

**ADVISORY COUNCIL ON THE STATE PROGRAM FOR WELLNESS AND
THE PREVENTION OF CHRONIC DISEASE**

MINUTES

JUNE 2, 2021

10:00 a.m.

The Advisory Council on the State Program for Wellness and the Prevention of Chronic Disease held a public meeting on 6/2/2021, beginning at 10:00 a.m., held over Webex at the following locations:

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

Division of Health Care Quality and Compliance
4220 S. Maryland Parkway,
Building A, Suite 100
Las Vegas, NV 89119

Webex Meeting

Board Members Present

Tom McCoy, MA, JD, Chair
Andrew Snyder
Caitlin Gatchalain
Chris Needham, MBA
Chris Syversen
Stacy Briscoe, MS
Tina Dortch, MPA
*Sarah Rogers, MPH, NDTR, CLC

Board Members Not Present

Dr. Amber Donnelly
Michelle Gorelow, MA

*Designee for Chief Medical Officer, Dr. Ihsan
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Division of Public and Behavioral Health Staff Present

Lily Helzer, MPH, Section Manager, Chronic Disease Prevention and Health Promotion (CDPHP), Bureau of Child, Family and Community Wellness (CFCW), Nevada Division of Public and Behavioral Health (DPBH)
Kayla Samuels, Office Manager, CDPHP, CFCW, DPBH
Allen Pai, DrPH, Evaluation and Surveillance Manager, CDPHP, CFCW, DPBH
Ciara Picton, System and Reporting Analyst, CDPHP, CFCW, DPBH
Leah Baker, Women's Health Connection Program Coordinator, CDPHP, CFCW, DPBH
Nicole Dutra, Tobacco Prevention Coordinator, CDPHP, CFCW, DPBH
Oscar Fernandez, AHN Evaluator, CDPHP, CFCW, DPBH
Taliman Afroz, Community Prevention and Wellness Evaluator, CDPHP, CFCW, DPBH
Troy Lovick, Heart Disease and Stroke Coordinator, CDPHP, CFCW, DPBH

Others Present

Maria Azzarelli, Manager, Southern Nevada Health District (SNHD)
Laura Valley
Linda Anderson
Unidentified public attendee

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. Public Comment

Chair Tom McCoy asked if there was any public comment. There was none.

3. Approve Minutes from the November 13, 2020 Meeting

Chair McCoy asked if there were any corrections to the minutes from the November 13, 2020 meeting. There were none.

Chair McCoy entertained a motion to approve the minutes as is. A motion to approve was made by Tina Dortch, and Chris Needham seconded the motion to approve the minutes which passed unanimously. No public comment was made.

4. Recommend Board Members for Appointment: (1) One provider of health care, (1) one representative of a local health authority, and (1) one representative of the Nevada Association for Health, Physical Education, Recreation and Dance or its successor organization

Chair McCoy called for comment regarding applicant for the board, Georgia Dounnis.

Lily Helzer noted that applicants were present and asked the applicants to leave the meeting until the agenda item had concluded. Maria Azzarelli and Laura Valley left the meeting.

Chair McCoy noted the extensiveness of Ms. Dounnis' application and asked for comments or questions about the application.

Chris Syverson asked if DPBH staff thought the applicants met the requirements for the position.

Ms. Helzer asked if Ms. Syverson was only referring to the applicant Ms. Dounnis at this time or all three applicants.

Ms. Syverson confirmed the question only referred to Ms. Dounnis' application at this time.

Ms. Helzer confirmed that DPBH staff found Ms. Dounnis qualified for the position.

Chair McCoy entertained a motion to recommend Ms. Dounnis to the Administrator of the Division of Public and Behavioral Health as a potential board member. A motion to approve was made by Ms. Syverson, and Mr. Snyder seconded the motion which was passed unanimously without public comment.

Chair McCoy shared a resignation letter from former board member, Erin Dixon, and called for comment regarding applicant for the board, Maria Azzarelli.

