

**ADVISORY COUNCIL ON THE STATE PROGRAM FOR WELLNESS AND  
THE PREVENTION OF CHRONIC DISEASE  
MINUTES  
OCTOBER 17, 2019  
1:00 p.m.**

The Advisory Council on the State Program for Wellness and the Prevention of Chronic Disease held a public meeting on 8/27/2019, beginning at 9:06 a.m., at the following locations:

Division of Public and Behavioral Health  
4150 Technology Way, Room 303  
Carson City, NV 89706

Department of Health and Human Services  
6161 West Charleston Blvd., East Hall  
Las Vegas, NV 89146

Division of Health Care Financing & Policy  
1010 Ruby Vista Drive, Suite 103  
Elko, NV 89801

Department of Health and Human Services  
Aging and Disability Services Division  
2667 Enterprise Road  
Reno, NV 89513

Teleconference Number: (877)-848-7030 Access Code: 2541093

**BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT**

Tom McCoy, Chair  
Janae Ballingham  
Stacy Briscoe  
Christina Demopoulos, DDS\*  
Erin Dixon  
Tina Dortch\*  
Candice McDaniel (Proxy for Ihsan Azzam)  
Chris Needham  
Ben Schmauss\*  
Andrew Snyder  
Christine Syverson\*  
\*Present via telephone

**BOARD MEMBERS NOT PRESENT**

Yvanna Cancellia  
Michelle Gorelow  
Rebecca Scherr, MD

**DIVISION OF PUBLIC AND BEHAVIORAL HEALTH STAFF PRESENT**

Jeanne Broughton, Administrative Assistant III, CDPHP, CFCW, DPBH  
Becky Follmer, Administrative Assistant II, CDPHP, CFCW, DPBH  
Lily Helzer, MPH, Population Health Services Manager, CDPHP, CFCW, DPBH  
Mallory Otto, Administrative Assistant II, CDPHP, CFCW, DPBH  
David Olsen, MPH, Quality Improvement Manager, CDPHP, CFCW, DPBH  
Lisa Sheretz, Policy and Systems Manager, CDPHP, CFCW, DPBH

**OTHERS PRESENT**

Maria Azzarelli, Manager, Southern Nevada Health District (SNHD)  
Abigail Wheeler, Elko County

**1. Roll Call**

Roll call was taken and it was determined a quorum of the Advisory Council on the State Program for Wellness and the Prevention of Chronic Disease (CWCD) was present, per Nevada Revised Statute (NRS) 439.518 § 2.

**2. Approve Minutes from the August 27, 2019 Meeting**

Tom McCoy asked if there were any corrections to the minutes from the August 27, 2019 meeting. No corrections were requested.

**CHAIR MCCOY ENTERTAINED A MOTION TO APPROVE THE MINUTES WITH NO CORRECTIONS. A MOTION TO APPROVE WAS MADE BY ERIN DIXON, AND ANDREW SNYDER SECONDED THE MOTION WHICH PASSED UNANIMOUSLY WITHOUT PUBLIC COMMENT.**

**3. WELCOME NEW LEGISLATIVE MEMBERS – SENATOR YVANNA CANCELLA AND ASSEMBLYWOMAN MICHELLE GORELOW**

Chair McCoy extended a welcome to the new legislative members Senator Cancella and Assemblywoman Gorelow.

**4. Proposed Meeting Calendar for 2020**

Chair McCoy reviewed the 2020 meeting dates and times. He asked if there were any comments. There were none.

**CHAIR MCCOY ENTERTAINED A MOTION TO APPROVE THE PROPOSED MEETING DATES FOR 2020. A MOTION TO APPROVE WAS MADE BY STACY BRISCOE, AND ANDREW SNYDER SECONDED THE MOTION WHICH PASSED UNANIMOUSLY WITHOUT PUBLIC COMMENT.**

**5. Present Health Standards Re-Write and Green Ribbon Schools**

Andrew Snyder presented the report. ([Nevada Department of Education Report \(NDOE\) 10.17.19](#))

Mr. Snyder stated NDOE has been working on standards since January 2019. They hope the process will be finished in 2020 to present to the academic council

Chair McCoy asked if nicotine addiction would be included within substance abuse.

Mr. Snyder responded they are trying to keep standards broad and tobacco will be addressed

Ben Schmauss asked if there was a change in nutrition

Mr. Snyder responded it did not include nutrition and physical activity; however, those items will be included, but not too specific to help the standards last longer. He also stated the standards provided by CDC would be used.

Mr. Snyder asked if anyone was interested in reviewing applications and being part of the process that selects schools

Chair McCoy asked what time line was for Green Ribbon Schools.

