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THE ADVISORY COUNCIL ON THE STATE PROGRAM FOR WELLNESS AND THE PREVENTION OF CHRONIC DISEASE (CWCD)

DRAFT MEETING MINUTES

Date: June 26, 2025

Time: 1:00 PM - Adjournment

Location: Virtual via Microsoft Teams

ATTENDEES:

Council Members Present:

Sarah Rogers – Proxy for Dr. Ihsan Azzam
Dr. Krista Schonrock
Dr. Steve Shane
Kagan Griffin
Maria Azzarelli
Dr. Amber Donnelly
Assemblyman Dr. David Orentlicher

Members not Present:

Monica Romero
Georgia Dounis
Laura Valley
Cari Herington
Nikesha Mobley
Senator Dina Neal

Others present:

Rory Fuller – Meeting Staff
Other attendees asked to sign in via meeting chat, attached as Exhibit A.

AGENDA ITEMS:

1. **Call To Order and Roll Call:**

Roll was called by Rory Fuller, 7 of 13 members were present, establishing quorum.

2. **Public Comment: First public comment period.**

Rory Fuller opened the floor for public comment. No public comment was made. Chair Dr. Schonrock closed the period for public comment.

3. **Discussion and possible action to approve the meeting minutes of February 6, 2025 – Dr. Krista Schonrock, Chair**

Motion was brought by Amber Donnelly to approve February 6, 2025, minutes. Motion second by Maria Azzarelli, Motion carried unanimously.

4. **Discussion and possible action pursuant to USC 1905(c)(1)(A), Nevada is required to hold a public hearing to comment and gather input on the Preventive Health and Health Services (PHHS) Block Grant program. This hearing provides an opportunity for both public and private stakeholders to contribute comments on the planned activities for FY 2026. Advisory Council and Public input are essential in guiding how PHHS services and programs are supported across the state. - Dr. Krista Schonrock, Chair, Michelle Harden**

Michelle Harden introduced the PHHS team, which included Deborah Hernandez, Bryan Davis, and Dillon Winkelman. She began by outlining key points of the block grant program, emphasizing that the grant supports unmet or underfunded public health needs such as prevention services and outbreak control. This funding enables a variety of activities aimed at building, improving, and sustaining local public health efforts.

Michelle highlighted that the CDC encourages addressing emerging health issues by identifying gaps and working to fill them, ultimately aiming to reduce morbidity and mortality from chronic diseases. She then opened the floor for further discussion on the work plan.

Sarah Rogers inquired about updates regarding American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funds. Michelle Harden explained that activities funded under ARPA are incorporated into the next iteration of the work plan, helping to minimize any impact resulting from the loss of funding. She further elaborated that the PHHS team has played a crucial role in ensuring that activities remain within the existing budget, as the specific fund amounts have not yet been finalized. Michelle Harden also clarified details about statewide allocated funding and deductions.

Chair Dr. Schonrock proposed a motion to approve the work plan. Sarah Rogers made a first on the motion, which was then seconded by Maria Azzarelli.

5. **2025 CWCD meeting dates – Dr. Krista Schonrock, Chair**

CWCD meeting dates for July 24, 2025, 1:00 PM – adjournment and October 23, 2025, 1:00 PM – adjournment was approved.

6. Public Comment: Second public comment period.

Rory Fuller opened the floor for public comment. No public comment was made. Chari Dr. Schonrock closed the period for public comment.

7. Adjournment:

Chair Dr. Shonrock made the motion to adjourn, Amber Dinelli first approved to adjourn the meeting, Sarah Rogers seconded, meeting adjourned at 1:39 PM

Next meeting:

July 24, 2025

1:00 PM – Adjournment

Location: Virtual via teams

Quarterly meeting

Minutes prepared by Rory Fuller using the following reference:

Robert, H. (2020). *Robert's rules of order: Newly revised (12th ed.)*. Da Capo Press.

Nevada Revised Statutes. *Open Meeting Law (NRS 241)*.

ATTACHMENTS:

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Exhibit A: Others present that signed in via meeting chat.

Alexis Hogan, DPBH

Allison Gonzalez, DPBH

Bjorn Blomquist, DPBH

Brooke Conway Kleven, DPT, PhD with the Nevada Institute for Children's Research & Policy at UNLV

Bryan Davis DPBH

Debbie Hernandez, DPBH Wellness

Dillon Winkelman DPBH/CDPHP

Johnathon Welch DPBH

Linda Anderson, Nevada Public Health Foundation.

Michelle Harden, PhD, DPBH/CDPHP QI Manager

Nicole Bungum, SNHD

Rayleen Earney, SNHD

Sabrina Schnur, Cartwright NV Government Affairs

Stephanie Chen, Northern Nevada Public Health

Steven Shane, MC, MS, FAAP with the Nevada Chapter of the American Academy of Pediatrics

Taliman Afroz, DPBH

Tammera Brower, DPBH

Taylor Mosley DPBH

Theresa Reyome, CDPHP

Troy Lovick DPBH

Yanyan Qiu, DPBH, CDPHP