

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

[DRAFT] MINUTES

APRIL 28, 2022

1:00 p.m.

The Advisory Council on the State Program for Wellness and the Prevention of Chronic Disease held a public meeting on 4/28/2022, beginning at 1:02 p.m., held over Zoom.

Board Members Present

Tom McCoy, MA, JD, Chair
Caitlin Gatchalain
Tina Dortch, MPA, NOMHE
Laura Valley
Maria Azzarelli
Dr. Amber Donnelly
Michelle Gorelow, MA
Dr. Ihsan Azzam
Chris Needham
Chris Syverson

Board Members Not Present

Georgia Dounis, DDS, MS, FICD
Senator Dina Neal
Andrew Snyder
Stacy Briscoe, MS

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)

Chungten (Allen) Pai, Evaluation & Surveillance Manager, CDPHP, CFCW, DPBH

Arno Ruymaekers, Wisewoman BPAI, CDPHP, CFCW, DPBH

Blake Thomas, Tobacco Program Coordinator, CDPHP, CFCW, DPBH

Brittney Rosiles, Health Equity Project Manager, CDPHP, CFCW, DPBH

Emily Sanchez, Administrative Assistant, CDPHP, CFCW, DPBH

Esmeralda Chavez, Diversity Coordinator, CDPHP, CFCW, DPBH

Godwin Nwando, Health Equity Coordinator, CDPHP, CFCW, DPBH

Jacie Peters, Fiscal Staff, CDPHP, CFCW, DPBH

Jazzlyn Jackson, Food Security & Wellness Evaluator, CDPHP, CFCW, DPBH

Journee Baham, Health Equity Coordinator, CDPHP, CFCW, DPBH

Kathrine Wright, PhD, MPH, Food Security Coordinator, CDPHP, CFCW, DPBH

Kyle Devine, MSW, Bureau Chief, Child, Family and Community Wellness, CDPHP, CFCW, DPBH

Kellie Ducker, Community Wellness Manager, CDPHP, CFCW, DPBH

La'Tanya Calhoun, Diabetes Coordinator, CDPHP, CFCW, DPBH

Leah Baker, Women's Health Connection Program Coordinator, CDPHP, CFCW, DPBH

Lori Smith, Food Security & Wellness manager, CDPHP, CFCW, DPBH

Lynsie Powell, Administrative Assistant, CDPHP, CFCW, DPBH

Max Moskowitz, Nutrition & Wellness Analyst, CDPHP, CDCF, DPBH

McKenzie Poole, Fiscal Trainee, CDPHP, CFCW, DPBH

Michelle Harden, Population Health & Wellness Manager, CDPHP, CFCW, DPBH
Mitch DeValliere, DC, Quality Improvement Manager, CDPHP, CFCW, DPBH
Nicholle Booker, Cessation Coordinator, CDPHP, CFCW, DPBH
Nicole Dutra, Youth Tobacco Prevention Coordinator, CDPHP, CFCW, DPBH
Oscar Fernandez, Health Equity Evaluator, CDPHP, CFCW, DPBH
Patricia Segura, Prevention & Wellness Coordinator, CDPHP, CFCW, DPBH
Samm Warfel, Youth Tobacco Prevention Evaluator, CDPHP, CFCW, DPBH
Sara Dombrowski, Nevada Health Aging, Caregiving, & Innovation Coordinator, CDPHP, CFCW, DPBH
Sarah Rogers, Nutrition Unit Manager, CDPHP, CFCW, DPBH
Taliman Afroz, Community Prevention & Wellness Evaluator, CDPHP, CFCW, DPBH
Taylor Moseley, Clinical Interventions & Wellness Evaluator, CDPHP, CFCW, DPBH
Troy Lovick, Heart Disease & Stroke Coordinator, CDPHP, CFCW, DPBH

Others Present

Nicki Aaker
Tyler Shaw, FRPA
Erica Olsen
Jeanette Belz, Belz & Case Govern, on behalf of Mayor Hillary Schieve
Stacye Brim
Lea Case
Amanda Haboush Deloye
Keibi Mejia
Kelly Goss
April Cruda
Brooke Kleven
Cari Harington, NV Cancer Coalition
Eric Duran-Valle, Public Information Officer
Nicole Alberti
Sarah Adler

1. Roll Call

Roll call was taken and 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. Public Comment

Chair Tom McCoy noted that members of the public may speak for public comment now and at the end of the meeting. Chair McCoy noted no comments made.

