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November 5, 2024

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; December 6, 2024 APPOINTMENT 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 December 2024, three of the nine NOMHE seats will be vacant. Per this letter, **re-appointment is being requested for three (Board of Health appointed) candidates**. With this action all nine seats will be filled - six by Board of Health appointments.

Staff Recommendation

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

- **Mr. Nicholas Dunkle** (Diversity & Initiatives Outreach Coordinator, School of Medicine, UNR – Reno)
Healthcare Provider (Board of Health Appointment)
- **Ms. Nancy Bowen** (Chief Executive Officer, Nevada Primary Care Association)
Nonprofit (Board of Health Appointment)
- **Reverend Dr. Whitlock-Lax** (Senior Pastor, Bethel African Methodist Episcopal Church)
Representative from Public at Large (Board of Health Appointment)

A copy of each candidate's resumes is attached and a matrix denoting a selection process which addresses maintaining the statutorily required ethnic, geographic and professional diversity inclusive composition is attached.

Presenter

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

NOMHE Advisory Committee on Minority Health Board Composition as of December 6, 2024

	Name (date of appointment or reappointment)	Ethnicity	N NV, S NV or Central NV	Notable Interest in Health Issues Related to Minorities	Nonprofit	Healthcare Provider	Representative from Public at Large
1	Tiara Flynn Certified Doula (1 of 6 BoH Apptd; June 2024)	African American	Southern NV			Phenomenal Mama	
2	Angie Wilson (1 of 3 Dir Apptd; July 2024)	Native American	Northern NV	Actively serving on 3 health determining Tribal delegations		Executive Director, Reno Sparks Tribal Health Center	
3	Samuel Hickson, PhD (2 of 3 Dir Re-Apptd; May 2024)	Hispanic	Southern NV	LGBTQ awareness, disparities, research		Clinical Trial Rater, W3 – Clinical Research Ctr of Nevada	
4	Maggie Salas Crespo (2 of 6 BoH Apptd; Sept 2023)	Latina	Southern NV	BIPOC focused advocate			PR Firm representative-focus on BIPOC awareness raising
5	Andrew Thomas Reyes, PhD (3 of 6 BoH Apptd; June 2024)	Asian/Pacific Islander	Southern NV	Assoc Professor – UNLV School of Nursing	Pres, AAPI Nursing Association of NV		
6	Nicholas Dunkle 4 of 6 (BoH Re-Apptd; Dec 2024)	Latino	Northern NV			Diversity & Outreach, UNR SOM	
7.	Bishop Bonnie Radden (3 of 3 Dir Apptd; Aug 2024)	Caucasian	Southern Nevada	LGBTQ+ Advocate		Trauma-Informed Behavioral Health Counselor	Faith-Based Community Leader
8.	Rev. Debra Whitlock-Lax (5 of 6 BoH Re-Apptd; Dec 2024)	African American	Northern Nevada	Health Equity & Social Justice Advocate			Faith-Based Community Leader
9.	Nancy Bowen (6 of 6 BoH Re-Apptd; Dec 2024)	Caucasian	Northern Nevada		CEO, NV Primary Care Association	Supports FQHCs, MCOs	