Chair McCoy entertained a motion to recommend Ms. Azzarelli to the Administrator of the Division of Public and Behavioral Health as a potential board member. A motion to approve was made by Ms. Dortch, and Ms. Briscoe seconded the motion which passed unanimously without public comment.

Chair McCoy called for comment regarding applicant for the board, Laura Valley. Chair McCoy said that Ms. Valley would qualify for the position due to involvement with SHAPE, and asked if DPBH staff agreed.

Ms. Helzer said staff agreed Ms. Valley is qualified for the position.

Chair McCoy entertained a motion to recommend Ms. Valley to the Administrator of the Division of Public and Behavioral Health as a potential board member. A motion to approve was made by Mr. Snyder, and Ms. Dortch seconded the motion which passed unanimously without public comment.

Ms. Dortch asked about any open board positions.

Chair McCoy said a member of the Senate is still needed.

Ms. Helzer confirmed Chair McCoy's statement, and said recommendation for the position will be requested now that legislative session has ended.

Ms. Azzarelli and Ms. Valley returned to the meeting.

Chair McCoy stated the applications considered will be moved forward.

5. Present Chronic Disease Prevention and Health Promotion Section Updates and Program Reports

Ms. Helzer presented the report. ([CDPHP Report 06.02.21](#))

6. Present Local Health Authority (LHA) Chronic Disease Prevention and Health Promotion Program Reports

Washoe County Health District (WCHD)

Chair McCoy asked for a representative from WCHD, none came forward.

Chair McCoy advised the board to review the meeting materials after adjournment since no representative was present to give the report. ([WCHD Report 06.02.21](#))

Carson City Health and Human Services (CCHHS)

Chair McCoy asked for a representative from CCHHS, none came forward.

Chair McCoy advised the board to review the meeting materials after adjournment since no representative was present to give the report. ([CCHHS Report 06.02.21](#))

Mr. Needham noted a theme in the reports of emerging from COVID response and returning to other health public health issues, and asked if the theme was present across the state.

Chair McCoy opened the meeting to discussion.

Ms. Helzer, not speaking on behalf of LHA partners, said priority is beginning to move past solely COVID response, however vaccine administration will remain a priority.

Southern Nevada Health District (SNHD)

Ms. Azzarelli presented the report, noting that the report got cut off and that the subsequent report will include the missing information. ([SNHD Report 06.02.21](#))

Ms. Azzarelli asked if there were any questions.

Chair McCoy noted efforts of SNHD and Washoe and the passing of SB2, asked about height and weight data being collected.

Ms. Azzarelli said height and weight will be collected in Clark County School District (CCSD) during fourth and seventh grade, and results will be used to influence health work. Ms. Azzarelli noted favor of height and weight collection.

Chair McCoy asked if there were any more questions.

Elko County Health Board (ECHB)

Chair McCoy asked for a representative from ECHB, none came forward.

Chair McCoy advised the board to review the meeting materials after adjournment since no representative was present to give the report. ([ECHB Report 06.02.21](#))

Chair McCoy noted that ECHB is getting involved in northeast Nevada and Elko to address needs of individuals in the area.

7. Presentation on Healthy People 2030 and Preventive Health and Health Services (PHHS) Block Grant Update

Ms. Helzer presented the Healthy People 2030 report and asked for questions. ([Healthy People 2030 and PHHS Report 06.02.21](#))

Ms. Dortch asked if Ms. Helzer was able to discuss meeting missing objectives from Healthy People 2030 utilizing the new health disparities Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) grant.

Ms. Helzer said that through a number of grant opportunities, an increase in CDPHP capacity should be able to satisfy missing objectives.

Mr. Needham noted that the presentation layout was very helpful and appreciated the work put in.

Mr. Needham understood where the program was at and asked if the report details current versus future ideals.

Ms. Helzer said the information requested by Mr. Needham is currently available in a number of CDPHP reports and could be compiled for the council.

Ms. Dortch asked if there is any control over how stratified the data may be when reporting on Healthy People 2030 objectives, and if there was opportunity to be proactive in making data collection more stratified.

