

2024 SURG Response Subcommittee Preliminary Recommendation Submissions

Recommendation #1 Submitted by Dr. Terry Kerns on 4/19/2024

Recommendation Description	<i>Recommend a BDR to have recidivism defined in NRS.</i>
<p>Please describe your justification/background information for this recommendation.</p>	<p>Recidivism is the act of committing another crime or coming into conflict with the criminal justice system (CJS) again. It is an important measure of the effectiveness of CJS efforts to promote rehabilitation, reintegration, and public safety. Recidivism rates are not available at a national level since there is no national consensus on the operational definition of recidivism and there are significant variations in how recidivism is defined and counted (e.g., re-contact, re-arrest, re-incarceration, or reconviction) in different jurisdictions. For this reason, comparisons between studies and jurisdictions should not be made. (Recidivism in Criminal Justice, https://www.justice.gc.ca/eng/rp-pr/jr/jf-pf/2020/aug01.html) The Nevada Department of Corrections defines recidivism as a return to incarceration with NDOC within 3 years of an offender's date of release.</p>
<p>Please include any associated research or links for your recommendation.</p>	<p>See also the National Governor's Association center for best practices letter to national prearrest diversion and deflection (DPAD) team discussing the definition of recidivism and what states currently have a definition of recidivism in their state statute.</p> <p>https://sentencing.nv.gov/uploadedFiles/sentencingnv.gov/content/Meetings/2024/2019%20Recidivism%20Presentation.pdf#:~:text=The%20Nevada%20Department%20of%20Corrections%20defines%20recidivism%20as,3%20years%20of%20an%20offender%E2%80%99s%20date%20of%20release</p>
<p>Please select AB374 Section 10 Requirement(s) that have been assigned to the Response Subcommittee that aligns with your recommendation.</p>	<p>(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.</p>
<p>Please select the AB374 Section 10 Requirement(s) that are cross-cutting elements assigned to all three subcommittees that aligns with your recommendation.</p>	<p>(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.</p> <p>(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.</p>
<p>If your recommendation focuses on a special population, please select all that apply.</p>	<p>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</p>

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Please describe the Action Step aligned with your recommendation.	Bill Draft Request (BDR)
Is this a short-term or long-term recommendation?	Short-term (Under 2 years)
If your recommendation requires a fiscal note, please approximate the amount.	No fiscal note
On a scale of 1-3, please rate the <i>impact</i> of your recommendation.	2
Please provide a description of the <i>impact</i> of this recommendation.	It could assist with the evaluation of program effectiveness with programs such as the Forensic Assessment Services Triage Teams (FASTT).
On a scale of 1-3, please rate the <i>urgency</i> of your recommendation.	1
Please provide a description of the <i>urgency</i> of the recommendation.	This is not urgent but will assist in the future with the goal of increasing public safety by reducing recidivism.
On a scale of 1-3, please rate the <i>current capacity & feasibility</i> to implement your recommendation.	2
Please provide a description of the <i>capacity & feasibility</i> of implementing this recommendation.	This would provide a common definition of recidivism statewide.
On a scale of 1-3, please rate how the recommendation <i>advances racial and health equity</i>.	2
Please provide a description of how the recommendation <i>advances racial and health equity</i>.	Goal of reducing those involved in the criminal justice system's risk for future recidivism and improving clients' capacity for living in the community.
Please list who you would like to present on this recommendation.	Cherylyn Rahr-Woods cherylyn@nrhp.org Northern Behavioral Health Coordinator and Katie Synder (contractor on COSSUP grant) ksnider@justiceresearch.org