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## ADVISORY COUNCIL ON PALLIATIVE CARE AND QUALITY OF LIFE MEETING AGENDA

Thursday, March 20, 2025  
3:00 p.m. until adjournment.

### MEETING LOCATIONS

#### Virtual Information

*How to participate:*

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#### 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
- Call to Order and Roll Call
  - 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 conference ID, enter 592 969 002#. Comments will be limited to three (3) 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. Members of the public utilizing the call-in (audio only) number may raise their hand by pressing \*9.

- For Possible Action: Review and approve meeting minutes from September 28, 2023, to the present, including:
  - September 28, 2023
  - October 10, 2023
  - October 16, 2023
  - October 19, 2023
  - January 25, 2024
  - February 9, 2024
  - February 16, 2024
  - April 4, 2024
  - May 14, 2024
  - July 25, 2024
  - January 25, 2025
  
- Discussion Item: Discussion on council members appointment status for Angela Berg and Stephanie Zylstra (pending approval by Director)
  
- For Discussion and Possible Action Item: Discussion and possible action to recommend members to a vacant position that has experience in the provision of interdisciplinary palliative care, including, without limitation, hospital, medical, nursing, social work, pharmacy, financial and spiritual services; to fill this position as required by [NRS 232.4855](#).
  - Discussion to include recommendations for non-statutory member to apply and/or nominate themselves, if qualified for this position.
  
- For Information Only: Update on Palliative Care Awareness Day slated for National Healthcare Decisions Day on April 16, 2025- *Kim Anderson Mackey*
  - Marketing of event: flyer, social media, website and council members' roles
  - Update council on current registration numbers
  - Finalizing and review of presenters PowerPoints
  - Times people are available to staff the informational booth
  - Review the handouts
  - Video testimonials – Antonio Narvaez Ramos
  
- For Discussion and Possible Action Item: Discussion and possible action on 2025 Nevada Legislative Session Subcommittee - *Tom McCoy & Kim Anderson-Mackey*
  - Discussion Item:
    - SB 78 – Revises provisions relating to boards, commissions and councils
      - Rare Disease Council at risk of elimination discuss alignment of goals
      - Possibility of requesting to merge with Rare Disease Council or take on rare disease initiatives
    - AB 161 – Hospice services and oversight
    - Additional bills that subcommittee has found to be relevant
  - Possible Action:
    - Recommendations for or against SB 78
      - Support as the bill stands; or
      - Opposition to bill- recommend changes
    - Recommendations for or against AB 161
      - Support as the bill stands; or
      - Opposition to bill- recommend changes

- For Discussion and Possible Action Item: Next meeting date and subcommittees' next meeting dates
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- Adjournment

## NOTICE OF THIS MEETING WAS POSTED AT THE FOLLOWING LOCATIONS

### PHYSICAL POSTING LOCATIONS

- Nevada Division of Public and Behavioral Health: 4150 Technology Way, Carson City, NV 89706
- Bureau of Health Care Quality and Compliance (Las Vegas Office): 500 E Warm Springs Rd, Suite 200 Las Vegas, NV 89119
- Bureau of Health Care Quality and Compliance (Carson City Office): 727 Fairview Drive, Suite E, Carson City, NV 89701

### INTERNET POSTINGS

- Nevada Division of Public and Behavioral Health's website: <https://dphh.nv.gov/palliativecare/>
- Nevada Department of Administration's website: <https://notice.nv.gov/>

In addition, the agenda and/or meeting information was mailed to groups and individuals as requested and posted online at: <https://notice.nv.gov/> and <https://dphh.nv.gov>.

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This meeting is a public meeting, recorded and held in compliance with and pursuant to the Nevada Open Meeting Law, pursuant to NRS 241. By Participating, you consent to recording of your participation in this meeting. All voting members should leave their cameras on for the duration of the meeting and refrain from entering any information into the chat function of the video platform.

We are pleased to make reasonable accommodations for members of the public who are disabled and wish to attend the meeting. If special arrangements are necessary, notify Claire Walton, Division of Public and Behavioral Health, in writing by email at [cwalton@health.nv.gov](mailto:cwalton@health.nv.gov) before the meeting date. Also, if you need supporting documents for this meeting, please notify Claire Walton, Division of Public and Behavioral Health, in writing by email at [cwalton@health.nv.gov](mailto:cwalton@health.nv.gov) before the meeting date.

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