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# RESPONSE SUBCOMMITTEE

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Substance Use Response Group (SURG)

March 25, 2024

1:00 pm

# **1. CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL TO ESTABLISH QUORUM**

Chair Kerns and/or Vice Chair Holmes

# 1. Call to Order and Roll Call to Establish Quorum Cont.

<b>Member</b>	<b>SURG Role</b>	<b>Committee Role</b>
Shayla Holmes	Rural Human Services (Lyon County)	Vice Chair
Dr. Terry Kerns	Attorney General Appointee	Chair
Nancy Lindler	SUD Treatment Provider	Member
Christine Payson	Sheriffs' & Chiefs' Assoc.	Member

## **2. PUBLIC COMMENT**

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**3. REVIEW AND APPROVE  
OCTOBER 30, 2023 RESPONSE  
SUBCOMMITTEE MEETING  
MINUTES**

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Chair Kerns and/or Vice Chair Holmes

# **4. 2024 SUBCOMMITTEE REORIENTATION**

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Chair Kerns and/or Vice Chair Holmes

# Attendance

- Beginning in March 2024, attendance will be tracked and any member who goes below a 75 percent attendance rate for subcommittee or SURG working group meetings will be asked if they wish to continue serving.
- If you cannot attend a meeting, please email SEI staff at least four business days in advance to ensure a quorum or rescheduling of the meeting if necessary.



# Recommendations Process

- Survey review
- The earlier recommendations are submitted, the more time we have to schedule presentations and to refine the recommendation. **Please submit your ideas as early as possible!**
- All subcommittee members are encouraged to submit at least one recommendation.
- Questions?

**5. REVIEW SUBPOPULATIONS  
AND AB374 SECTION 10  
REQUIREMENTS ADDRESSED  
IN 2023 RECOMMENDATIONS**

Chair Kerns and/or Vice Chair Holmes

# Legislative Language and Response Subcommittee Assignments Overview

- AB374 (2021 Session) Sec. 10, Subsection 1 is comprised of components A-Q. In 2021, guidance from Vice Chair Tolles, Dr. Woodard and Dr. Kerns determined subcommittee alignment.
- Please reference “Response 2023 Recommendations and Legislation Addressed” handout for this agenda item.

# Legislative Language and Response Subcommittee Assignments (Part 1)

- **(d)** Work to understand how residents of this State who are involved in the criminal justice system access supports for treatment of and recovery from substance use disorders at various points, including, without limitation, by **reviewing existing diversion, deflection, and reentry programs** for such persons.
- **(i)** Develop **strategies for local, state, and federal law enforcement and public health agencies to respond to and prevent overdoses** and plans for implementing those strategies.
- **(k)** Recommend strategies to **improve coordination between local, state, and federal law enforcement and public health agencies** to enhance the communication of timely and relevant information relating to substance use and reduce duplicative data collection and research.
- **(l)** Evaluate **current systems for sharing information between agencies regarding the trafficking and distribution of legal and illegal substances** which are associated with substance use disorders, including, without limitation, heroin, other synthetic and non-synthetic opioids, and stimulants.
- **(m)** Study the **effects of substance use disorders on the criminal justice system**, including, without limitation, law enforcement agencies and correctional institutions.
- **(n)** Study the **sources and manufacturers of substances which are associated with substance use disorders**, including, without limitation, heroin, other synthetic and non-synthetic opioids and stimulants, and methods and resources for preventing the manufacture, trafficking, and sale of such substances.
- **(o)** Study the **effectiveness of criminal and civil penalties at preventing the misuse of substances and substance use disorders and the manufacture, trafficking and sale of substances** which are associated with substance use disorders, including, without limitation, heroin, other synthetic and non-synthetic opioids, and stimulants.
- **(p)** Evaluate the **effects of substance use disorders on the economy of this State**.

# Legislative Language and Cross-Cutting Assignments (Part 2)

**(b) Assess evidence-based strategies for preventing substance use and intervening to stop substance use,** including, without limitation, the use of heroin, other synthetic and non-synthetic opioids and stimulants. Such strategies must include, without limitation, strategies to: (1) Help persons at risk of a substance use disorder avoid developing a substance use disorder; (2) Discover potentially problematic substance use in a person and intervene before the person develops a substance use disorder;

**(c) Assess and evaluate existing pathways to treatment and recovery** for persons with substance use disorders, including, without limitation, such persons who are members of special populations. *This component is assigned to the Treatment and Recovery subcommittee but all subcommittees are assigned to review how recommendations impact the following special populations:*

- a. Veterans, elderly persons and youth;
- b. Persons who are incarcerated, persons who have committed nonviolent crimes primarily driven by a substance use disorder and other persons involved in the criminal justice or juvenile systems;
- c. Pregnant women and the parents of dependent children;
- d. Lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender and questioning persons;
- e. People who inject drugs; (as revised)
- f. Children who are involved with the child welfare system, and
- g. Other populations disproportionately impacted by substance use disorders.

