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**SB 284 – ADVISORY TASK FORCE ON HIV EXPOSURE MODERNIZATION**

April 14, 2021

5 PM

*WebEx Teleconference*

**APPROVED**

**TASK FORCE MEMBERS PRESENT:**

André Wade, Chair  
Senator Dallas Harris, Co-Chair  
Stephan Page  
Ruben Murillo  
Vince Collins  
Quentin Savvoir  
Cheryl Radeloff  
Jen Howell  
Steve Amend  
Catherine Elliot

**TASK FORCE MEMBERS ABSENT:**

Senator David Parks  
Antioco Carrillo (Excused)  
Connie Schearer  
Cynthia Watson Catha

**DIVISION OF PUBLIC AND BEHAVIORAL HEALTH STAFF PRESENT:**

Tory Johnson, Mmgmt, Section Manager, Office of HIV  
Michael Thomas Blissett, Health Program Specialist I, Office of HIV

**GUESTS PRESENT:**

Linda Anderson  
Luis Aceves

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1. Call to Order, Roll Call – *Office of HIV Staff*

Chair Andre' Wade called the meeting to order at 5:06 p.m., asking Michael Thomas Blissett, Health Program Specialist I, to take a roll call. Ten (10) of the fourteen (14) members were present; a quorum was met.

2. Public Comment - Chair, André Wade

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Chair Wade asked if there was any public comment to be made, and for those making comments, to say their name and limit response to three minutes; there were no public comments.

3. Review and Approval of the March 24, 2020 draft minutes – Chair, André Wade

Chair Wade asked members if there were any corrections or revisions to the minutes as submitted. There were none. Chair Wade moved to approve the minutes as presented; Co-Chair Harris seconded the motion. Chair Wade called for a discussion and then for a vote, asking for all those in favor to say 'Aye,' and any opposed to say 'Nay.' None opposed; the motion carried to approve minutes as submitted.

4. Update on status of BDR 40-220/SB 275 (2021) revising provisions relating to the human immunodeficiency virus and update on the 2021 81<sup>st</sup> Legislative Session – Co-Chair, Harris

Chair Wade asked Co-Chair Harris for an update on the status of the bill. Co-Chair Harris shared that the bill had made it out of Health and Human Services and that once the Legislative Council Bureau drafts an expected amendment, the bill will be put on the floor for a full Senate vote. Co-Chair Harris mentioned that she feels confident as constructive discussions are being held with a few stakeholders, and amendments have been received from the Health Districts regarding language around infections and how they are transmitted.

Jen Howell mentioned that she would send an email to the Southern Nevada Health District around suggestions to clear things up on diseases that are in infectious states. Jen Howell shared that she would forward the information to the Task Force as soon as it's ready and received from her colleague from the Southern Nevada Health District.

Echoing the Office of HIV Staff member Tory Johnson's question about clarity on the position of First Responders regarding SB 275, Ruben Murillo also stated that he was not too sure on what the concerns of the First Responders were. Co-Chair Harris said that her understanding of this concern was that the First Responders' general concern was changing or replacing the word "Possible" with "Likely" and the related implications in terms of infections. Co-Chair Harris

shared that getting a doctor's recommendation to help define these terms and impact would be helpful.

Stephen Page mentioned that he was under the impression that the expressed concerns of the Fire Department had already been included in a previous conceptual amendment. Co-Chair Harris responded that the added language was not necessarily from the Fire Department but that she is expecting language from them shortly.

Cheryl Radeloff asked Co-Chair Harris about the type of doctor she referenced as not all doctors may not be knowledgeable or educated in terms of the type of tests and required timeframe. Co-Chair Harris agreed that all doctors may not be up to date in terms of knowledge but that this would be a starting point. Jen Howell suggested consulting other health care providers, not just doctors. Co-Chair Harris mentioned that if the language will be forwarded is broad enough, other health care providers could be included. In terms of Cheryl Radeloff's comment, Co-Chair Harris mentioned that this idea could be added to SB 211 or could be a new recommendation from the Task Force for the next Legislative Session. There were no other comments or thoughts from the Task Force on this item.

5. Review and approval of Task Force testimony in support of SB 275 and presenter of Task Force to provide testimony. – Chair, André Wade

Chair Wade stated that while it was previously discussed to have a Task Force member testify in support of SB 275, the report submitted by the Task Force stands for the Task Force and what it represents. However, Chair Wade asked for the Task Force's feedback.

