

Division Criteria for the Certification of Substance Use Prevention Coalitions through SAPTA per NAC 458

Substance Use Disorder (SUD) Prevention Coalitions

- The Division Criteria for SUD Prevention Coalitions is in compliance with all applicable provisions of NAC 458, and NRS 458 as amended by SB 69 (2021).
 - Whenever possible, Division Criteria will avoid the use of stigmatizing language in describing substance use.
 - Division Criteria recognizes diversity, equity and inclusion is necessary to improve the health and wellness of the community and strives for cultural competency.

- The Division of Public and Behavioral Health adopts the Community Anti-Drug Coalitions of America (CADCA) National Coalition Institute Community Coalitions Model. The operation of a certified SUD Prevention Coalition must align with these nationally recognized standards, as outlined in the Drug-Free Communities Act of 1997.
 - SUD Prevention Coalitions shall include substance misuse and substance use disorder prevention as an area of focus to improve the health and wellness of the general community.
 - SUD Prevention Coalitions shall demonstrate that the representatives of the coalition have worked together on substance use reduction initiatives for a period of not less than 6 months as demonstrated by meeting minutes.
 - SUD Prevention Coalitions develop and implement strategies and programs based on CADCA's Seven Strategies for Creating Effective Community Change and/or the Substance Abuse Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA), Center for Substance Abuse and Prevention (CSAP) prevention strategies.
 - SUD Prevention Coalitions award funding to certified prevention programs and provide oversight to their activities.

- Each certified SUD Prevention Coalition must designate every region that they plan to serve. The geographic regions, are described in NRS 433.428 as follows:
 - The Northern Behavioral Health Region consisting of Carson City, and the counties of Churchill, Douglas, Lyon and Storey;
 - The Washoe Behavioral Health Region consisting of Washoe;
 - The Rural Behavioral Health Region consisting of the counties of Elko, White Pine, Eureka, Humboldt, Lander and Pershing.
 - The Southern Behavioral Health Region consisting of the counties of Esmeralda, Lincoln, Mineral and the portion of the county of Nye that is north of the 38th parallel of north latitude; and
 - The Clark Behavioral Health Region consisting of the county of Clark and the portion of the county of Nye that is south of the 38th parallel of north latitude; and

- Each geographic region may be served by more than one SUD Prevention Coalition.
 - When a geographic region is served by more than one coalition, the coalitions may choose to join the report of other coalitions or choose to submit separate reports for the same area.

- A certified SUD Prevention Coalition should collaborate with the community, the Division of Public and Behavioral Health and applicable Regional Behavioral Health Policy Board to ensure that the primary purpose of any report is to identify trends and strategies to address the needs of the community.
- A certified SUD Prevention Coalition will make any report to a Regional Behavioral Health Policy Board available and accessible to the community and the Division of Public and Behavioral Health.
- A certified SUD Prevention Coalition must develop a membership process that includes:
 - A process to convene interested persons and entities to promote the use of evidence-based strategies to address needs concerning services for the prevention of substance misuse and substance use disorders and improve such services in the geographic region(s) serviced by the SUD Prevention Coalition.
 - A request for information related to the interested person's race, ethnicity, sexual orientation and gender identity or expression. No person is required to provide any information or be denied membership or any services or assistance based on their response or declination to respond. The information may only be used to carry out and improve the services of the coalition and for demographic analysis by the Division
 - The membership categories of representation should address the needs of the community based on an assessment of the geographic region(s) served by the SUD Prevention Coalition and include, at a minimum, representation as defined in the twelve sectors of the Drug-Free Communities Act of 1997 as follows:
 - Youth;
 - Parents;
 - Businesses;
 - Media;
 - Schools;
 - Organizations serving youth;
 - Law enforcement;
 - Religious or fraternal organizations;
 - Civic and volunteer groups;
 - Health care professionals;
 - State, local or tribal governmental agencies with expertise in the field of substance abuse (including, if applicable, the State authority with primary authority for substance abuse);
 - Other organizations involved in reducing substance abuse; and
 - When feasible, elected officials should be encouraged to participate.
- As described in NRS 458, a certified substance SUD prevention coalition shall:
 - Advise the Department of Health and Human Services and the Division of Public and Behavioral Health concerning:
 - The needs of adults and children in the geographic region served by the prevention coalition concerning the prevention of substance misuse and substance use disorders in the geographic region;

- Any progress, problems or plans relating to the provision of services for the prevention of substance misuse and substance use disorders and methods for improving the provision of such services in the geographic region served by the prevention coalition;
 - Identified gaps in services for the prevention of substance misuse and substance use disorders and recommendations for addressing those gaps; and
 - Priorities for allocating resources to support and develop services for the prevention of substance misuse and substance use disorders in the geographic region served by the coalition.
 - Coordinate and share information with other certified substance use disorder prevention coalitions and the general community to provide recommendations to the Department of Health and Human Services and the Division of Public and Behavioral Health concerning services for the prevention of substance misuse and substance use disorders.
 - Implement, in coordination with the Department of Health and Human Services, the Division of Public and Behavioral Health, other certified substance use disorder prevention coalitions and other interested persons and entities, statewide efforts for the prevention of substance misuse and substance use disorders.
 - Coordinate with persons and entities in this State who provide services related to the prevention of substance misuse and substance use disorders to increase the awareness of such services and reduce duplication of efforts.
 - In consultation with other persons and entities in this State who provide services related to the prevention of substance use disorders, submit an annual report to the regional behavioral health policy board for the geographic region served by the substance use disorder prevention coalition. The report must include, without limitation:
 - Identification of the specific needs of the geographic region served by the prevention coalition concerning the prevention of substance misuse and substance use disorders;
 - A description of methods that the coalition uses to collect and analyze data concerning:
 - Substance misuse and substance use disorders in the geographic region served by the coalition; and
 - Gaps in services related to the prevention of substance misuse and substance use disorders and the need for additional services in that region;
 - The goals and strategies used by the prevention coalition and the results of those strategies;
 - The goals of the prevention coalition for the immediately preceding year and the degree to which the prevention coalition achieved those goals; and
 - The goals of the prevention coalition for the immediately following year and the long-term goals of the prevention coalition.
- As set forth in NRS 458, the Division of Public and Behavioral Health shall collaborate with and utilize certified substance use disorder prevention coalitions as the primary local

and regional entities to coordinate programs and strategies for the prevention of substance use disorders in this State.