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Statewide Substance Use Response Working Group Meeting

March 9, 2022

1. Call to Order and Roll Call to Establish Quorum

2. Public Comment

(Discussion Only.)

Public Comment

- Public comment shall be limited to three (3) minutes per person. We will begin with comments from Las Vegas and then invite comments from Carson City, followed by online participants.

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3. Review and Approve Minutes for January 19, 2022 SURG Meeting

(For Possible Action.)

4. Appointment of new SURG members:
Senator Heidi Seevers-Gansert, to serve as a
member appointed by the Senate Minority Leader,
and Gina Flores-O'Toole to serve the remaining
term as a person who provides services relating to
the treatment of substance use disorders.

(For Possible Action.)

5. Review and Approve Subcommittee Member and Chair Assignments, Roles and Responsibilities.

(For Possible Action.)

Subcommittee Assignments

Prevention Subcommittee

Chair: Senator Fabian Doñate, Senate Majority Appointee

Member	SURG Role
Debi Nadler	Advocate/Family Member
Erik Schoen	SUD Prevention Coalition
Jessica Johnson	Urban Human Services (Clark County)
Senator Heidi SeEVERS-Gansert	Senate Minority Appointee

Subcommittee Assignments

Treatment and Recovery Subcommittee

Chair: Assemblywoman Claire Thomas, Assembly Majority Appointee

Member	SURG Role
Chelsi Cheatom	Harm Reduction Program
Dr. Lesley Dickson	Healthcare Provider with SUD Expertise
Jeffrey Iverson	Person in Recovery from an SUD
Lisa Lee	Urban Human Services (Washoe County)
Steve Shell	Hospital

Subcommittee Assignments

Response Subcommittee

Chair: Assemblywoman Jill Tolles, Assembly Minority Appointee

Member	SURG Role
Christine Payson	Sheriffs' & Chiefs' Assoc.
Dr. Stephanie Woodard	DHHS Director Appointee
Dr. Terry Kerns	Attorney General Appointee
Shayla Holmes	Rural Human Services (Lyon County)
Gina Flores-O'Toole	SUD Treatment Provider

Subcommittee Chair Responsibilities

- Set the meeting agenda
- Identify and select subject matter experts
- Solicit recommendations from subcommittee members
- Facilitate a decision-making process on the recommendations
- Facilitate stakeholder public comment

Subcommittee Member Responsibilities

- Attend meetings and communicate to the chair when unable to do so
- Provide recommendations in advance of meetings
- Review materials provided in advance of meetings

Subcommittee Tracking Template

Sponsoring Member(s)	Recommendation	AB374 Section 10 requirements	Cross-cutting elements (B,C,H,Q)	Special Populations (a-g)	Justification	Research/Links	Action Step (e.g., BDR request, expend. of settlement funds, DHHS Policy, etc.)	Short Term or Long Term?	Fiscal Note? If yes, approximate amount.	Member Comments and Feedback
Donate	Require K-12 prevention programming with evidence-based model	J.Expand education and harm reduction: a. Educate youth and families about the effects of substance use and substance use disorders; and	B, Q	f						
SAMPLE										
Cross-cutting elements	B. Assess evidence-based strategies for preventing substance use and intervening to stop substance use; C. Assess and evaluate existing pathways to treatment and recovery, including special populations; H.Examine Quantitative and Qualitative Data on Risk Factors focusing on special populations; Q.Recommend evidence-based funding across geographic and socio-economic sectors									
Special Populations	a. Veterans, elderly persons and youth;									

6. Review Updated Findings and Provide Feedback for Statewide Needs Assessment for the Advisory Committee for Resilient Nevada.

(For Possible Action.)

Statewide Substance Use Working Group (SURG)

Needs Assessment

Mercer Government
Ready for next. Together.

State of Nevada
March 9, 2022
Dr. Courtney Cantrell, PhD
Jordan Bublik, MS
Kathy Nichols, LCSW

01

Review of Feedback

02

Needs Assessment Report Update

03

Questions



Agenda

Needs Assessment Initial Feedback



Needs Assessment Initial Feedback

January Feedback

- During the January Advisory Council for a Resilient Nevada (ACRN) and SURG meetings, Mercer received feedback that the below topics/areas may need to be expanded upon or were suggested for inclusion into the *Needs Assessment*.
- Topics/Areas:
 - Regional Level Data Stratifications
 - Primary Care and Continuity Care (Low-Cost Care, MAT availability in FQHCs/RHCs)
 - Mental Health Disease-specific Rates
 - Juvenile SUD/OD Rates and Risk Factors
 - Childhood Trauma
 - Harm-Reduction Services
 - Online/Easily Accessible Educational Resources
 - Accessibility of Care – Time and Distance



