

Steve Sisolak
Governor



Richard Whitley, MS
Director

**DEPARTMENT OF
HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES**
DIVISION OF PUBLIC AND BEHAVIORAL HEALTH
Helping people. It's who we are and what we do.



Lisa Sherych
Administrator

Ihsan Azzam,
Ph.D., M.D.
Chief Medical Officer

Consideration and reappointment of member Erik Jimenez to the
Nevada Office of Minority Health and Equity (NOMHE) Advisory
Committee Pursuant NRS 232.482

– Tina Dortch, Program Manager, NOMHE



DEPARTMENT OF
HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

DIRECTOR'S OFFICE

Helping people. It's who we are and what we do.



DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES
DIRECTOR'S OFFICE
OFFICE OF MINORITY HEALTH & EQUITY

3320 West Sahara Avenue, Suite 260
Las Vegas, Nevada 89102
Telephone (702) 486 - 2151 • Fax (702) 486 - 3586
<http://dhhs.nv.gov/Programs/CHA/MH/>

August 10, 2021

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; September 3, 2021 REAPPOINTMENT Requested**

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.

As of this correspondence, two of the nine NOMHE seats are currently vacant. **Per this letter, reappointment is being requested for one (Board of Health appointed) candidate.** With this action, seven seats (thus maintaining quorum) will be filled - four 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:

- **Erik Jimenez** (Senior Deputy Treasurer, Nevada State Treasurer's Office)
- *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 maintaining the statutorily required ethnic, geographic and professional diversity inclusive composition.

Presenter

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

Erik Jimenez

Chief Policy Deputy

Nevada State Treasurer's Office

ejimenez@nevadatreasurer.gov

W: 775-684-5613

BIOGRAPHY

Erik Jimenez currently serves as the Chief Policy Deputy in the State Treasurer's office. In this role, Erik works on a variety of projects that range from infrastructure financing to increasing financial independence for marginalized communities. During the COVID-19 pandemic, he also helped administer the largest small business assistance program in Nevada history. Erik has previously represented various gaming, health care, education, energy, and transportation clients in front of the Nevada Legislature, and has also worked to enact numerous disability reforms in Nevada. Erik holds a bachelor's degree in Political Science and a master's degree in Public Administration and Policy from the University of Nevada Reno. Erik also serves on numerous government and non-profit boards, including serving as the Chair of the Advisory Committee for the Nevada Office of Minority Health and Equity, and was appointed by Governor Steve Sisolak to serve on the Nevada Statewide Independent Living Council.

As of August 10, 2021

NOMHE Advisory Committee on Minority Health Board Composition as of Dec. 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 Re-Apptd; Dec 2020)	Caucasian	Northern NV		Workforce Development		
7.	Rev. Dr Karen Anderson (Dir Apptd; Aug 2020)	African American	Southern Nevada			Former Nurse & Healthcare Admin	Faith-Based Community

2 open seats. Available profiles are:

- 1. Public at large; health care provider / nonprofit**
- 2. Latinx / Native American / API; LGBTQ and differently abled encouraged**
- 3. Rural (i.e. Central) or Northern resident**

Revised as of Dec2020