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# PREVENTION SUBCOMMITTEE

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Substance Use Response Group (SURG)

October 30, 2023

11:00 am

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

Chair Johnson

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

<b>Member</b>	<b>SURG Role</b>	<b>Committee Role</b>
Senator Fabian Doñate	Senate Majority Appointee	Member
Jessica Johnson	Urban Human Services (Clark County)	Chair
Debi Nadler	Advocate/Family Member	Member
Angela Nickels	Representative of a School District	Member
Erik Schoen	SUD Prevention Coalition	Vice Chair
Senator Heidi Seevers-Gansert	Senate Minority Appointee	Member

## **2. PUBLIC COMMENT**

# Public Comment

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**3. REVIEW AND APPROVE  
SEPTEMBER 21, 2023  
PREVENTION SUBCOMMITTEE  
MEETING MINUTES**

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Chair Johnson

# **4. 2023 RECOMMENDATIONS FROM OCTOBER SURG MEETING DISCUSSION**

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Chair Johnson

# DISCUSSION OF REMANDED RESPONSE RECOMMENDATIONS (PART 1)

*Please refer to the draft October 11, 2023 SURG meeting minutes for additional details.*

PS 1. Recommend to DHHS/DPBH/the Bureau of Behavioral Health Wellness and Prevention to double the amount of investment in primary prevention programming every two years for ages 0-24 and review the funding allocations annually.

## Remand to Prevention Subcommittee

- *Chair Ford and Assemblywoman Thomas supported remanding to the subcommittee to estimate a budget for legislators to consider.*
- *Ms. Nadler expressed concern with a perceived lack of primary prevention efforts and funding.*
- *Vice Chair Lee agreed that refinement was needed to include fund-mapping from DHHS to show allocation for existing prevention programs, which she believes are typically very well-funded compared to harm reduction.*
- *Ms. Johnson offered to work to incorporate cost effectiveness and funding maps into the recommendation.*
- *Ms. Nadler reiterated her view that so much is done in Northern Nevada, but not in Southern Nevada.*



# DISCUSSION OF REMANDED RESPONSE RECOMMENDATIONS (PART 2)

*Please refer to the draft October 11, 2023 SURG meeting minutes for additional details.*

PS 2. Allocate tobacco control and prevention funding using local lead agencies model to reach \$2 per capita recommended funding using a combination of funding sources (e.g., cigarette tax, other tobacco tax, Juul settlement, tobacco master settlement agreement, future vaping settlements, other tobacco related settlements, etc.).

## Remand to Prevention Subcommittee

- *Chair Ford thought this should go back to the subcommittee because there are certain rules related to tobacco funds that one of the Deputy Attorneys General could review with members of the subcommittee. (see next slide)*
- *Ms. Nadler suggested marijuana could be added. Chair Ford explained that tobacco taxes and the Master Settlement Agreement with Tobacco can't be used to sponsor issues related to marijuana. However, you could have a separate recommendation related to marijuana. Ms. Johnson explained that the Prevention Subcommittee had been working to schedule a presentation from experts on cannabis prevention education, so that is in progress. She added that this recommendation does cover vaping prevention for a variety of substances, including tobacco. Chair Ford noted that vaping for tobacco could be covered under the Master Settlement Agreement, but not for Marijuana.*

# DISCUSSION OF REMANDED RESPONSE RECOMMENDATIONS (PART 3)

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PS 2. Allocate tobacco control and prevention funding using local lead agencies model to reach \$2 per capita recommended funding using a combination of funding sources (e.g., cigarette tax, other tobacco tax, Juul settlement, tobacco master settlement agreement, future vaping settlements, other tobacco related settlements, etc.).

*Comment by the Tobacco Enforcement Unit's Senior Deputy Attorney General:*

- The AG's Office does not control budgets related to the subcommittee's recommendation. For reference, by statute, all money received by the State pursuant to any settlement entered into by the State and a tobacco manufacturer or recovered by the State from a judgment in a civil action against a tobacco manufacturer is split between the Millennium Scholarship Trust Fund (40%) and the Fund for a Healthy Nevada (60%). See NRS 396.926 and NRS 439.620. The State Treasurer is the administrator of the funds. Cigarette and Tobacco product taxes are administered by the Nevada Department of Taxation in accordance with NRS 370.260.*

# DISCUSSION OF REMANDED RESPONSE RECOMMENDATIONS (PART 4)

*Please refer to the draft October 11, 2023 SURG meeting minutes for additional details.*

HR 4. Create a bill draft request at the legislature to change the language around drug paraphernalia as it relates to smoking supplies.

## *Remand to Prevention Subcommittee*

- Chair Ford thought this recommendation would be too big for a bill draft request. Assemblywoman Thomas agreed.*
- Chair Ford suggested remanding this back to the subcommittee for more detail.*

# DISCUSSION OF REMANDED RESPONSE RECOMMENDATIONS (PART 5)

*Please refer to the draft October 11, 2023 SURG meeting minutes for additional details.*

HR 2. Harm Reduction Shipping Supply: Provide travel costs for pickup of used products to be returned for destruction. Increase advertising about shipping programs. Establish alternative strategy if people can't receive delivery of the supplies.

## Remand to Prevention Subcommittee

- *Ms. Johnson recommended remanding this back to the Prevention Subcommittee, and asked if there is a SURG member who is willing to complete the qualitative sections, (to help with the workload).*
- *Ms. Cheatom said she had helped run this program at Trac-B Exchange and could do the qualitative section. Chair Ford thanked Ms. Cheatom for jumping in on that.*

# DISCUSSION OF REMANDED RESPONSE RECOMMENDATIONS (PART 6)

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HR 5. Provide support to community coalitions to support community health workers to expand Harm Reduction throughout the state of Nevada and prioritize funding for Community Health Workers to provide community-based harm reduction services.

## *Remand to Treatment & Recovery Subcommittee to combine with TRS 6:*

- *Update: At 10/23/2023 Tx and Recovery Subcommittee meeting, they determined not to combine HR 5 with TRS 6. (TRS 6: 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: 1) ensure adequate funding for these priorities, 2) target special populations, 3) increase reimbursement rates, and 4) offer standalone service provision opportunities.)*
- *Send recommendation back to SURG in December or make any further changes to HR 5?*

# **5. DISCUSS REPORT OUT FOR DECEMBER SURG MEETING**

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# **7. ADJOURNMENT**

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