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**Senate Bill 275 (2021) –
ADVISORY TASK FORCE ON HIV EXPOSURE MODERNIZATION**

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5 PM

Microsoft Teams Teleconference

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

TASK FORCE MEMBERS PRESENT:

Quentin Savvoir – Chair
Stephan Page – Co-Chair
Jennifer Howell
Gary Costa
Jesus “JP” Coleman
Caesar Espinoza
Senator Dallas Harris

TASK FORCE MEMBERS ABSENT:

André Wade (excused)
Cheryl Radeloff (excused)
Vince Collins (excused)

OFFICE OF HIV STAFF PRESENT:

Marla Robinson
Priscilla Brown

GUESTS PRESENT:

Linda Anderson
Rob Phoenix
Deputy Attorney General Pierron Tackes

Quentin Savvoir called the meeting to order at 5:03 pm. Marla Robinson conducted the roll call with seven (7) of the ten (10) members present.

2. Public Comment – Chair Quentin Savvoir – The following statement was read, with no public comment: *No action may be taken on a matter raised under this item of the agenda until the matter itself has been included specifically on an agenda as an item upon which action will be taken*
3. For Possible Action: Review of May 12, 2022 meeting minutes – Chair Savvoir
Meeting minutes from May 12, 2022 were not available to be reviewed and approved by the task force.
4. For Possible Corrective Action: Discussion and possible corrective action for the March 17, 2022 * Review and approval of meeting minutes from February 17, 2022 – Pierron Tackes, Deputy Attorney General

The recording from the March 17th meeting for the task force is lost and staff cannot draft minutes from that meeting. Per Deputy Attorney General Pierron Tackes, this is out of compliance with the Open Meeting Law and a corrective action is needed. This means any action taken at the March 17th meeting is no longer valid. The corrective action is to reconsider and act upon any action that was taken at that meeting. The only action that was taken at the March 17th meeting was approval of the February 17th meeting minutes. Jennifer Howell made a motion to approve the minutes from the February 17, 2022 meeting. Gary Costa seconded the motion. Chair Savvoir requested a roll call vote. Caesar Espinoza requested to abstain due to not being present at the March 17th meeting. DAG Pierron Tackes stated that members are always allowed to abstain when they feel it is necessary. DAG Pierron Tackes clarified that if the abstention is due to not being present at the meeting, members can still vote to approve minutes even if they were not at the meeting. The vote is to approve the accuracy of the minutes. The motion carried with seven (7) yeas and zero (0) nays.

5. Informational Only: Nevada Legal Services Representative(s) to discuss possible collaboration between Nevada Legal Services and Advisory Task Force related to publish materials around recent changes outlined in SB 275 (2021) and HIV criminalization

No representative from Nevada Legal Services was present. Chair Savvoir will reach out Tory Johnson, Office of HIV Program Manager and see if a direct connection can be made between the Advisory Task Force and Nevada Legal Services.

6. For Possible Action: Overview of submissions required by SB 275 (2021) and possible action to establish strategy

Jennifer Howell requested clarification on this item. Chair Savvoir clarified this item is to discuss items to be included in the report that is due in early Fall '22. There was discussion about concerns the sexual assault testing and issues that have come up since passage of the bill. Law enforcement has brought up concerns to Jennifer Howell regarding “this not being their issue” and had not previously spoken about this because they believed it would decrease their workload. There was discussion about an issue that has come up is there is no retroactive allowance in the bill that was passed. An instance has come up that involved a PLWH and multiple victims are minors.

