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Statewide Substance Use Response Working Group Meeting

January 14, 2026

1. Call to Order and Roll Call to Establish Quorum

Attorney General Ford

2. Public Comment

(Information Only)

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3. Review and Approve Minutes for October 8, 2025 SURG Meeting

(For Possible Action)

Attorney General Ford

4. Appointment and Introduction of New Members

(Information Only)

Terry Kerns, Ph.D.

Appointment and Introduction of New Members

- Dave Briggs, Owner / Director of Clinical Services of True North Treatment Center
- Wendy Nelsen, Executive Director (appointed in October for a term beginning in January)
- Rosa O'Bannon, Coordinator, Education Services Division of Clark County School District (appointed in October for a term beginning in January)
- Dr. Jose Maria Partida Corona (appointed in October for term beginning in January)

5. Appointment of SURG Vice Chair, Reappointment of Subcommittee Chairs and Appointment of Subcommittee Vice Chairs

(For Possible Action)

Terry Kerns, Ph.D.

SURG Vice Chair, Subcommittee Chairs and Subcommittee Vice Chairs

SURG Vice Chair

Steve Shell

Prevention and Harm Reduction

Chair: Jessica Johnson

Vice Chair: Wendy Nelsen

Treatment and Recovery

Chair: Steve Shell

Vice Chair: To be determined

Response

Chair: Terry Kerns

Vice Chair: Shayla Holmes

6. Update on Opioid Litigation, Settlement Funds, and Distribution

(Information and Discussion)

Chief Deputy Attorney General Mark Krueger, Office of the Attorney General, or
Designee

7. Updates related to SURG Recommendations from Department of Human Services and Nevada Health Authority

(Information and Discussion)

Laura Hale, Social Entrepreneurs, Inc.

8. Review and Approve of Annual Report (Progress Only)

(For Possible Action)

Crystal Duarte, Social Entrepreneurs, Inc.

9. Subcommittee Reports on Presentations and Preliminary Recommendations

(Information and Discussion)

Jessica Johnson, Chair, Prevention and Harm Reduction

Steve Shell, Chair, Treatment and Recovery

Terry Kerns, Chair, Response

Prevention and Harm Reduction Subcommittee

- Reviewed progress on prior recommendations
- Received presentations on:
 - **Low Barrier Emergency Department Based Naloxone Distribution** by Kelly Morgan, MD, Emergency Physician; Medical Director, Las Vegas Fire & Rescue; Cofounder/Chief Medical Officer, Elite 7 Sports Medicine and Josh Luftig, PA-C
 - **Update on Multi-Tiered System of Support (MTSS) Project** by Kaci Fleetwood, M. Ed, BCBA, LBA; Dr. Ashley Greenwald, Ph.D., BCBA-D, LBA; and Brooke Wagner, MSC-SC, M.Ed., BCBA, LBA
 - **Boys and Girls Club of Nevada Alliance: Fund for Resilient Nevada SMART Moves Tween & Teen Initiative** by Noelle Hardt and Tamika Shauntee Rosales
 - **Presentation on Naloxone Distribution in Nevada Hospital Emergency Departments** by Darla Zarley, Pharm.D., Nevada State Board of Pharmacy
 - **Presentation on Substance Use Prevention Allocations** by Stephanie Cook, BSBM, State Opioid Treatment Authority
- Future presentations may include:
 - Feedback on existing recommendations related to cannabis and tobacco to make them more actionable
- Currently workshopping three recommendations

Treatment and Recovery Subcommittee

- Reviewed progress on prior recommendations
- Received presentations on:
 - **A Retrospective Assessment or/and Prospective Study to Assess the Outcomes of Patients Following Discharge From Detoxification and Examine Mortality and Overdose** by John Hamilton, Liberation Programs, Connecticut
 - **CFR 42, Part 8: Updating Regulations for Opioid Treatment Programs** by John Firestone, Executive Director, Life Change Center, Reno
 - **Trends and Opportunities Related to Substance Misuse Treatment** by Dr. José Maria Pardita Corona, Pardita Corona Medical Center, Las Vegas
- Future presentations may include:
 - Treatment modalities
 - Retrospective assessment on the outcomes of patients following discharge from detoxification
- Currently workshopping two recommendations

Response Subcommittee

- Reviewed progress on prior recommendations
- Received presentations on:
 - **Good Samaritan Drug Overdose Act Community Education and Prescription Take-Back Programs** by Jamie Ross, CEO, PACT Coalition, Director, Nevada Statewide Coalition Partnership and Daria Singer, Executive Director, Partnership of Douglas County
 - **Emergency Bridge Program** by Kelly Morgan, MD, Emergency Physician; Medical Director, Las Vegas Fire & Rescue; Co-Founder/Chief Medical Officer, Elite 7 Sports Medicine
 - **Medication Assisted Treatment (MAT)/Medications for Opioid Use Disorder (MOUD) Access in Certified Community Behavioral Health Clinics (CBHCs)** by Mark Disselkoen, MSW, LCSW, LADC Project Manager, Center for Application of Substance Abuse Technologies (CASAT), University of Nevada, Reno, and Lori Follett, Social Services Chief II, Nevada Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS), Division of Health Care Financing and Policy (DHCFP), Behavioral Health Benefits Coverage Team

Response Subcommittee (cont.)

- **Update on Wastewater Surveillance of High-Risk Substances in Nevada** by Daniel Gerrity, Ph.D., P.E., Principal Research Scientist, Southern Nevada Water Authority, and Edwin Oh, Ph.D., Associate Professor, Neurogenetics and Precision Medicine Lab, University of Nevada, Las Vegas
- **Presentation on Behavioral Health Education, Retention & Expansion Network of Nevada (BeHERENV)** by Sara Hunt, PhD, Executive Director BeHERE Nevada and Roberta A. Miranda-Alfonzo, PhD, CPC-S (NV), LCADC-S (NV), NCC, ACS, CPCG-I (NV), Associate Director of Recruitment and Outreach, Kirk Kerkorian School of Medicine, UNLV
- **Presentation on Recidivism and Desistance** by TJ Mills, Program Coordinator, The Bridge at Washoe County Sheriff's Office
- **Presentation On Drug and Alcohol Prevention, Education, and Enforcement** by Officer Jermaine Galloway, Tall Cop Says Stop
- **Presentation on the Nevada Recovery Friendly Workplace Initiative** by Jonathon Lambson, Recovery Friendly Workplace Ambassador, Foundation for Recovery and Sean O'Donnell, MS, Executive Director, Foundation for Recovery

Response Subcommittee (cont.)

- Future presentations may include:
 - Division of Public and Behavioral Health (DPBH) Strategic Plan, focusing on the Sequential Intercept Model for diversion/deflection and cross-agency data collection and sharing.
- Currently workshopping two recommendations and expecting a third to be submitted

10. Review and Consider Items for Next Meeting

(Information and Discussion)

Terry Kerns, Ph.D.

Full SURG Meeting and Revised Reporting Timeline and Topics

- January 2026 (FFY26 Quarter Two)
 - Approve Final Progress Report
- April 2026 (FFY26 Quarter Three)
 - Presentations on Peer Certification and State Budget Process
 - Review Preliminary Recommendations from Subcommittees
- June 2026 (Additional Meeting)
 - Approve 2025 Annual Report Template
 - Finalize Recommendations to be included in 2025 Annual Report
- July 2026 (FFY26 Quarter Four)
 - Approve 2025 Annual Report
- October 2026 (FFY27 Quarter One)
 - Presentations from Subject Matter Experts

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12. Adjournment

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