Needs Assessment Report Update

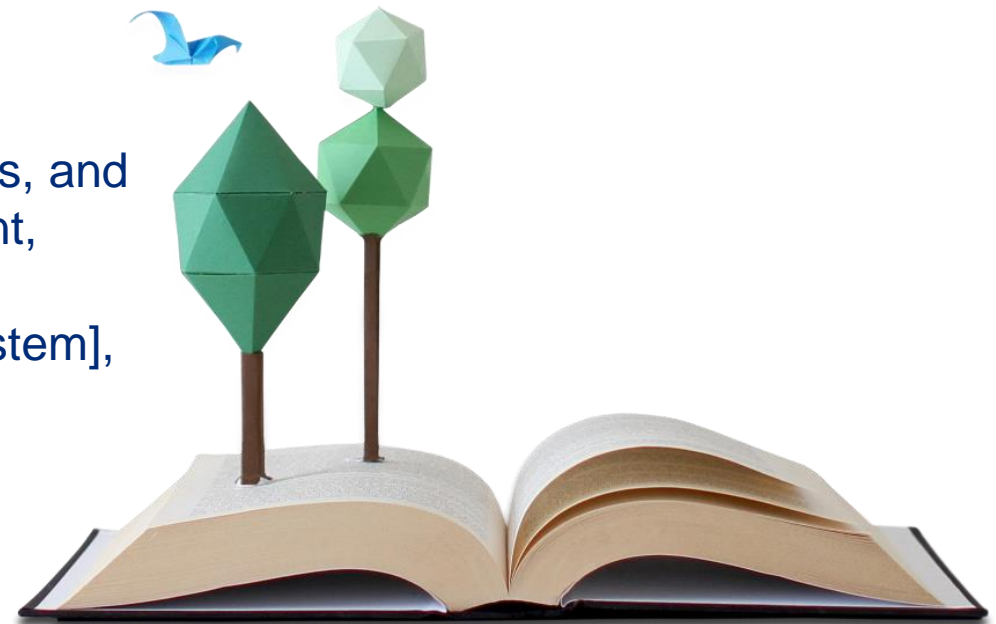
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Needs Assessment

Report Breakdown

- Section 1 – Background
- Section 2 – Methodology
- Section 3 – Opioid Impact
- Section 4 – Polysubstance, Co-Occurring Conditions, Suicide Impact
- Section 5 – Risk Factors
- Section 6 – Best Practices
- Section 7 – Recommendations

All sections will include information addressing disparities, inequities, and access (geographic regions, special populations [veterans, pregnant, parents of dependent children, youth, LGBTQ, persons families incarcerated individuals, juvenile justice, and children in welfare system], race, ethnicity, SES)



Needs Assessment

Section and Topics Breakdown

Section 1 – Background

- History of the opioid epidemic (national and state) and the relevant legislation*

Section 2 – Methodology

- Scoring Rubric

Section 3 – Opioid Impact

- Overdose Death Impact, SUD Rates, Drug Types – Minority, Youth, and Adult Stratifications*
- Health Equity – Rate of poverty, people with disability, uninsured, primary language, minorities, tribes*
- Data Availability, Consistency, and Robustness
- Suggested Topic Inclusions:
 - Regional Level Data Stratifications
 - Juvenile SUD/OD Rates and Risk Factors



Needs Assessment

Section and Topics Breakdown

Section 4 – Polysubstance, Co-Occurring Conditions, Suicide Impact

- Rate of:
 - Polysubstance use and substances most commonly used together*
 - Co-Occurring Behavioral Health and Physical Health Conditions*
 - Suicide with OUD/SUD as a Contributing Factor
- Suggested Topic Inclusions:
 - Mental Health Disease-specific Rates

Section 5 – Risk Factors

- System-Level – Prevention programming, prescribing, access to treatment, Harm reduction, recovery support, education (provider and public)*
- Individual-Level – SDoH, behavioral and mental health issues, chronic pain, criminal justice involvement , Childhood Trauma/ACES*
- Regional disparities and challenges
- Workforce shortages*
- Co-occurring Behavioral Health and Physical Health Conditions
- Suggested Topic Inclusions:
 - Primary Care and Continuity of Care (Low-Cost Care, MAT availability in FQHCs/RHCs)
 - Childhood Trauma
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Needs Assessment

