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Rare Disease Advisory Council (RDAC)

Meeting Agenda

April 4, 2025

9:30 a.m. to Adjournment

This meeting is in being held virtually. The public is invited to attend.

VIRTUAL INFORMATION

How to participate:

Meeting Links:

https://teams.microsoft.com/l/meetup-join/19%3ameeting_OGVIM2FkNWUtZTdINi00M2VmLWExY2QtNzMyOWZlNzA5ODcy%40thread.v2/0?context=%7b%22Tid%22%3a%22e4a340e6-b89e-4e68-8eaa-1544d2703980%22%2c%22Oid%22%3a%22c6cbcd35-ecfc-41f0-8557-67e58ee3ad83%22%7d

Meeting ID: 237 259 557 090

Passcode: Mn3AU6jM

Join by Phone:

+1 (775) 321-6111

Phone Conference ID: 174 472 602#

NOTICE:

1. Agenda items may be taken out of order;
2. Two or more items may be combined; and
3. Items may be removed from agenda or delayed at any time.

1) Call to order/roll call

2) PUBLIC COMMENT: No action may be taken upon a matter raised under public comment period unless the matter itself has been specifically included on an agenda as an action item. To provide public comment telephonically, dial 1-775-321-6111. When prompted to provide the Meeting ID, enter 174 472 602#. Comments

will be limited to five (5) minutes per person. Persons making comment will be asked to begin by stating their name for the record, spell their last name, and provide the secretary with written comments.

- 3) FOR POSSIBLE ACTION: Discussion and possible action to approve meeting minutes from February 7, 2025.
- 4) FOR POSSIBLE ACTION: Discussion and possible action to recommend to the Director of the Nevada Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS) to renew Dr. Craig Vincze as a member of the Council, pursuant to [NRS 439.5075\(2\)](#), for a term of 3 years.
- 5) FOR POSSIBLE ACTION: Discussion and possible action to recommend to the Director of the Nevada Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS) to renew Christina Thielst as a member of the Council, pursuant to [NRS 439.5075\(1\)\(b\)\(6\)](#), for a term of 3 years.
- 6) FOR POSSIBLE ACTION: Discussion and possible action to recommend to the Director of the Nevada Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS) to re-appoint Paul Niedermeyer as a member of the Council, pursuant to [NRS 439.5075\(2\)](#), for a term of 3 years.
- 7) FOR POSSIBLE ACTION: Discussion and possible action to approve the RDAC Council member survey for feedback in drafting the next RDAC Strategic Plan for 2026-2027, outlining the framework for a collaborative comprehensive care management plan for rare diseases in Nevada.
- 8) FOR POSSIBLE ACTION: Discussion and possible action to approve the social media campaign to showcase RDAC efforts, inform the public about getting involved, and highlight the ‘While You Wait’ Needs Assessment Campaign.
- 9) FOR POSSIBLE ACTION: Discussion and possible action to approve to recommend to the Director of Department of Health and Human Services to appoint Dr. William Evans to fulfill the role of an additional member of the Council who has expertise on issues studied by the Council pursuant to [NRS 439.5075\(2\)](#).
- 10) FOR INFORMATION ONLY: Guest presentation on the available clinical trials available at the Cure 4 the Kids Foundation. – *Chanelle Lochan, Clinical Research Associate, Cure 4 The Kids Foundation; and Regan Wood, Clinical Research Associate, Cure 4 The Kids Foundation*
- 11) FOR INFORMATION ONLY: Update on the Council’s response to SB 78 (BDR 18-301) of the 83rd Legislative Session (2025). – *Chair Annette Logan-Parker*
- 12) FOR INFORMATION ONLY: Overview of the Chair Logan-Parker recent legislative activities, including engagement with key Bill Draft Requests (BDRs), Senate Bills (SBs), and Assembly Bills (ABs) in the 83rd Legislative Session (2025). – *Chair Annette Logan-Parker*

BDR 40-123 Sponsored by Senator Pazina
BDR 23-343 Sponsored by Assemblymember Orentlicher
SB 228 (formally BDR S-124)
SB 118 (formally BDR 38-218)
AB 186 (formally BDR 54-344)

- 13) FOR INFORMATION ONLY: Update on the Rare Disease Dashboard, an overview of the list of rare conditions to be added to the dashboard. – *Chair Annette Logan-Parker; and Ashlyn Torrez, Health Program Specialist I, Office of State Epidemiology (OSE), Division of Public and Behavioral Health (DPBH)*
- 14) FOR INFORMATION ONLY: Update on the Childhood Cancer data collection efforts with Nevada Central Cancer Registry. – *Chair Annette Logan-Parker*
- 15) FOR INFORMATION ONLY: Council member information sharing announcements – *Council Members*
- 16) PUBLIC COMMENT: No action may be taken upon a matter raised under public comment period unless the matter itself has been specifically included on an agenda as an action item. To provide public comment telephonically, dial 1-775-321-6111. When prompted to provide the Meeting ID, enter 174 472 602#. Comments will be limited to five (5) minutes per person. Persons making comment will be asked to begin by stating their name for the record, spell their last name, and provide the secretary with written comments.
- 17) Adjournment – *Chair Annette Logan-Parker*

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

INTERNET POSTINGS

- 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>

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