3. Approved Minutes from the January 27, 2022 meeting

Chair McCoy asked if there were any corrections to the minutes from the January 27, 2022 meeting.

None heard.

Chris Syverson made a motion to approve the minutes and Caitlin Gatchalain seconded, which passed unanimously.

4. For possible action to recommend new board members for appointment

Steven Shane made an introduction as a pediatrician in Reno, practicing at the Community Health Alliance.

Chair McCoy thanked Dr. Shane for the interest, attendance and comments. Chair McCoy called on Cari Harington for comment.

Ms. Harington made an introduction as the Executive Director of the Nevada Cancer Coalition. ([Board Member Application](#))

Chair McCoy thanked Ms. Harington and stated the board will consider the applications and that the applications are preliminary. Lily Helzer addressed Dr. Shane and Ms. Harington they are welcome to stay for the conclusion of the hearing of their applications.

Chair McCoy entertained a motion for Ms. Harington and Dr. Shane's applications. Maria Azzarelli moved to make a motion to approve both applications after reviewing. Dr. Ihsan Azzam seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

5. Present CDPHP Strategic Plan Update

Ms. Helzer introduced Lois Ann Porter with The Blueprint Collaborative, along with colleagues Stacye Brim and Erica Olsen who will be giving the presentation. ([CDPHP Strategic Plan 4.28.22](#))

Ms. Porter was not present for the meeting.

Ms. Olsen introduced the Blueprint Collaborative and delivered the presentation. Ms. Olsen outlined the 5-year plan process to reduce the burden of chronic disease in Nevada. Ms. Brim delivered remainder of the presentation objected and highlighted emerging trends and major shifts in Nevada.

Chair McCoy thanks the contributors and presenters.

6. CDPHP Section & Program Update

Ms. Helzer presented high level updates and welcomes new staff members Brittney Rosiles, Emily Sanchez, Lori Smith and Amber Hise. ([CDPHP Section & Program Updates 4.28.22](#))

Ms. Helzer mentioned engagement in The National Association for Chronic Disease Directors in a technical assistance opportunity for public health compacity building known as STAR, the state activation and response process. Helzer called for comments.

Ms. Azzarelli asked who is part of the working group and if it had already been set.

Ms. Helzer responded the primary working group consists of Ms. Helzer and Ms. Helzer's managers, however, there are built-in touch points within the board and committee as well as some of the participants in the key informant process to continue gathering feedback.

Ms. Azzarelli thanked Ms. Helzer for the clarification. Chair McCoy thanked Ms. Helzer for the update.

7. Present LHA CDPHP Program Reports

Chair McCoy introduced Ms. Azzarelli to provide the update report and highlights from Southern Nevada Health District. ([LHA Combined Report 4.28.22](#))

Chair McCoy thanked Ms. Azzarelli and asked for questions or comments on the report.

None heard.

Chair McCoy called on Washoe County for updates. Nicole Alberti, the Health Educators Coordinator for the Washoe County Tobacco Program provided the update report. Ms. Alberti opened the floor for questions.

Chris Syverson requested clarification on the term 'consumption lounge.'

Ms. Alberti responded the Cannabis Consumption Lounge was approved by the Cannabis Compliance Board with logistics and regulations being finalized.

Chair McCoy stated that local licensing and local regulations will determine where consumption of cannabis is permitted and mentioned although the state may allow it, the local regions may determine licensing.

Chair McCoy called for the Carson City update.

Nicki Aakers provided the Carson City update and opened the floor for questions.

None heard.

Chair McCoy asked for an update from Elko, no representative from Elko was available. Chair McCoy stated updates were in the packet for reference.

Chairman McCoy asked for the Las Vegas update, no representative from Las Vegas was present. Chair McCoy referred to the packet.

8. Present update on Diabetes in Nevada and possible action to make recommendations to the Division

Ms. Helzer stated there will not be a presentation, only a follow up from a request during the CWCD meeting held in January. CDPHP requested recommendations regarding diabetes prevention and control. The idea that CDPHP look at the equitable approach was recommended. CDPHP can report that they are addressing the most appropriate populations allowed by the federal grant.

Chair McCoy asked for any appropriate recommendations.

