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# TREATMENT AND RECOVERY SUBCOMMITTEE

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Substance Use Response Group (SURG)

September 19, 2023

1:00 pm

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

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

| Member                             | SURG Role                              | Committee Role        |
|------------------------------------|--|-----------------------|
| <b>Assemblywoman Claire Thomas</b> | Assembly Member Appointee              | Member and Past Chair |
| <b>Chelsi Cheatom</b>              | Harm Reduction Program                 | Member                |
| <b>Dr. Lesley Dickson</b>          | Healthcare Provider with SUD Expertise | Member                |
| <b>Lisa Lee</b>                    | Urban Human Services (Washoe County)   | Chair                 |
| <b>Steve Shell</b>                 | Hospital                               | Vice Chair            |
| <b>Jeffrey Iverson</b>             | Person in Recovery from an SUD         | Member                |

## **2. PUBLIC COMMENT**

# Public Comment

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**3. REVIEW AND APPROVE MINUTES  
FROM AUGUST 29, 2023 TREATMENT  
AND RECOVERY SUBCOMMITTEE  
MEETING**

*(FOR POSSIBLE ACTION)*

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**4. 2023 TREATMENT AND  
RECOVERY RECOMMENDATIONS  
DISCUSSION**  
*(FOR POSSIBLE ACTION)*

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# 2023 TREATMENT AND RECOVERY RECOMMENDATIONS DISCUSSION

For 2023 recommendation submission details (i.e., justification, action steps, etc.), please refer to the handout *SURG Tx & Recovery Recommendations September 2023*.



# 2023 TREATMENT AND RECOVERY RECOMMENDATIONS (PART 1)

## Treatment and Recovery Recommendation 1:

- Expand access to MAT and recovery support for SUD, limit barriers to individuals seeking treatment regardless of the ability to pay, and encourage the use of hub and spoke systems, as well as recovery support, including use and promotion of telehealth, considering the modifications that have been made under the emergency policies, and pursuing innovative programs such as establishing bridge MAT programs in emergency departments. (**Treatment and Cross Cutting**)

# 2023 TREATMENT AND RECOVERY RECOMMENDATIONS (PART 2)

## Treatment and Recovery Recommendation 2:

- Implement follow ups and referrals and linkage of care for justice involved individuals, including individuals leaving the justice. (**Recovery Supports**)

## Treatment and Recovery Recommendation 3:

- Implement a specialized child welfare service delivery model with follow up and referral and linkage to care that improves outcomes for children and families affected by parental substance use, child maltreatment and/or pregnant or birthing persons with opioid use disorder. (**Treatment and Recovery Supports**)

# 2023 TREATMENT AND RECOVERY RECOMMENDATIONS (PART 3)

## Treatment and Recovery Recommendation 4:

- Establish priority funding areas to ensure entry into treatment and/or recovery, ensure that Black, Latinx/Hispanic, Indigenous, people of color and LGBTQIA communities are receiving culturally and linguistically appropriate overdose prevention (naloxone, vending machines, media), drug checking supplies to reduce fatal overdoses among Black, Latinx/Hispanic, Indigenous individuals, and people of color in Nevada. **(Harm Reduction)**

## Treatment and Recovery Recommendation 5:

- Significantly increase capacity; including access to treatment facilities and beds for intensive care coordination to facilitate transitions and divert youth under the age of 18 at risk of higher level of care and/or system involvement. **(Treatment)**

# 2023 TREATMENT AND RECOVERY NEW RECOMMENDATION

Treatment and Recovery Subcommittee Member Recommendation:

- Engage individuals with living and lived experience in programming design considerations and enhance Peer Support for underserved populations to be delivered through representatives of underserved communities by increasing reimbursement rates, implementing train the trainer models, and enacting policy changes to address limitations to the use of Peers in some settings through strategies including:
  - ensure adequate funding for these priorities,
  - target special populations,
  - increase reimbursement rates, and
  - offer standalone service provision opportunities. (**Recovery Supports and Harm Reduction**)

# 2023 TREATMENT AND RECOVERY RECOMMENDATIONS DISCUSSION

Please discuss the following for each recommendation:

- Impact
- Capacity & feasibility of implementation
- Urgency
- How the recommendation advances racial and health equity

**5. 2023 TREATMENT AND RECOVERY  
ADDITIONAL RECOMMENDATIONS  
REVIEW AND DISCUSSION**  
*(FOR POSSIBLE ACTION)*

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# Option to Consider from August 29, 2023 Treatment and Recovery Meeting

## Alternative Pain Treatment:

- Eliminate the need for prior authorization either through legislation or persuade insurance carriers to sanction opioid alternative treatments.
- Provide early access to patients who would otherwise be prescribed opioids if treated in an emergency room setting.
- Expand this strategic initiative to other areas of the state who are faced with the same opioid addiction issues.
- Include training on opioid stewardship, provider training on alternatives to opioids, patient education materials on tapering and options for pain management.

# Option to Consider from There is No Hero in Heroin (TINH) Presentation to Prevention Subcommittee

- Advocate for increased funding and resources to improve accessibility and affordability of SUD treatment programs, including detoxification, rehabilitation, and counseling services.
- Establish partnerships with local healthcare providers, mental health centers, and support groups to ensure individuals struggling with SUD have access to appropriate treatment and ongoing support.
- Promote the development and implementation of evidence-based intervention programs that address the underlying causes of SUD and provide holistic support to individuals in recovery.



**6. DISCUSS REPORT OUT FOR  
OCTOBER SURG MEETING AND  
NEXT STEPS** *(FOR POSSIBLE ACTION)*

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# **8. ADJOURNMENT**

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