

STATE OF NEVADA SUBSTANCE ABUSE WORKING GROUP

MINUTES OF MEETING

June 21, 2017 – 10:00 AM

Location of Meeting

(Videoconferenced)

Office of the Attorney General
Mock Courtroom
100 N. Carson Street
Carson City, NV 89701

Office of the Attorney General
Grant Sawyer Building
Room 4500
555 E. Washington Ave.
Las Vegas, NV 89101

Members present:

Adam P. Laxalt, Attorney General – Chair
Wesley Duncan, First Assistant Attorney General – Vice Chair
Chuck Callaway, Police Director, Las Vegas Metro Police Department
Pat Hickey, Executive Director, Charter School Association of Nevada
Linda Lang, Executive Director, Nevada Statewide Coalition Partnership
David Marlon, President, Solutions Recovery, Inc.
Dr. Larry Pinson, Executive Secretary, Nevada State Board of Pharmacy
Dr. Stephanie Woodard, Licensed Psychologist, Department of Health & Human Services
Asheesh Bhalla, Board Counsel

Members Absent:

Dr. Miriam Adelson, Adelson Clinic
Mark Jackson, Douglas County District Attorney
Richard Whitley, Director, Department of Health and Human Services

Others Present:

Patricia Cafferata
Elyse Monroy
Stacy Ward
Jennifer DeLett-Snyder, Executive Director, Join Together Northern Nevada
John DiMuro, CMO
Carol Del Carlo
Marissa Kuckhoff
Jamie Ross
Jessica Johnson
Brandi Planet

1. Call to order and roll call of working group members.

Attorney General (AG) Adam Paul Laxalt called meeting to order. Secretary Marissa Kuckhoff called roll.

2. Public Comment.

No public comment.

3. Discussion and possible action on approval of March 29, 2017, meeting minutes (Attachment "A").

Linda Lang moved to approve the minutes as written. Wes Duncan seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

4. Update on Substance Abuse Working Group Opioid Initiative including a discussion on incinerators, opioid blockers, and statewide messaging.

Duncan gave an update as to the initiatives of the Substance Abuse Working Group (Group). The State was awarded a \$5.6 million dollar grant called the State Targeted Response to the Opioid Crisis Grant. Dr. Stephanie Woodard and the Department of Health and Human Services are working with the Attorney General's Office (Office) on this grant. The State will have to show through benchmarks that it is meeting the requirements of the grant in order to be funded for the next consecutive year. Efforts will be coordinated with incinerators, opioid blockers and the Statewide Messaging Campaign. Counties have been contacted individually regarding incinerators. Nevada Division of Environmental Protection will be involved in the process to ensure the incinerator will meet compliance standards for air quality. An analysis of opioid blockers is ongoing and information is being gathered to determine gaps in availability and access to Naloxone and other opioid blockers. The Statewide Messaging Campaign is the educational component of the grant focusing on expanding awareness. The Office met with EVERFI, a group that goes into 9th and 10th grade health classrooms to provide a virtual program educating students on opioid addiction prevention. The Office is in the process of putting together an Opioid Work Program (Program). The Program goes to the finance committee around October 2017, with a plan due at the end of August 2017.

5. Legislative Update.

Duncan updated the Group on the passage of Senate Bill (SB) 59. Duncan extended his gratitude to Chuck Calloway for his work and contributions to the bill. This bill requires reporting by law enforcement to the Prescription Drug Monitoring Program (PMP) but allows a delay in reporting when it would affect an ongoing investigation. Further, it allows access to qualified coroners to the PMP when investigating a death and requires they report deaths related to prescription medications. Additionally, SB 59 allows for Schedule "5" substances to be tracked through the PMP. Calloway thanked Brett Kandt and Duncan for their assistance with the language of SB 59, specifically, allowing access to clerical staff supporting detectives. A meeting is scheduled with Calloway, narcotics detectives and their records department to begin implementing SB 59.

Dr. Larry Pinson reported that he attended a national conference on controlled substances. SB 13-27 aims to create a Schedule "A" to address synthetic analogs. These substances would be placed in this schedule if they have a substantially similar chemical structure to an existing controlled substance in schedules 1-5 and an actual or predicted

psychological effect on the psyche or the body. SB 13-27 would include 13 synthetic types of Fentanyl in scheduling. The goal is to give law enforcement more tools to counter drug trafficking.