Co-Chair Harris mentioned that she hopes that the bill is heard within the next thirty days as it needs to come out of the Health and Human Services Committee by May 14th. Co-Chair Harris noted, however, that if any Task Force member wanted to testify, from now until May 14th would be a good time to do so.

Chair Wade then asked the Task Force for anyone interested in testifying on behalf of the Task Force. Hearing no takers, Chair Wade said that he considers this item closed but mentioned that he, Senator Parks, Stephen Page, and Co-Chair Harris are part of the presentation panel for any questions or comments about the bill. Chair Wade asked for any other comments from the Task Force members; there were none.

6. Update on status of Williams Institute's research on the implementation and impact of statutes and regulations through analysis of records information and data relevant to Nevada. – Chair, André Wade

Chair Wade shared that Brand Sears was sick last week, and there are no additional updates available at this time but hopes to have more updates by the time the next meeting takes place.

Chery Radeloff asked if the Williams Institute would be able to provide a preliminary draft of a report with the information that is currently available. Chair Wade shared that once a preliminary report is available, they will forward it to the Task Force.

7. Recommendations for future agenda items– Chair, André Wade

Chair Wade asked the Task Force for any recommendations for future meetings and what the agenda items would be.

Co-Chair Harris mentioned that she would push to have the bill heard sooner rather than later and for the Task Force to consider having the meeting in early May. Chair Wade then made a motion to schedule a meeting sometime in the future when the Task Force has a better sense of the hearing; Jen Howell seconded the motion. Chair Wade called for a discussion and then for a vote, asking for all those in favor to say ‘Aye,’ and any opposed to say ‘Nay.’ None opposed; the motion carried to schedule a meeting sometime in the future.

Ruben Murillo asked about the scheduling of the meeting as there may not be enough time to meet as a group given the Open Meeting laws. Chair Wade responded that the idea would be to schedule the meeting sooner rather than later. Co-Chair Harris mentioned that she would speak to the Chair of the Health and Human Services Senate house to help expedite the hearing.

Office of HIV Staff Michael Thomas Blissett posed a question to Linda Anderson (meeting attendee and former Nevada Chief Deputy Attorney General), regarding the Task Force's ability to meet, without necessarily voting on any particular agenda item. In response, Linda Anderson shared that the Task Force should not meet just to discuss any specific item and that she was confident the Task Force would be able to schedule meetings as needed.

As a possible agenda item for the next Task Force meeting, Cheryl Radeloff suggested asking Nathan Orme from HCQC (DPBH) to attend the next meeting and talk to the Task Force about the Sexual Assault Survivors Resource Guide and how often it's updated. This suggestion was supported by Stephan page.

Cheryl Radeloff then asked if she would need to reach out to staff from the Office of HIV to get in contact with Nathan Orme or if she would need to reach out to Nathan directly. Chair Wade then suggested for Cheryl Radeloff to reach out to the staff of the Office of HIV and to let him know if the contact was made with Nathan Orme so that he could add him to the agenda for the next meeting.

Cheryl Radeloff also asked about the Task Force's makeup moving forward and if it would be possible to add subject matter experts, including first responders. As proposed within SB 275, Chair Wade shared that there would be a new round of applications to be part of the Task Force, including the stakeholders she referenced. Chair Wade also stated that these stakeholders could also do presentations or speak during Task Force meetings. Co-Chair Harris mentioned that Task Force members could be added to SB 275 if the Task Force chooses to do it.

Ruben Murillo inquired about the Task Force's time left as a group and the process of adding new members to the Task Force. Chair Wade responded that June 30 of this year would be the end date for the Task Force, but if passed, SB 275 includes a proposal for a new Task Force to be established, requiring all interested applicants to apply for an appointment as members of the Task Force. There were no more suggestions as agenda items for the next Task Force meeting.

8. Public Comment – Chair, André Wade

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9. Adjournment – Chair, André Wade

Chair Wade motioned for adjournment of the meeting. Ruben Murillo seconded the motion. Chair Wade called for a vote, all in favor say, 'Aye,' any opposed say 'Nay.' None opposed; there was no discussion; the meeting adjourned at 5:39 pm.