Tina Dortch asked if CDPHP is prevented from utilizing resources for anything beyond medicinal approaches to respond and address diabetes management and prevention. Ms. Dortch also asked if CDPHP federal grant money can be used for outdoor recreation.

Ms. Helzer responded that grant money has gone toward evidenced based lifestyle change programs and unfortunately, the funds do not allow participants to be paid to attend the class, Ms. Helzer stated the funds only allow grant money to go towards entities such as providing staff with supplies and training.

Ms. Helzer asked for clarification on what Ms. Dortch meant by medicinal approaches.

Ms. Dortch responded the reference was to clinical approaches.

Lily Helzer responded that CDPHP is prohibited from providing direct services.

Ms. Syverson stated that her organization received a similar subgrant and have been able to work with employers who cover benefits for their employee's and are trying to get outdoor recreational programs covered in the employee's benefit plan. Ms. Syverson suggested that the two grants work together for a common goal.

Chair McCoy thanked all for their efforts and updates of the reports.

9. Present Kidney Task Force

Chair McCoy introduced Mitch DeValliere to present the agenda item. Mr. DeValliere gave recommendation that the current council act as the kidney task force and to add non-voting members who were also aligned with SP341.

Mr. DeValliere recommended the board cross reference current voting members and the non-voting members needed to complete the task force, then the task force could become a regular agenda item with the CWCD advisory board.

Chair McCoy opened the floor for discussion.

Ms. Dortch asked for clarification if non-voting members from the general public could be added to the advisory committee

Mr. DeValliere stated that the decision to appoint non-voting members, was at the board's discretion.

Ms. Dortch made a motion that the board consider amending the composition to include non-voting members with an interests or subject major expertise in the topic of Kidney Health and Kidney Disease management for the purposes of addressing the expectations of Senate Bill 341.

Chair McCoy opened the floor to discussion and asked if a timeline could be identified.

Ms. Dortch stated that the understanding was that this would become a regular agenda item for this meeting. Ms. Dortch also stated that the members should be a part of the next meeting in August.

Chair McCoy asked to second the motion.

Ms. Azzarelli seconded the motion.

The motion was passed and Chair McCoy left it up to the committee to create the taskforce.

10. Present Health People 2030, PHHS Block Grant Update and possible action to make recommendations to the Division

Chair McCoy called Ms. Helzer to present the agenda item. Ms. Helzer turned the agenda item over to Mr. DeValliere to present. [\(DHHS Healthy People 2030 and PHHS Efforts 4.28.22\)](#)

Mr. DeValliere delivers the presentation and opened the floor for questions.

None heard.

11. For Action- Election of Chair and Vice-Chair

Chair McCoy presented the agenda item and opened the floor for discussion on nominations for the election of a new Chair and Vice-Chair.

Ms. Syverson recommended that Vice-Chair Chris Needham step into the Chair's position.

Chris Needham stated that in November he will no longer be allowed to be a voting member of the committee and therefore could not take over Chair.

Amber Donnelly volunteered to be Vice Chair.

Ms. Syverson volunteered as Chair.

Chairman McCoy opened the floor for discussion on the ticket nomination.

Ihsan Azzam made a motion to nominate Ms. Syverson as Chair and Ms. Donnelly as Vice Chair.

Ms. Azzarelli seconded the motion.

Mr. DeValliere clarified that according to the Bylaw's, the secretary or admin support must call roll with the purpose of casting a vote and recording the votes.

Lynsie Powell calls roll for nomination vote of Chair and Vice- Chair.

Chair McCoy appointed Ms. Syverson as Chair and Ms. Donnelly as Vice Chair.

12. Informational

Chair McCoy called on Ms. Helzer to deliver the agenda item.

Ms. Helzer thanked Chair McCoy and Vice Chair Mr. Needham for their time and service on the board and stated that the Chair and Vice Chair will be receiving certificates of appreciation in the mail.

Chair McCoy thanked Ms. Helzer for the update.

13. Public Comment

Chair McCoy opened the floor for public comment.

Mr. Needham requested that the board look at Medicare or health plans for seniors in order to show what resources are available. Mr. Needham recommended a brief presentation so that both the public and nonprofit sectors can be known and potentially utilized.

Chair McCoy thanked Mr. Needham for the comment and asked for other comments.

None heard.

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

The meeting adjourned at 2:39 P.M.