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Memorandum

To: Dr. Jon Pennell, Chair
Nevada State Board of Health

From: Tina Dortch, Program Manager
Nevada Office of Minority Health and Equity (NOMHE)

Re: **(NRS.232.482) There is hereby created in the Office an Advisory Committee consisting of nine voting members appointed by the Department and State Board of Health**

In accordance with Nevada Revised Statutes (NRS) 232.482, it is the responsibility of the State Board of Health to appoint six members of the Nevada Office of Minority Health and Equity (NOMHE) Advisory Committee on Minority Health (i.e. AC), as detailed below:

1. The Director of the Department shall appoint three members who have an interest in health issues related to minority groups.
2. The State Board of Health shall appoint:
 - a. Three members representing each geographic region of the State, including one member who resides in southern Nevada, one member who resides in northern Nevada and one member who resides in rural Nevada;
 - b. One member who is a representative of a non-profit organization located in the state;
 - c. One provider of health care in this state; and
 - d. One member of the public at large.
3. One Legislator who is appointed by the Legislative Commission shall serve on the Advisory Committee in an ex-officio, nonvoting capacity.

Of this board, one of the nine NOMHE seats is currently vacant. Per this letter, reappointment is being requested for one (Board of Health appointed) candidate. With this action, eight seats (representing a quorum plus three) will be filled; five by Board of Health appointments.

Staff Recommendation

Staff recommends that, effective with your ruling, the Nevada Board of Health appoint the following person to the Nevada Office of Minority Health and Equity Advisory Committee on Minority Health, to serve a two-year term:

- **Andrea Gregg** (Executive Director, High Sierra Area Health Education Center/AHEC)
 - *Representative based in **N Nevada** (Board of Health re-appointment)*

A copy of the candidate's resume is attached and a matrix denoting a selection process which addresses statutorily required ethic, geographic and professional diversity.

Presenter

Tina Dortch, Program Manager, Nevada Office of Minority Health and Equity

NOMHE Advisory Committee on Minority Health Board Composition as of Aug 2020

	Name	Ethnicity	N NV, S NV or Central NV	Notable Interest in Health Issues Re to Minorities	Nonprofit	Healthcare Provider	Representative from Public at Large
1	Cassandra Cotton (BoH Re-Apptd; March 2020)	African American	Southern NV	Former NOMH Advisory Bd Mbr	Nathan Adelson Hospice and Donor Network		
2	Crystal Lee, PhD (Dir Apptd; May 2020)	Native American	Southern NV	Professor of Native American Health Equity; Research Clinician			
3	Andre Wade (Dir Re-Apptd; March 2020)	African American	Southern NV	LGBTQ awareness, disparities, resources			
4	Erik Jimenez (BoH Appointed; Sept 2019)	Latino	Northern NV	ABLE Savings Account (for Differently Abled)			
5	Dr. Jennifer Kawi (BoH Re-Apptd; March 2020)	Asian/Pacific Islander	Southern NV	Chronic Pain and Opioid Management		FQHC	
6	Andrea Gregg (BoH Appointed; Dec 2018)	Caucasian	Northern NV		Workforce Development		
7	Dr. Gillian Barclay (BoH Appointed; Nov 2019)	African American	Southern Nevada	Health Equity			
8.	Rev. Dr Karen Anderson (Dir Apptd; Aug 2020)	African American	Southern Nevada			Former Nurse & Healthcare Admin	Faith-Based Community

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Andrea Gregg's Biography

Andrea Gregg is the Executive Director of High Sierra Area Health Education Center, an organization whose purpose is to meet the needs of the communities it serves through robust community-academic partnerships, with a focus on recruiting, training, and developing the state of Nevada's healthcare workforce.

Andrea has over 12 years of comprehensive nonprofit management within the healthcare and public health sector. She has led an award-winning organization and through her efforts has been recognized by the National AHEC Organization receiving the 2019 Center of Excellence Award. In addition, she is was recognized by the Northern Nevada Business Weekly, receiving a prestigious Community Partner award. Most recently, Andrea was among the top 10 finalist Influential Women of Sierra Nevada, recognized for her innovation and impact. Through her work Andrea values thriving partnerships and seeks innovative opportunities that further enhance the mission of High Sierra AHEC.

She is currently leading several efforts within her organization that will help to transform its organizational culture, continuing efforts that focus on blossoming possibilities, outcomes, and optimism. Recognized for a high motivation level, the ability to promote and exemplify leadership, and for making significant contributions within the community, Andrea looks forward to many more years scaling up an organization whose mission she deeply values.

In her free time, she loves spending time with her husband, 5 year-old son, Hudson, and 2 year-old daughter Hadley. As a family they live for adventure, love the outdoors, and value life's lesson along the way.