Ms. Helzer answered that stratification of data is possible and noted DPBH is assessing current database capability and capacity to collect additional indicators.

Ms. Briscoe asked for more information on the Healthy People 2030 objective detailing an increase in cigarette taxes.

Ms. Helzer said that Healthy People 2030 is produced as a national tool. However, the previous efforts of partners have successfully increased the tobacco tax in Nevada and this achievement in Nevada thereby increases the national tax average on tobacco products. Ms. Helzer offered to do research to confirm where Nevada is in the national ranking of tobacco tax.

Chair McCoy said approximately a year ago, Nevada was “one penny” below the national average due to other states increasing tobacco tax. Chair McCoy noted Nevada was previously above average, and there has been discussion about raising tobacco tax in Nevada, as the 30% tax on other tobacco products (OTP) is not in line with cigarette products, and tax on OTP will have to be increased in order to reach parity with cigarette products.

Ms. Azzarelli said Nevada ranks twenty-fifth in the nation for cigarette tax at \$1.80, with the national average being \$1.91, referencing the Campaign for Tobacco Free Kids.

Mr. Needham asked if Healthy People 2030 objectives align with state health assessments, and if the objectives are given by the CDC or incorporated with state assessment of public health.

Ms. Helzer answered that there is a state needs assessment that guides work, as well as what is available capacity-wise, and that Nevada populations are always targeted regardless of grant origin.

Mr. Needham asked if the 2019 state needs assessment is available online.

Ms. Helzer said the needs assessment is online, but can also be sent directly if needed. [Nevada State Health Needs Assessment Executive Summary \(nv.gov\)](#)

Ms. Helzer presented the PHHS Block Grant report, and noted that the budget allocation table for the PHHS Grant had been released. The presentation did not include the new table due to timing of the release just days previous to this meeting. Ms. Helzer did note Nevada had received a reduction of \$15,942. Ms. Helzer shared current PHHS priorities and stated the drafted Work Plan for submission in July reflects these proposals.

Ms. Azzarelli commented that the PHHS Block Grant allows flexibility that is not available with other grants.

Ms. Helzer asked for discussion questions or recommendations.

Ms. Dortch noted appreciation for the presentation.

Ms. Syverson commented that the presentation offered a grasp on the “big picture” of the situation.

Chair McCoy asked for additional questions and encouraged review of both presentations after adjournment.

Chair McCoy asked Kayla Samuels about information requested from CWCD members for the PHS Block Grant.

Ms. Samuels reminded CWCD members to reply to a previous email sent requesting information for the PHS Block Grant.

Chair McCoy reinforced that the information is needed by Monday June 7, 2021.

8. **Public Comment**

Chair Tom McCoy asked if there was any public comment.

Ms. Syverson thanked the board and staff for taking the time to have quorum.

Chair McCoy echoed Ms. Syverson’s comment.

9. **Adjournment**

Chair McCoy entertained a motion to adjourn the meeting.

Ms. Dortch commented about moving into “COVID recovery mode,” and asked for options to find resources, mobile units, and connections for preventative health screenings and information, specifically siting “back to school” initiatives.

Ms. Azzarelli said that mobile units have been used in SNHD, but in providing more comprehensive resources, recommended the Nevada 211 website. [Nevada 211 Health and Human Services | Helping Nevadans](#)

Ms. Dortch noted the recommendation was a good idea.

Ms. Azzarelli said though not mobile, SNHD has a primary care clinic that individuals in Nevada can be referred to as well.

Chair McCoy asked if Ms. Dortch anticipates any activity from school nurses.

Ms. Dortch confirmed that school nurses are part of a planning group.

Chair McCoy commented that many children were home and may not have had normal opportunity to seek care from school nurses in over a year.

Chair McCoy entertained a motion to adjourn the meeting. A motion to adjourn was made by Mr. Needham and Ms. Dortch seconded the motion which passed unanimously.

The meeting adjourned at 11:13 a.m.