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Statewide Substance Use Response Working Group Meeting

January 10, 2023

1. Call to Order and Roll Call to Establish Quorum

Chair Ford

2. Public Comment

(Discussion Only)

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3. Review and Approve Minutes for December 13, 2023, SURG Meeting

(For Possible Action)

Chair Ford

4. Selection of SURG Vice Chair

(For Possible Action)

Chair Ford

5. Proposed Equity Lens from the Office of Minority Health and Equity

(For Possible Action)

Tina Dortch, Program Manager, Office of Minority Health and Equity, Department
of Health and Human Services, Director's Office

Joe Lombardo
Governor



Richard Whitley
Director

Introduction to Choice Point Equity Lens To Substance Use Response Working Group

Presented by: Tina Dortch

01/10/2024

← Nevada Office of Minority Health and Equity →
Department of Health and Human Services

Helping people. It's who we are and what we do.



Why an Equity Lens?

I. ACRN / SURG / GMU

- Mutual commitment to equity

II. Equity Lens Applications

- Functions as a “Choice Point Prime”

III. Choice Points

- Opportunity for reflection, generate options, and enact change
- Nevada’s Equity Lens composed of **CHOICE POINTS**

CHOICE POINTS – a GENERAL INTRODUCTION



- 1. Commit to develop outcomes free of bias**
- 2. Identify decision-making opportunities**
- 3. Examine choices based on their potential impact on equity and inclusion**
- 4. Act equitably**

CREATING NEVADA'S Equity Lens

Using Choice Points

Choice Point Primes

1. Which Decision Can be Influenced?
2. Who's Impacted at each Choice Point?
3. SDoH Consideration/Impacts?
4. Community Integration Reflected?
5. CLAS Standards Incorporated?
6. Steps Taken to Ensure Accountability?
7. Community-Focused, Data-Driven Proposal?
- 8.. Others??



**“Choice Point Thinking:
Applying Nevada’s Health
Equity Lens”**



NOMHE’s recommended
application guide

Choice Point Template

Choice Point Prime Category #1:	
Prime #1 Rationale:	
To Be Used During the Following Functions: (i.e., Action Planning; Priority Setting; Resource Allocations; etc.)	
Choice Point Questions:	

Primes / Questions (part 1)

1. Decisions to be Influenced

- Sample Questions
 - What decisions am I responsible for? And regularly make?
 - What disparity could be exacerbated if access was not universal and equitable?
- Example

2. Identifying Those Impacted

- Sample Question
 - SO/GI demographics
- Example

Primes / Questions (part 2)

3. SDoH Consideration

- Sample Questions
 - Are connections between health outcomes to (negative and/or positive) impacts on socialization, employment, education and personal safety opportunities clearly defined?
- Example

• 4. Community Integration

- Sample Questions
 - Is there history with the community that evokes trauma and if unaddressed would cause a barrier?
 - Is there a plan to keep the community engaged throughout all phases?
- Example

Primes / Questions (part 3)

5. Use of CLAS Standards

- Sample Question
 - Are proposed delivery systems presented at a comprehension level defined by CLAS Standards
- Example

6. Accountability

- Sample Question
 - Are you regularly reporting data, accomplishments and results back to the community including those most marginalized? (e.g., dashboards, indicators, etc.)
- Example

Prime / Question #7 Data Driven Decisions

1. Social Vulnerability Indexes (SVI)

- the potential negative effects on communities caused by external “stressors on human health”
- CDC SVI value range: 0 (least vulnerable) to 1 (most vulnerable) [Social Vulnerability Index | Data | Centers for Disease Control and Prevention \(cdc.gov\)](https://www.cdc.gov/svi/data/index.html)

2. Asset Building / Mapping

- Strategies and supports that broaden and stabilize an individual, family, or community

3. Example

SURG Feedback

Questions/Comments/Recommendations

Contact Information

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6. Consider Pursuit of Statutory Changes to Expand SURG Membership

(For Possible Action)

Chair Ford

Potential Additional Positions to Pursue

- Representative from the State of Nevada Advisory Council for Prosecuting Attorneys
- Representative of the public
- Representative of a member of family services/foster care (likely from the Foster Kinship group)
- Representative from Fire/EMS
- Other suggestions?

7. Approval of SURG Annual Report and Discussion of Distribution

(For Possible Action)

Chair Ford

8. Update on Opioid Litigation, Settlement Funds, and Distribution

(Information and Discussion)

Mark Krueger, Office of the Attorney General, or designee

9. Bylaws Attendance Policy

(For Possible Action)

Dr. Terry Kerns, Office of the Attorney General

Bylaws Attendance Policy

A. Notification. SURG members shall, to the extent practicable: Inform administrative support staff at least 4 business days in advance of an anticipated absence.

B. Participation. SURG members shall participate in at least 75 percent of meetings. Any absence without sufficient or overriding reason will be disclosed to the appointing authority in accordance with Article 4, section 6 and may result in removal.

1. At each regularly scheduled meeting, absences will be noted. Members are expected to disclose absences ideally 4 business days in advance of meetings to allow for determination of quorum. Proxies are not permitted by statute.

10. Proposed 2024 Subcommittee Membership and Meeting Schedule

(For Possible Action)

Dr. Terry Kerns, Office of the Attorney General

Current Subcommittee Membership

Prevention

- Senator Fabian Doñate
- Jessica Johnson (Chair)
- Debi Nadler
- Angela Nickels
- Erik Schoen (Vice Chair)
- Senator Heidi Seevers Gansert

Treatment & Recovery

- Chelsi Cheatom
- Dr. Lesley Dickson
- Dorothy Edwards
- Jeffrey Iverson
- Steve Shell (Vice Chair)
- Assemblywoman Claire Thomas

Response

- Shayla Holmes (Vice Chair)
- Dr. Terry Kerns (Chair)
- Nancy Lindler
- Christine Payson

SURG Members Not on a Subcommittee:

- Assemblywoman Melissa Hardy
- Dr. Beth Slamowitz

Subcommittee Meeting Frequency

- Subcommittees to meet 5-6 times starting in February or March, through November 2024
- Subcommittees meet virtually for about an hour and a half

11. Review and Consider Items for Next Meeting

(Discussion Only)

Dr. Terry Kerns, Office of the Attorney General

April 10, 2024, Agenda Items

- SURG member survey results
- Subcommittee Reports
- Fund for a Resilient Nevada Update
- Update on Opioid Litigation, Settlement Funds, and Distribution
- Overarching presentations

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13. Adjournment

Additional Information, Resources & Updates Available At:

[https://ag.nv.gov/About/Administration/Substance_Use_Response_Working_Group_\(SURG\)/](https://ag.nv.gov/About/Administration/Substance_Use_Response_Working_Group_(SURG)/)



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