend on Monday and Wednesdays. Mr. Trevino has looked at previous meetings schedule during 2019 and has conclude they were often held in the later part of the quarter and most often the later part of the week – usually on Thursday. Mr. Trevino suggests calendaring the 2020 meetings on the trend of the third month of the quarter and the third Thursday of the month.

Ms. Palmer adds/recaps Ben's comments that instead of using doodle polls this would be an ongoing calendar event unless otherwise noted. If anyone cannot attend, a proxy can be sent. This would also be added to an annual calendar which is distributed to the state prevention coalitions. Ben would like to set up date for the remaining year and possible into next year. Ms. Thompsons aske if Mr. Trevino has the dates with the next meeting being June 17th. Mr. Trevino yes.

Helen See makes a motion that "the SEOW meetings be scheduled for the third Thursday of the Third month of each quarter".

Richard Egan: seconds

Opposed: none Abstention: None

The motion to meet on the third Thursday of the third month of each quarter passes.

Ms. Thompson acknowledges that we may have to revisit the December meeting as it would fall on the week of Christmas.

Items 9 closed. Item 10 open.

10. Possible Agenda Items for next Meeting – Ben Trevino

Ms. Thompson suggests this is an open item even though Ben is listed. Ben Agrees and leaves it open to the committee to discuss. Ms. Thompson states that the committee would need to elect a new chair elect as Ms. See will become the new chair. Ms. Thompson also notes that the Attorneys General will also need to be on the agenda to answer questions for Open Meeting Law online training. Mr. Egan: recommends a conversation on documents he sent out to Mr. Trevino. Ms. See would like a possible update on where the gaps in the data are? Would it be possible included renown data? Mr. Egan Informs Ms. See that if that legislation passes it is very specific for ER attempts data to be collected, so we will have more accurate information. Ms. Thompson inquires if that is the 72-hour emergency department report on suicide attempts? Mr Egan responds that it is AB 181 to which Ms. Thompson says that her office will be receiving that information. Ms. Palmer would like Ben to provide the dates of the remaining meeting for this year because the committee has approved and set dates. Ms. Thompson is curious and ask if the by-laws are reviewed yearly. She believes they have been reviewed yearly. Mr. Trevino states that the bylaws do not require the by laws to be reviewed, however there is a Conflict of Interest (COI) Disclosure Statement required in the by-laws. He will prepare to disperse the COI at the next meeting.

Ms. See motion to approve items for next agenda.

Ms. Batchelor Seconds.

Opposed: none; Abstention: none
Motion passes.

11. No Public Comment
12. Jennifer Thompson Adjourns Meeting at 10:30 am