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Senate Bill 275 (2021) –

ADVISORY TASK FORCE ON HIV EXPOSURE MODERNIZATION

March 31, 2022
(APPROVED MAY 12, 2022)

5 PM

Microsoft Teams Teleconference

1. Call to Order, Roll Call – Marla Robinson, Office of HIV

TASK FORCE MEMBERS PRESENT:

Quentin Savwoir - Chair
Andre' Wade
Cheryl Radeloff
Stephan Page – Co-Chair
Jesus "JP" Coleman
Vince Collins

TASK FORCE MEMBERS ABSENT:

Gary Costa
Martin Walker
Jennifer Howell (Excused)

OFFICE OF HIV STAFF PRESENT:

Marla Robinson

GUESTS PRESENT:

Linda Anderson
Deputy Attorney General Pierron Tackes

Marla Robinson conducted the roll call and called the meeting to order at 5:09 pm. six (6) of the nine (9) members were present.

2. Public Comment – Chair Quentin Savwoir

The following statement was read, with no public comment following statement was read:
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Linda Anderson introduced herself for public comment. Referenced the last meeting in which co-chair Page talked about public comment in Section 22 of SB 275 and requirement to solicit input and that it is an important tool. Linda stated another important tool is use of public records and requests such as with Department of Corrections. She suggested that if no response was provided that the task force pursue legislation requiring reports from Board of Prison Commissioners. She wanted to encourage the taskforce to continue pursuit of requested and needed information.

3. **For Possible Action – Review of March 3, 2022, and March 17, 2022, meeting minutes – Chair Savwoir**

Meeting minutes from March 17, 2022, were not readily available. Meeting minutes from March 3, 2022, were approved with voice vote by task force.

4. **For Possible Action – Overview of submissions required by SB 275, and possible action to establish strategy including engaging of law firm to complete research as needed. Informational only – Chair Savwoir**

There was discussion regarding contact with legal services for research purposes. Andre' stated that he had reached out to UNLV Outlaws, UNLV law students to do the research. Also reached out to law firm Snell and Wilmer and currently waiting for responses from both.

There was discussion regarding reaching out to sex worker community for additional information. There was discussion that there had been no response from Sex Worker's Advocacy Network (SWAN) yet. Co-Chair Page stated he had found contact information for Coalition to End Domestic and Sexual Violence policy team to contact. Reason for reaching out to this organization was in reference to NRS441a.320 which relates to testing alleged perpetrators of sexual assault.

There was discussion that organization, The Cupcake Girls, had expressed interest in having a member apply to join the task force. There was discussion that the Brothel Association might be worth reaching out to in order to include industry side for future actions. There was discussion that State Senator Dallas Harris had submitted application to join SB 275 task force. Inclusion of Senator and member from Cupcake Girls would take total task force membership to 11.

Chair Savwoir asked if there was report due in fall 2022. Co-Chair Page confirmed that September 1st, 2022, is the deadline for required reporting.

There was discussion about the coding used by Department of Corrections for categorizing offenses. Jennifer Howell had expressed concern to Co-Chair Page about media being able to read the coding to discover HIV diagnosis. There was discussion about how coding is still in place for those arrested or on trial from before repeal of NRS 201.205. There was discussion about SB 275 being made retroactive. Chair Savwoir reminded the task force that for SB 275 to be retroactive it would take a legislative act. It was discussed the Center for HIV Law and Policy had not returned requests for contact. It was discussed reaching out to Legislative Council Bureau for assistance. Andre' discussed reaching out to the Williams Institute for additional assistance, as well. There was discussion about reaching out to the media about how they obtain inmate codes. Deputy Attorney General Tackes confirmed that codes are not subject to public record laws.

There was discussion regarding finding partners for educational outreach. There was discussion that the Southern Nevada Legal Aid Center had declined to assist as they did not handle HIV related cases. There was discussion that the UNLV law school had been asked if they would be interested in creating a 'Know Your Rights' toolkit. There had been no response. There was discussion that education needed to be more than just knowing of rights. There was discussion about looking into existing first offender programs that had been put on hold due to Covid but were impacted by HIV laws.

5. For Information Only – Strategy Discussion Pertaining to Community Outreach Partners and Possible Action to Establish Any Next Steps, as well as Recruitment for Remaining Six (6) Task Force Advisors – Chair Savvoir

There was discussion about adding new members to the task force. There was discussion about State Senator Dallas Harris applying. There was discussion about a member of the organization The Cupcake Girls applying. There was discussion about reaching out to populations disproportionately affected by HIV to have a representative. The Department of Corrections was also mentioned as a source of a possible member. It was confirmed that there was no requirement to reach the cap of fifteen (15) members.

6. For Possible Action – Review of Nevada Revised Statute as it relates to HIV, specifically NRSs 209.385, 441a.180, 441a.320, and 441a.195 – Chair Savvoir

a) NRS 441a.180 – There was discussion if the task force would stay focused on HIV or extend to other communicable diseases. Co-Chair Page pointed out that 441a.180 lends itself to communicable diseases in general. There was discussion that if it did extend to other diseases, that a communicable disease expert would be needed. There was a suggestion to reach out to UNLV or UNR to find an expert willing to serve as an advisor or possible task force member regardless of what the focus of the task force becomes. There was discussion about who and how to reach out to find an expert. Chair Savvoir asked Deputy Attorney General Tackes to assist in finding an expert. She said she would investigate the matter and report back at a future meeting.

7. For Information Only – Review of the attachment from Tory Johnson, LCB File R002-22, Drug Regulations Related to Testing of Sexually Transmitted Diseases, and Possible Action to Recommend Changes or Provide Public Comment – Chair Savvoir

Co-Chair Page stated that this file was being reviewed at the recommendation of Linda Anders, public commenter. There was discussion that the file was a draft of regulation prompted by SB 211 to make conforming changes according to SB 275 regarding language around HIV and AIDS. Deputy Attorney General Tackes clarified that what the task force was looking at was a draft of changes that were being prepared to be presented for further public hearing. There was discussion that if the task force had further recommendations regarding the draft that they should put together official recommendations. There was clarification the task force could submit any suggested changes in writing or have a representative at future public hearings. There was clarification that a public hearing would be held on June 3rd. Chair Savvoir recommended re-adding review of LCB File R002-22 to future meetings once all task for members had a chance to read the draft.

8. For Possible Action – Recommendations for Agenda Items for Next Meeting – Chair Savvoir

Move Agenda Items #6 and #7 to the next meeting.

9. **Public Comment – Chair Quentin Savwoir**

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10. **Adjournment – Chair Savwior**

Chair Savwoir motioned for adjournment of the meeting. The meeting adjourned at 5:59 pm.