Mr. Snyder responded applications are due by November 16, 2019.

Chair McCoy thanked Mr. Snyder for the valuable information.

Chair McCoy asked if there were any more questions. There were none.

**6. Present Chronic Disease Prevention and Health Promotion (CDPHP) Section Updates and Program Reports**

David Olsen presented the report. ([CDPHP Report 10.17.19](#))

Ms. Erin Dixon commented the “My Life, My Quit” is an exciting program. She asked about the vacancy in the CDPHP unit and wanted to know if the State was interested there are so many vacancies. She also inquired if there was anything Washoe County could do to assist.

Mr. Olsen thanked Ms. Dixon for the offer and stated things were moving along as quickly as possible to fill the vacancies.

Chair McCoy asked if there were any more questions. There were none.

**7. Present Local Health Authority (LHA) Chronic Disease Prevention and Health Promotion Updates and Program Reports**

### **Southern Nevada Health District (SNHD)**

Maria Azzarelli presented the report. ([SNHD Report 10.17.19](#))

Ms. Tina Dortch thanked Ms. Azzarelli for her report. She commented on the television show “New Amsterdam”, which depicted the barbershop blood pressure checks, similar to the ones Las Vegas is currently doing. She said it is always interesting when work coincides with art. In the television program a doctor set up office hours in a barbershop and trained the barber to do the blood pressure checks and issue medications. She asked if it was possible to train barbers to perform these tasks.

Ms. Azzarelli stated they train barbers on overall health issues which is the model being used and they have Community Health Workers performing the blood pressure checks. She stated each shop is different and the shop owner must be respected for the model to work well.

Ms. Dortch asked how she could obtain a copy of the presentation of Children’s Advocacy Alliance that was given at 3 Square.

Ms. Azzarelli responded she would send Ms. Dortch a copy.

Ms. Dortch asked if there was a way to weave the harmful effects of vaping into the no smoking campaign.:

Ms. Azzarelli stated they are working state-wide and leveraging it into the campaign that will launch in January when new law takes effect.

Chair McCoy thanked Ms. Azzarelli and asked if there were any more questions. There were none.

### **Washoe County Health District (WCHD) Chronic Disease Prevention Program**

Ms. Dixon presented the report. ([WCHD Report 10.17.19](#))

Chair McCoy stated there were some comments from Attorney General’s office in Carson City about street sales of vaping products.

Ms. Azzarelli responded there are several people who receive weekly briefings about the vaping issue. There is a concept of unregulated vaping products being sold on the street giving the impression that vaping products are regulated. FDA does not regulate vape products. They contacted the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC). Electronic cigs are not regulated. It is a deliberate attempt by industries to imply that the product bought in the street is the problem creating the myth of regulated vs. unregulated

Ms. Dixon stated it would help if the public was informed about where to get regulated products.

Chair McCoy stated it is an opportunity to help educate the public.

Chair McCoy thanked Ms. Dixon and asked if there were any more questions. There were none.

### **Carson City Health and Human Services (CCHHS)**

Ms. Dixon presented on behalf of Nicki Aaker. ([CCHHS Report 10.17.19](#))

Chair McCoy thanked Ms. Dixon and asked if there were any more questions. There were none.

### **Elko County**

Ms. Wheeler presented on behalf of Elko. ([ECHB Report 10.17.19](#))

Chair McCoy thanked Ms. Wheeler and asked if there were any more questions. There were none.

### **8. Preventive Health and Health Services (PHHS) Block Grant Update**

Mr. Olsen presented the update. ([PHHS Report 10.17.19](#))

Chair McCoy asked if there were any more questions. There were none.

### **9. Public Comment**

Chair McCoy asked if there was any public comment.

Chair McCoy stated Ben Schmauss, current Vice-Chair of the CWCD, is now living in Washington state and departing the American Heart Association at the end of the month. He will be vacating his position on Council. Chair McCoy thanked Ben for his service, contributions and challenges that made us stop and think.

Ms. Dixon asked if the Committee should take a look at the role they have and see if they are doing what was intended, or if more can be accomplished.

Chair McCoy state a report and assessment from staff could be presented at a later meeting.

Chair McCoy asked if there were any more questions or comments. There were none.

#### 10. Adjournment

**CHAIR MCCOY ENTERTAINED A MOTION TO ADJOURN THE MEETING. A MOTION TO ADJOURN WAS MADE BY MS. BRISCOE AND CHRIS SYVERSON SECONDED THE MOTION WHICH PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

**THE MEETING ADJOURNED AT 2:42 P.M.**