There was discussion that law enforcement’s concerns are protecting the victims that are minors. State Senator Dallas Harris asked what the ask would be from law enforcement. Jennifer Howell asked if the Task Force willing to have a discussion to include in the report a provision to address modifying the bill for minors or looking at minors being more important than adults? The law enforcement ask would be to reinstate testing for those arrested for sexual assault for HIV and other STDs. Co-Chair Page stated this is issue is regarding the repeal of NRS 441A.320 and it is only one statute that relates to this issue. It was suggested that the Task Force’s recommendation should be to reinstate that statute or some variation of it. There was discussion that NRS 441A.320 is on the tonight’s agenda. Jennifer Howell stated needing to get in touch with the Attorney General’s task force for sexual assault survivors regarding updates to the sexual assault bill of rights.

7. For Possible Action: Strategy discussion pertaining to community outreach partners and possible action to establish any next steps, as well as recruitment of remaining five (5) Advisory Task Force members.

Jesus Coleman stated he has emailed Cupcake Girls inviting a representative to join and received a reply saying they would. Chair Savwoir stated if there is a bottleneck in the Governor's Office in years past, staff has been asked to follow up to find out applicant's status in the process. Chair Savwoir will reach out to Tory Johnson, Office of HIV's Program Manager for status on Cupcake Girls representative. Co-Chair Page stated he has reached out to the Coalition to End Sexual and Domestic Violence. Co-Chair Page stated the Sex Worker Alliance of Nevada (SWAN) is tentatively interested and would discuss at their next meeting and let Co-Chair Page know if they had a representative interested in applying or if they wanted to be involved in any other way. Co-Chair Page has not heard back from either organization.

8. For Possible Action: Review of Nevada Revised Statutes (NRS) as it relates to HIV, specifically NRS 209.385, 441A.180, 441A.320 and 441A.195

Co-Chair Page asked is 441A.195 the statute the firefighters were opposed to the Task Force's recommendations. Joanna Jacob confirmed as lobbyist for Clark County on behalf of fire fighters by Senator Harris. It was discussed to have someone reach out to them to see if there were still concerns by firefighters regarding this statute.

9. For Possible Action: Review of LCB File No. R002-22, draft regulations relating to testing of sexually transmitted diseases, and possible action to recommend changes or provide public comment.

Pierron Tackes stated this item had been a repeat item added to discuss before item goes before Board of Health for public comment. Co-Chair Page clarified that no one in previous meetings had any recommendations.

10. For Possible Action: Discussion related to drafting of report to Governor's Office and Legislative Council Bureau (LCB)

Chair Savwoir asked if there was any part of the report that could be started. Co-Chair Page expressed his opinion that they might not be ready for the report, but in a good place to discussion sections of the report. There was discussion about the addition of comprehensive sex education and if it should or should not be included. Senator Harris offered to help back legislation if the committee can provide backing data to support this suggestion. There was discussion on if any sex education teachers have HIV or other disease to be able to fully discuss the nature of the disease. There was clarification that each school district can determine who and how it is taught. Co-Chair Page also expressed support of comprehensive sex education.

11. For Possible Action: Make recommendations for next meeting's agenda

Jenn Howell stated she would reach out to the sexual assault survivors task force in order to see if they can attend the next meeting. Co-Chair Page suggested that they make NRS 441a.320 discussion and presentation by partners be its own agenda item. Also suggested agenda items from current meeting be carried over, other than item 9, since it will be after public hearing.

12. Public Comment: *No action may be taken on a matter raised under this item of the agenda until the matter itself has been included specifically on an agenda as an item upon which action will be taken*

Rob Phoenix with Huntridge Family Clinic spoke – Stated that to follow up on Jenn Howell's comment regarding sexual education, there is legislation being submitted by Senator Fabian Donate regarding this subject. Legislation focuses on addressing health promotion and suggesting sex education be focused on health promotion and not as much emphasis on the 'sex' portion. SB 211 asked that committee consider including education around this bill and opportunities for enforcement of the bill in order to ensure adherence to the requirements of SB 211.

13. Adjournment – Chair Savwoir

Senator Harris put forth a motion to adjourn. Caesar Espinoza seconded the motion. Passed on voice vote. Meeting adjourned at 5:57 pm