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# Legislative Language and Cross-Cutting Assignments (Part 3)

**(h) Examine qualitative and quantitative data to understand the risk factors that contribute to substance use and the rates of substance use, and substance use disorders, focusing on special populations.**

**(q) Study, evaluate and make recommendations to the Department of Health and Human Services concerning the use of the money described in section 10.5 of this act to address substance use disorders, with a focus on: (1) The use of the money described in subsections 1, 2 and 3 of section 10.5 of this act to supplement rather than supplant existing state or local spending; (2) The use of the money described in section 10.5 of this act to support programs that use evidence-based interventions; (3) The use of the money described in section 10.5 of this act to support programs for the prevention of substance use disorders in youth; (4) The use of the money described in section 10.5 of this act to improve racial equity; and (5) Reporting by state and local agencies to the public concerning the funding of programs to address substance misuse and substance use disorders.**

# Summary Table of Recommendations in Ranked Order

Subcommittee	Recommendation	a	b	c	d	e	f	g	h	i	j	k	l	m	n	o	p	q
P	1.		X					X	X		X							
TR	2.		X	X		X					X							X
P	3.	X		X														
TR	4.			X		X												
P	5.	X	X								X							
TR	6.		X	X		X					X							X
P	7.		X					X										
P	8.	X	X	X							X							
R	9.		X	X	X	X	X		X	X	X			X			X	X
HR	10.										X							
R	11.	X	X	X	X	X	X			X	X	X						X
R	12.			X	X					X				X	X	X		X
HR	13.		X								X							
HR	14.		X								X							
HR	15.		X								X							
TR	16.		X	X							X							
TR	17.			X		X	X											X
P	18.																	
P	Unranked		X					X										
R	Unranked									X		X			X		X	X

Subcommittee  
Assignment  
Summaries:  
**Prevention (P)**  
A, G, J  
**Treatment and  
Recovery (TR)**  
C, E, F  
**Response (R)**  
D, I, K, L, M, N, O,  
P  
**Cross-Cutting**  
B, C, H, Q

# Summary Table of Recommendations and Target Population Impacted

Subcommittee	Rec #	Veterans, Elderly Populations, & Youth	Persons who are involved in the criminal justice/juvenile systems	Pregnant women and the parents of dependent children	Lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender and questioning persons	People who inject drugs; (as revised)	Children who are involved with the child welfare system	Other populations overly impacted by substance use disorders
P	1.	X						X
TR	2.	X	X	X	X	X		X
P	3.	X						X
TR	4.	X					X	
P	5.	X			X		X	X
TR	6.			X			X	
P	7.		X			X		X
P	8.	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
R	9.		X			X		X
HR	10.		X			X		X
R	11.	X		X	X	X		X
R	12.	X	X			X		X
HR	13.					X		X
HR	14.					X		X
HR	15.		X					X
TR	16.	X		X	X	X		X
TR	17.	X	X	X	X	X		X
P	18.		X			X		X
P	Unranked							X
R	Unranked	X	X	X	X	X	X	X



# 2023 Response Recommendations (Part 1)

Evaluate current availability and readiness to provide comprehensive behavioral health services to include but not limited to screening, assessment, treatment, recovery support, and transitions for reentry in local and state carceral facilities (for example implement follow up and linkage to care for individuals leaving the justice system).

Recommend the allocation of funding to support the development of a Medicaid Reentry Section 1115 Waiver to Increase Health Care For People Leaving Carceral Facilities and to support readiness of carceral facilities to implement the 1115 waiver.

Recommend legislation to require DHCFP to apply for and implement the 1115 Waiver to Increase Health Care For People Leaving Carceral Facilities and ensure there is an evaluation of readiness for planning and implementation.

# 2023 Response Recommendations (Part 2)

Leverage existing programs and funding to develop outreach response provider(s) and/or personnel that can respond to any suspected overdose or to those who are provided treatment for an overdose in a hospital/emergency room/EMS and offer follow-up support, referrals, and services to the individual and those impacted by the overdose (for example, other persons with a personal and/or emotional connection to the victim, surviving family members and/or postmortem services for families) following an overdose. Provider(s) and/or personnel to be deployed to anyone being released from institutional and community settings (e.g., hospitals, carceral facilities, and other institutional settings) who is being discharged post overdose or suspected overdose. Ensure this recommendation is included as the build out of Nevada's Crisis Response System is occurring so that tailored intervention for individuals who have survived a non-fatal overdose is included.

# 2023 Response Recommendations (Part 3)

Recommend that a compliance study be completed on NRS 259.050 (number 3) and 259.053.

Provide adequate funding for medical examiner offices to include death scene investigations, forensic pathologists, forensic epidemiologists, and toxicology testing to determine specific cause of death.

# 2023 Response Recommendations (Part 4)

Recommend the Nevada System of Higher Education (NSHE) conduct a feasibility study to understand the true cost of implementing wastewater-based epidemiology (WBE) in Nevada and its ability to support community response plans. Funding for this study may be available through the Fund for a Resilient Nevada.

# **6. PLANNING FOR 2024 RESPONSE SUBCOMMITTEE MEETINGS**

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Chair Kerns and/or Vice Chair Holmes

# Planning for 2024 Response Subcommittee Meetings

- What would the Subcommittee like to accomplish this year?
- What is your vision for developing recommendations?
  - Should we focus on refining last year's recommendations or on creating new recommendations?
- Where do we want to be by September when the SURG Working Group will begin narrowing down the recommendations to include in the annual report?

# Planning for 2024 Response Subcommittee Meetings Cont.

## **Current Presenter/Topic Suggestions for Upcoming Meetings:**

- Oregon Drug Decriminalization
- Mobile Response
- Workforce
- Good Samaritan Law

## **Response Meeting Dates:**

- May 7, June 4, August 6, September 3, November 5 from 11:00 am - 12:30pm

# **7. DISCUSS REPORT OUT FOR APRIL 10 SURG MEETING**

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# **8. PUBLIC COMMENT**

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# **9. ADJOURNMENT**

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UPDATES AVAILABLE AT:**

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