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

September 15, 2022

**Meeting Minutes - DRAFT**

*Microsoft Teams Teleconference*

1. Call to Order, Roll Call – Tory Johnson, Office of HIV

**TASK FORCE MEMBERS PRESENT:**

Quentin Savwoir – Chair  
Cheryl Radeloff  
Caesar Espinoza  
Andre' Wade  
Senator Dallas Harris  
Jennifer Howell  
Rob Phoenix  
Gary Costa  
JP Coleman

**TASK FORCE MEMBERS ABSENT:**

Stephan Page – Co-Chair

**OFFICE OF HIV STAFF PRESENT:**

Tory Johnson

**GUESTS PRESENT:**

Linda Anderson, Nevada Public Health Foundation  
Maddy, Washoe County Health Department  
Macy Haverda, Signs of HOPE

Tory Johnson conducted the roll call and called the meeting to order at 5:07 pm. seven (6) of the ten (10) members were present.

**2. Public Comment:**

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No public comment

- 3. For Possible Action:** Review and approval of meeting minutes – Chair: Quentin Savwoir
- September 1, 2022
- Motion made to approve minutes. Motion was seconded. Motion approved unanimously by rollcall vote.
- 4. For Possible Action:** Discussion and possible action to request an extension of submittal for the report due to Legislative Council Bureau (LCB) and Governor’s Office
- There was discussion about requesting an extension. Senator Harris stated she had reached out to the chair of the LCB to be on the agenda. No confirmation of being on the agenda yet but recommends proceeding as though they are. Next item would be to get letter from the chair formally requested extension. Tory Johnson stated that a vote was needed to approve Chair writing a letter of request. Motion was made and seconded. Passed on rollcall vote
- 5. For Discussion:** Community Partner Presentation from Nevada Coalition to End Domestic & Sexual Violence and Signs of HOPE relating to possible impact of SB 275
- Signs of HOPE representative presented concerns regarding testing for sexual assault victims. Discussion and possible action of providing urgent testing and resources for sexual assault victims.
- 6. For Possible Action:** Discussion and Possible Action to engage Nevada Legal Services for assistance with Task Force research and outreach
- Representatives from NLS did not attend due to staffing issues. Will present at the next meeting 29 September. Discussion of community dissemination of Victim’s Bill of Rights.
- 7. For Discussion:** Review and discussion of Bill Draft Request (BDR) 99-9999 which seeks to revise provisions governing the ability of a minor to consent to certain health care services. – Senator Dallas Harris
- 8. For Discussion:** Discussion related to HIV medication and getting a protected class status for all HIV meds, which would require all insurances in Nevada to cover all treatment options as pharmacy benefits, prohibiting co-pay accumulation, and prohibiting them from moving medications for the treatment of HIV or related conditions (i.e., Syphilis to medical benefits coverage). – Rob Phoenix, APRN, FNP-C, HIV-PCP
- Discussions and possible actions made pertaining to the dissemination of the bill to the public.

**9. For Discussion:**

Discussion related to HIV prevention services and medications and mandate for all Nevada insurances to cover all preventative services and medications, also requiring all Nevada insurance to cover all HIV prevention medications, as well as treatment for an STI such as syphilis, as pharmacy benefits, not medical benefits. Lastly, also prohibiting co-pay accumulation. – Rob Phoenix, APRN, FNP-C, HIV-PCP

Discussions and possible actions made pertaining to the dissemination of the bill to the public.

**10. For Discussion:**

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

No additional discussions made

**11. For Possible Action:**

Discussion and possible action relating to drafting of report to Governor’s Office and Legislative Council Bureau (LCB). Possible topics to include and review in the report are as follows:

Possible Section	Task Force Member
Community Engagement and the need to share information related to SB 275 (2021)	Cheryl Radeloff & Stephan Page
Comprehensive sexual education	Quentin Savwoir
1 <sup>st</sup> Responders	Jennifer Howell
Age of consent regarding STI testing and treatment	Andre’ Wade
NRS 441A.320	Jennifer Howell & Rob Phoenix
HIV & Nevada State Prisons	Cheryl Radeloff & Stephan Page

**12. For Possible Action:**

Made recommendations for next meeting’s agenda, which includes removing agenda item #8 and keeping al over agenda items.

**13. Public Comment:**

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**14 Adjournment:**

Quentin Savwoir adjourned the meeting @ 6:21 pm