

**STATE OF NEVADA SUBSTANCE ABUSE WORKING GROUP  
LEGISLATIVE SUB-COMMITTEE**

**MINUTES OF MEETING**

**August 27, 2012**

**Sub-Committee Members Present by Teleconference**

Peter Mansky, MD, Clinical Services of Nevada  
Mark Jackson, Douglas County District Attorney  
Kent Bitsko, Executive Director, Nevada HIDTA  
David Marlon, President, Solutions Recovery

**Attorney General's Office Staff Present by Teleconference**

Henna Rasul, Senior Deputy Attorney General  
Heather Cooney, Legal Secretary II

**Members of the Public Present by Teleconference**

Chris Ferrari, President, Ferrari Public Affairs  
Liz MacMenamin, Director of Government Affairs, Pharmacy and Healthcare, Retail Association of Nevada  
Joann Prevetti, St. Rose Hospital  
Adam Higdon, Solutions Recovery  
Brian Wachter, Retail Association of Nevada

1. **Call to order and roll call of members.** Board counsel Henna Rasul called the meeting to order at 2:00 p.m. A quorum of the members was present.

2. **Public Comments.** No public comments.

(Agenda Item No. 3 was taken out of order and addressed later in the meeting)

4. **Nomination of a Chair of the Sub-Committee.** Mark Jackson moved to nominate David Marlon as Chair of the Sub-Committee. Motion is seconded by Dr. Peter Mansky. Motion is passed unanimously.

3. **[Back to Agenda Item No. 3] Discussion regarding the roles and responsibilities of the Sub-committee to the Substance Abuse Working Group.**

David Marlon suggested that the main purpose of the sub-committee was to track BDR's and potential legislation, possibly championing certain legislation and reporting back to the working group.

Mark Jackson added that when he served with the Methamphetamine Working Group, individuals were pulled in for their expertise, i.e., law enforcement, treatment etc. for lobbying efforts. He stated that the committee should not exceed the scope of the working group who is tasked with 10 items as set forth in NRS 228.820. He added that there are over 200 BDR's that need to be monitored. He informed the committee that the Crime Commission will have a report coming out as well as the Advisory Group on Administration of Justice. He suggested the committee should try to not duplicate their efforts.

Dr. Mansky stated that he did not believe it would be going outside NRS 228.820 to play a role in educating, prevention and treatment in the future.

Kent Bitsko stated that the committee needed to focus on the BDRs and suggested that they be broken up among the members for monitoring and research and then report the findings to the working group. He added that a list of BDRs can be found on the Legislature website and cautioned that similar BDRs may be authored by different legislators and gave a list of relevant BDR's including nos. 9, 46, 51, 66, 67, 73, 89, 98, 101, 135, 157, 177, 184.

Mr. Jackson suggested that one member could monitor the medical marijuana BDRs, another the pharmaceutical BDRs, and another the criminal BDRs. He added that new BDR's are added daily and will need to be monitored as they come in.

Henna Rasul instructed that each BDR to be discussed will need to be included individually on the upcoming agenda with a link.

Mark Jackson offered to monitor the Medical Marijuana BDR's. Dr. Mansky offered to monitor the BDRs having to do with DUI. Mr. Marlon offered to monitor the pharmaceutical BDRs.

Chris Ferrari added that the only research available on the BDRs currently is what's available on the legislative website. All that can be done is to call the sponsor to see if there is any additional information. He offered to make a list of relevant BDRs and their sponsors for distribution.

Henna Rasul advised that the list would need to be sent to Linda Fitzgerald for individual distribution and that no communication between the members is allowed outside the confines of the meeting in order to be in compliance with open meeting law.

David Marlon suggested that the committee propose as a scope completing a list of BDRs and monitoring them. Dr. Mansky added that he would like to be able to add to the scope determining areas needing future BDRs.

**5. Discussion of Developing Reports and Responsibilities to the Substance Abuse Working Group Regarding Issues Related to Substance Abuse.**

Mark Jackson stated that the reports to the Substance Abuse Working Group are usually verbal reports made by the chair as an agenda item. He added that any recommendations would need to be given to Linda Fitzgerald to be added to the agenda.

**6. Discussion of Tracking Legislation and BDR's submitted to the 2013 Legislative Session.**

The committee agreed that this topic was already discussed as part of Agenda Item No. 4.

**7. Discussion regarding the Substance Abuse Working Group's Role in Designing a System for the Purpose of Monitoring Substance Abuse Among Those Individuals Receiving Social Services, and Provide Resources for Treatment.**

Mark Jackson stated that Mike Wilden discussed drug testing as part of a social services application with the Substance Abuse Working Group but nothing is happening on it yet. Liz MacMenamin offered to get an update from Mike Wilden on the subject.

**8. Comments from the Sub-Committee.**

Mark Jackson stated that the committee could not set the next meeting date as it was not on the Agenda. He suggested that the committee meet monthly through the end of the year and more frequently during the legislative session.

**9. Public Comments.** No public comments.

The meeting was adjourned .