
**Statewide Epidemiology Workgroup (SEW)
MINUTES**

Wednesday, April 29, 2020

1:00 pm – Adjournment

CALL-IN NUMBER: (669) 900-6833 Meeting ID: 7756845906

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1. Call to Order/Roll Call Meeting called to order at 1:01 PM. Quorum was met.

Board Members Present:

Kathryn Barker, Chair; Jennifer Thompson, Chair-Elect; James Kuzhippala, Past Chair; Stephanie Asteriadis-Pyle; Eric Ohlson; Ingrid Mburia; Pauline Salla; Richard Egan; Judy Henderson; Trey Delap; Wei Yang; Jennifer DeLett-Snyder; and Yehn Long

Board Members Absent:

Ihsan Azzam, Ying Zhang and John Fudenberg

Staff and Guests Present:

Linda Lang; Lea Cartwright, Nevada Psychiatric Association; Jamie Ross, PACT Coalition; Lena Hatzidopavlakis; Mary Beth Chamberlain; Elyse Monroy, Program Manager, Nevada Overdose to Action (OD2A); Sarah Somers; Shawn Thomas; Nevada OD2A; Jimmy Lau, Dignity Health St. Rose; Cari Moss; Raul Martinez; Bill Kirby, Substance Abuse Prevention and Treatment Agency (SAPTA); Tracy Palmer, Bureau of Behavioral Health Wellness and Prevention/SAPTA; Carol Lane, Churchill Community Coalition; and Laura Oslund, PACE Coalition

2. Public Comment

Mr. Martinez commented that members' names missing on the last agenda, Jennifer DeLett-Snyder, John Fudenberg and Yehn Long, would be added to future agendas.

3. Approval of Minutes – October 23rd, 2019 Meeting

Members suggested correction. Ms. Long moved to approve the minutes with the recommended changes. Ms. Thompson seconded the motion. Ms. Salla abstained. The motion passed without opposition.

4. General Announcements and Reviewing and Approving Upcoming Meeting Schedule

Ms. Barker recommended that the next meeting be scheduled the week of July 6, 2020. A doodle poll will be sent out to select a specific date. There were no

objections. Ms. Barker will request disclosure statements from the group. They will nominate a chair elect. The chair elect will take over in the October meeting.

5. Presentation of Multidisciplinary Prevention Advisory Committee (MPAC) Priorities Together, Linda Lang and Jamie Ross presented MPAC Priorities. Please [click here](#) to view MPAC presentation.

Mr. Delap asked whether members would prefer to limit the focus to first priority issues or go deeper into data. Ms. Lang said she would not limit the MPAC to first priorities as there is too much information in the second and third priorities they need to collect. If both are not possible, she said a cross analysis of first priority items would be more beneficial for the Epidemiologic (Epi) profile. She would like to see more data about consequences. Mr. Delap pointed out consequences are the third priority.

Ms. Lang reminded them the MPAC's job is to recommend to the State what areas should be the primary focus for making changes in the community. The MPAC's priorities are prevention and treatment-related, not strategy-related.

Mr. Delap recommended the Epi profile be done every three years for better coverage, with a deep dive every couple of years.

Dr. Yang commented data questions may change every year and they can conflict. He added trending and analysis should be a deeper dive

6. Follow-up Discussion of Data Presented at January 6, 2020 meeting
There were no comments.

7. Presentation on Overdose Data to Action Grants

Ms. Monroy and Ms. Barker presented Overdose Data to Action grants. Mr. Thomas presented dose reporting. Please [click here](#), to view the OD2A Presentation and [click here](#), to view the dose report.

Dr. Yang asked if the emergency department data was for admissions only or for the same person with multiple visits. Mr. Thomas replied it was for a single visit, not multiple visits. She also stated that Emergency Medical Services (EMS) were not part of the data.

Mr. Ohlson asked about the lag in update regarding OpenBeds. Ms. Monroy said they are developing a network policy which will include how often treatment providers need to update their systems. She also stated that treatment providers are asked to show all the services they provide and the populations they serve so when service availability is pulled up, the availability will be visible. Ms. Monroy will follow up on looking up geriatric service type.

Mr. Delap asked if the Centers for Disease Control (CDC) include cannabis or alcohol in their national syndromic surveillance. Ms. Monroy replied they are not part of the dose or overdose reporting and Ms. Thompson verified that the CDC does not include cannabis or alcohol.

Ms. Palmer asked what the rule is for coalition partners regarding reporting requirements. Ms. Monroy said coalition partners have been funded to bring on substance abuse specialists to support initiatives in their regions. Needs vary as regions vary.

Ms. Barker will move her presentation to next meeting in the interest of time.

8. 2020 Statewide Epidemiology Profile: Propose and Approve Any Modifications and Workgroup Formation.

Ms. Thompson agreed that putting out the Epi profile every year is burdensome and agreed with Mr. Delap's suggestion to move it to every other year. Mr. Delap would like a subcommittee to decide on what actions they think is best.

Mr. Thomas would like direction from Substance Abuse Prevention and Treatment Agency as to whether an Epi profile is required annually. He would like an Epi profile in the off years that dives a little deeper. Ms. Lang suggested aligning the Epi profile with the data that just came out. An Epi profile was just done; the next full Epi would be done in an even-numbered year. Ms. Thompson agreed. Ms. Barker said the by-laws state subcommittees could include members and non-members. Ms. Thompson would like to see the subcommittee meet in May or early June.

Ms. Barker asked how to modify the Epi profile for the data group to consider at the next meeting. Ms. Palmer recommended adding Sara Bacon to the subcommittee. Ms. Thompson agreed to chair it. Ms. DeLett-Snyder and Ms. Barker will be members.

Mr. Delap made a motion to form the subcommittee. Ms. Salla seconded the motion. The motion passed without opposition or abstention

9. Public Comment

There was no public comment

10. Adjournment

Meeting Adjourned at 3:06 pm.
