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Rare Disease Advisory Council (RDAC)

Meeting Agenda

February 7, 2025

9:30 AM – Adjournment

Pursuant to NRS 241.020(3)(a) as amended by Assembly Bill 253 of the 81st Legislative Session, this meeting will be convened using a remote technology system and there will be no physical location for this meeting. The meeting can be listened to via telephone or viewed live over the Internet.

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Council Members: (17) Annette Logan-Parker (Chair); Gina Glass (Vice-Chair); Amber Federizo, DNP, APRN, FNP-BC; Ihsan Azzam, MD, PhD, MPH; Jennifer Millet, DNP, RN; Valerie Porter, DNP, APRN, AG-ACNP-BC, MBA; Paul Niedermeyer; Naja Bagner; Craig Vincze, PhD; Christina Thielst, LFACHE, MHA; Sumit Gupta, MD; Brigitte Cole; Kim Anderson-Mackey; Melissa Bart-Plange; Pamela White; Devraj Chavda, MD; and Verena Samara, MD (Quorum=9)

- 1) **CALL TO ORDER/ROLL CALL** – DPBH Staff/Chair Annette Logan-Parker
- 2) **PUBLIC COMMENT:** (Action may not be taken on any matter brought up under this Agenda item until scheduled on an Agenda for a later meeting) Public testimony under this agenda item may be presented in person, by computer, phone or written comment. A person may also have comments added to the minutes of the meeting by submitting them in writing either in addition to testifying or in lieu of testifying. Written comments may be submitted electronically before, during, or after the meeting by emailing Ashlyn Torrez at atorrez@health.nv.gov. You may also mail written documents to 10375 Professional Circle, 3rd Floor, Reno, NV 89521, or fax them to

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- 3) **FOR POSSIBLE ACTION:** Discussion and possible action to approve meeting minutes from December 6, 2024. – *Council Members*

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- 4) **FOR POSSIBLE ACTION:** Discussion and possible action in response to Senate Bill (SB) 78 of the 83rd Legislative Session, that revises provisions relating to boards, commissions, councils and similar bodies. – *Council Members*

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- 5) **INFORMATIONAL ITEM:** Review and discussion of the ‘While You Wait’ Needs Assessment Report on Year One. – *Chair Annette Logan Parker*

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- 6) **INFORMATIONAL ITEM:** Presentation of the data dashboard for sickle cell disease (SCD) and systemic erythematosus lupus (SLE). – *Jen L. Thompson, Health Program Manager II, Office of Analytics, Director’s Office, Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS); and Ashlyn Torrez, Health Program Specialist I, Office of State Epidemiology (OSE), DPBH, DHHS*

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- 7) **INFORMATIONAL ITEM:** Update on the approved letters of support for BDRs 123, 124, 38-218, 57-344, and 40-343 of the 83rd Legislative Session (2025) that will be submitted to the Nevada State Assembly – Health and Human Services and the Nevada Senate Health and Human Services. – *Chair Annette Logan Parker*

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- 8) **INFORMATIONAL ITEM:** Introduction and Question and Answers (Q&A) with Dr. Mark Nunes – *Chair Annette Logan Parker; and Dr. Mark Nunes, Director of Genetics, Genomics, and Metabolism, Cure 4 The Kids Foundation*

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9) INFORMATIONAL ITEM: Council member information sharing announcements – *Council Members*

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11) Adjournment – *Chair Annette Logan-Parker*

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- On the Internet at the Nevada Division of Public and Behavioral Health
website: <http://dpbh.nv.gov/Boards/RDAC/RDAC/>
- On the internet at the Nevada Public Notice website: <https://notice.nv.gov>

AGENDA POSTING LOCATIONS:

- NEVADA DIVISION OF PUBLIC AND BEHAVIORAL HEALTH, OFFICE OF STATE EPIDEMIOLOGY – 10375 Professional Circle, 3rd Floor, Reno, NV 89521

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