Section and Topics Breakdown

Section – 6 Best Practices

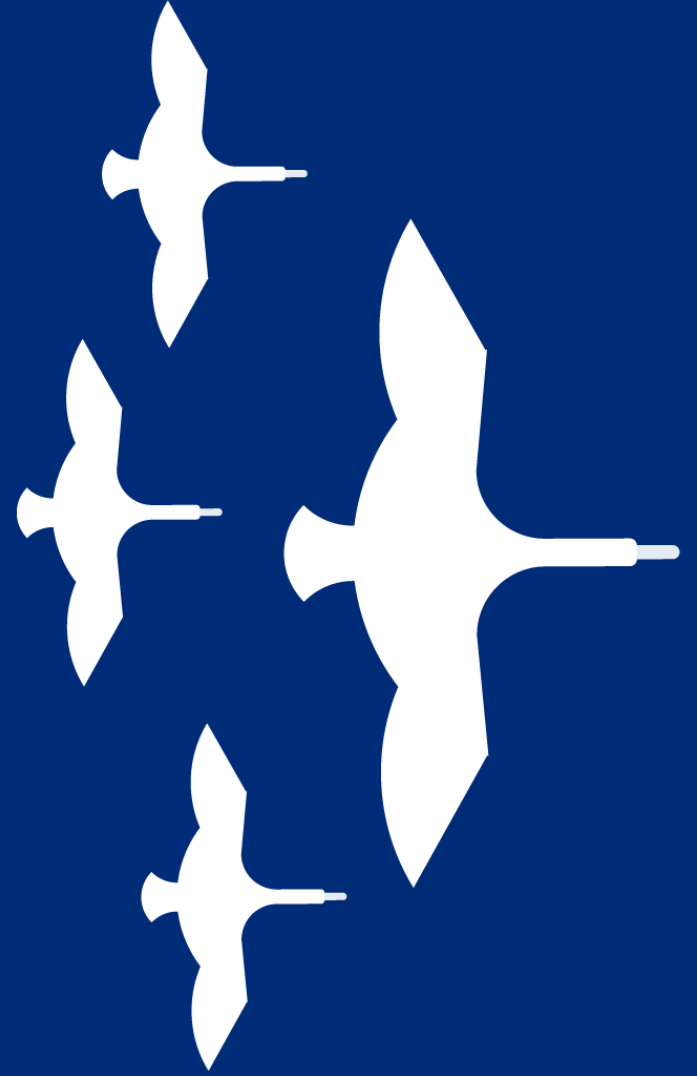
- Johns Hopkins Best Practice Recommendations*
 - Optimizing PDMP
 - Standardizing Clinical Guidelines
 - Engagement of Pharmacy Benefit Mangers and Pharmacies
 - Engage Patients and General Public
 - Improving Surveillance Activities
 - Treating OUD
 - Improve Naloxone Access and Use
 - Expand Harm Reduction Strategies
 - Combating Stigma

Section 7 – Recommendations

- Details that will support priorities: prevention of overdoses, addressing disparities in access to health care, and the prevention of substance use among youth based on the gaps identified throughout the report.



Questions



Questions





Services provided by Mercer Health & Benefits LLC.

7. Review and Provide Feedback for Revised Bylaws for the SURG

(For Possible Action.)

SURG Bylaws Revisions

Article 4 – Membership and Terms

Section 1 – Members

Stagger terms so not all members terms end at same time.

First 11 member terms end January 1, 2023

Last 7 member terms end January 1, 2024

Section 2 – Terms from AB 374

2 (a) (1) added 700,000 or more

SURG Bylaws Revisions

Article 5 – Meetings

Section 8 Subcommittees

- A. Each subcommittee must include a minimum of two voting member(s) of the Working Group.
- B. Each subcommittee shall have one (1) Chair who is a voting member of the Working Group.
- C. The Working Group Chair shall appoint the subcommittee chairs and members from the Working Group.
- D. Each subcommittee, through the subcommittee Chair, may request presentations from subject matter experts (SME), as needed based on area of expertise and/or specific projects. These SMEs may serve as non-voting members of the subcommittee.
- E. The subcommittee members will serve for one year on the subcommittee. After one year, the Working Group chair will determine if the subcommittee needs to continue for another year. If the committee is needed for another year, the Working Group Chair will appoint the subcommittee chair and members from the Working Group.
- F. The subcommittee chair will report back to the Working Group on the activity of the subcommittee and recommendations from the subcommittee.
- G. The number of Working Group members serving on a single subcommittee cannot be equal to or greater than a quorum of the Working Group and the Working Group members are limited to serving on one of the three subcommittees.

SURG Bylaws Revisions

Article 5 – Meetings

Meetings Section 10 Voting

Section 10 - Proxy may not vote for member they are attending for

8. Review and Consider Items for June 7, 2022 SURG Meeting

(Discussion Only.)

9. Public Comment.

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Public Comment

- Public comment shall be limited to three (3) minutes per person. Members of the public may comment on any matter that is not specifically included on the agenda at this time. However, no action may be taken upon a matter raised under this item of the agenda until the matter itself has been specifically included on an agenda as an item upon which action may be taken pursuant to subparagraph (2) of NRS 241.010.

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10. 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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