



**Statewide Epidemiology Workgroup (SEW)
Data Subcommittee
MINUTES
Wednesday, June 24th, 2020
9:00 a.m. – Adjournment**

This meeting will be held via teleconference only. Pursuant to Governor Sisolak's March 22, 2020, Declaration of Emergency Directive 006 which was extended by Directive 021, the requirement contained in NRS 241.023(1)(b) that there be a physical location is suspended in order to mitigate the possible exposure or transmission of COVID-19 (Coronavirus). Accordingly, all members of the public must participate by using the teleconference number provided in this notice.

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1. Call to Order, Roll Call and Announcements – Called to order at 9:02 am. Quorum met.

Members: Kathryn Barker, Jen Thompson, Jennifer DeLett-Snyder and Sara Bacon

Guests Present: Wei Yang, Tracy Palmer, Ying Shang, Darla Zarley, Linda Lang, Jamie Ross, Richard Egan and Cari Moss

2. Public Comment
(Action may not be taken on any matter brought up under this agenda item until scheduled on an agenda for a later meeting)
No Public Comment
3. Review and Approve Minutes from the Data Subcommittee Meeting on August 22, 2019
- **For Possible Action**
In item 3 the word subors will be updated to sudors. Ms. Thompson motioned to approve the minutes with changes. Ms. Bacon seconded. Motion passed without abstention or opposition.

4. Discuss, Review, and Approve Recommendations for the Next Statewide Epidemiologic Profile to Present to the Statewide Epidemiology Workgroup for Approval - **For Possible Action**

- Recommendations for the Multidisciplinary Prevention Advisory Committee (MPAC)

Ms. Thompson mentioned that they want to continue to improve the Epi profile and again brought up that there is ongoing discussion about having the Epi profile come out every other year. Ms. Lang mentioned that Pacific Technology Transfer Center made the following suggestions and recommendations as to how format the document.

- Suggested to continue to categorize by substance
- Within each substance, start with relevant consequence data first. Ms. Barker would like to see the consequence data increased including crime school data and non-fatal poisoning. She would also like to see trend data added.
- Then with consumption patterns and then analysis for the consequence and consumption pattern by the various demographic groups to show who was most impacted.
- Then provide the risk and protector factor data.

Ms. Lang mentioned that overall, they'd like to see an increase the consequence data portion of the document. Ms. Ross would like to see a deeper dive into the demographic analysis to see what ages are using emergency rooms the most and what demographic is entering marijuana treatment the most. The information will help the MPAC push the communities to focus on the areas and groups that are most at risk.

Ms. Lang mentioned a high priority list, which includes the following:

- Perception of harm
 - Request to put college specific data into the Epi profile
 - Better death data
 - Data on dispensary locations, overdose, including fatal overdose and edibles.
 - Include Fentanyl in "other" drug data
- New Data Sources
 - The group brought up and discussed some new data sources they thought would be useful for further development for the Epi profile.
 - Ms. Lang mentioned there is some great information that can be used from the Threat Assessment that Mr. Carter sent to her
 - Department of Education has the Nevada Report Card
 - UNR study- Marijuana Use and Dispensary Density Research Study

- Pregnancy Risk Assessment Monitoring System (PRAMS) to show drug use before, during and after pregnancy, however there is no formal report. Mr. Yang suggested that a data request be submitted.
- Department of Public Safety to retrieve arrest data related to drug use.
- State Unintentional Drug Overdose Reporting System (SUDOR) for death and toxicology reports. The report has a lag, the only report available currently is from 2017.
- National Violent Death Reporting (NVDRS)
- High Intensity Drug Trafficking Area (HITDA) will show what drugs are on the rise and what people will die from just by what drugs are being seized.
- Special Populations to Include
 - Race, ethnicity, age, gender Lesbian Gay Bisexual Transgender Queer or Questioning (LGBTQ) and urban/rural/frontier
- Analyses to Add or Omit

There was robust discussion amongst the members as to how to improve the Epi profile. Ms. Bacon is going to inquire about what the deadline is for next Epi profile so new changes may be incorporated.

Ms. Thompson moved to approve to present topics to the Statewide Epidemiology Workgroup (SEW). Mr. Egan seconded the motion with the caveat that the recommended changes get sent out to the members to be reviewed before the SEW meeting on July 9, 2020. Motion passed without abstention or opposition.

5. Public Comment
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No Public Comment
6. Adjournment
Meeting Adjourned at 10:27 am