David Marlon reported on the passage of SB 252. This requires Nevada insurers to pay providers of services directly rather than sending payment to the patient.

6. Update on the opening of the Las Vegas Recovery High School.

Marlon reported that Clark County School District approved to fund a recovery high school, the first in the state of Nevada, with a target opening date of September 2017. This would allow Clark County students that are in a program of recovery an alternative option to their previous high school to attend a recovery high school with support services. City of Las Vegas and Southern Nevada Mental Health have approved additional funding to the recovery high school.

AG Laxalt requested Duncan look into integrating the opioid messaging campaign, specifically the program offered by EVERFI, into the 9th and 10th grade health classes of the recovery high school. Duncan will look into the integration and funding. Marlon suggested contacting Jeff Horne, Assistant Superintendent of Clark County School District, to address any questions.

7. Update on Law Enforcement/ DHHS Grant.

Dr. Woodard reported that an application was submitted for the Bureau of Justice Assistance Grant. This is a two year grant that would allow the Group and other agency partners to evaluate the existing information and data sharing processes in the State and work to improve the systems among public health, law enforcement and emergency response teams. The second year of the grant would focus on implementing the plan through fusion centers where information is collected and distributed. The goal is to have a coordinated and strategic response to opioid overdoses tailored to each geographic area. The State is still under consideration for the grant and Dr. Woodard expects notice in August with an approximate start date of October, 2017. The second grant Dr. Woodard updated the Group on was the Opioid STR Grant. This grant would fund a law enforcement coordinator directly associated with the Attorney General's Office who would facilitate the coordination of law enforcement and public health information sharing. Funding from this grant is allocated toward education of law enforcement on the Good Samaritan Law. Dr. Woodard updated the Group as to the passage of Assembly Bill (AB) 474, which adds requirements to prescribers of opioids. An evaluation of existing treatment and prevention activities is ongoing. AG Laxalt asked Dr. Woodard to prepare a general overview of each grant for the Group.

8. Join Together Northern Nevada – “Media, Marketing, and Education.”

Jennifer Delett-Snyder, Executive Director of Join Together Northern Nevada (JTNN), gave a presentation to the Group about the organization's initiatives. The coalition is part of the Nevada Statewide Coalition Partnership and includes individuals and groups throughout the

community including law enforcement, educators, government agencies, youth-serving organizations and media with the common goal of creating healthy, drug-free communities. A primary focus of their work is through educational outreach. JTNN and its partners created a public services announcement (PSA) focusing on the Good Samaritan Law and was shown to the Group. The PSA is running in Washoe County on television and social media. Additionally, seven billboards focusing on Naloxone will be in Washoe County in upcoming months. Further, JTNN worked with the Board of Pharmacy to create a handout with information on opioid overdoses and safe use of Naloxone. The handout was reviewed by Dr. John DiMuro prior to completion and is now being disseminated. JTNN provided a program in May 2017, with 203 participants focusing on prescribing guidelines. Delett-Snyder reported that 70% of the attendees reported that they would change the way they prescribe in the future based on the information they learned at the program. The Partnership for Success Grant along with federal grants fund the initiatives of JTNN. Linda Lang reported that funding is being dramatically cut at the federal level. Pat Hickey and Dr. Pinson expressed their support for JTNN and their initiatives. Patty Cafferata reported that she attended the education program in May and it was one of the best that she has been to.

9. Attorney General's Statewide Messaging Campaign update.

Linda Lang, Executive Director, Nevada Statewide Coalition Partnership, reported that the Statewide Messaging Campaign is progressing forward, but little has changed since her last report as they are waiting for funding.

10. Mandatory Quarterly Meetings (NRS 228.810). Adding August meeting to comply with statute. Remaining 2017 meetings:

August 2nd – 10:00 a.m.

October 11th – 10:00 a.m.

AG Laxalt noted the dates for the remaining meetings of 2017.

11. Public comment.

No public comment from Las Vegas or Carson City.

12. Adjournment.

Dr. Pinson moved to adjourn the meeting. Dr. Woodard seconded the motion. The meeting was adjourned at approximately 10:43 a.m.