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TREATMENT AND RECOVERY SUBCOMMITTEE

Substance Use Response Group (SURG)

November 5, 2024

12:00 pm

1. CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL TO ESTABLISH QUORUM

Chair Shell

1. Call to Order and Roll Call to Establish Quorum

| Member | SURG Role | Committee Role |
|------------------------------------|--|-----------------------|
| Assemblywoman Claire Thomas | Assembly Member Appointee | Member and Past Chair |
| Chelsi Cheatom | Harm Reduction Program | Member |
| Dr. Lesley Dickson | Healthcare Provider with SUD Expertise | Member |
| Steve Shell | Hospital | Chair |
| Jeffrey Iverson | Person in Recovery from an SUD | Member |
| Dorothy Edwards | Washoe County Services Agency Representative | Member |

2. PUBLIC COMMENT

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**3. REVIEW AND APPROVE
SEPTEMBER 3, 2024 TREATMENT
AND RECOVERY SUBCOMMITTEE
MEETING MINUTES**

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4. DISCUSS UPCOMING PRESENTATIONS

Kelly Marschall, Social Entrepreneurs, Inc.

Presentations to Schedule

- Follow up on Harm Reduction Sites, Rick Reich
- Pauline Whelan, Indivior – Specialty Pharma
- Other

5. FINALIZE AND ADOPT RECOMMENDATIONS

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Recommendations Received and Next Steps

- **Recommendation #1:** Support BDR 95 to ensure Narcan be available wherever an AED machine is located, and on all campuses under our Nevada System for Higher Education, including in Student unions, Health centers, all levels of the dormitories, and within Residential Advisor's domiciles and include training of the administration of Narcan which can take place during online Freshman orientations much like we already disseminate information about Title IX, during orientation week, training could be offered throughout the year by various clubs and programs within each institution's design.
- **Submitted by:** Dorothy Edwards
- **SURG Discussion:**
 - **Recommendation to require in other locations, but given the BDR, that will have to be held for the future.**
 - Is this only NSHE or could it include other large public gathering places (e.g., sports facilities, libraries)?
 - The BDR is specific to NSHE campuses.

Recommendations Received and Next Steps

- **Recommendation #2:** Support access and linkage for treatment of trauma for people with substance use disorder (SUD) or those who have overdosed and for surviving family members after an overdose fatality. Support training for healthcare professionals to identify and address trauma.
- **Submitted by:** Chelsi Cheatom
- **SURG Discussion:** No suggested revisions

Recommendations Received and Next Steps

- **Recommendation #3:** Legislation should be considered to amend the Nevada Revised Statutes pertaining to the Nevada Bureau of Health Care Quality and Compliance's employment guidelines for hospitals, including behavioral health hospitals, to hire certified peer recovery support specialists who have felony backgrounds and are within seven years of their last felony conviction. It is recommended that individuals who were convicted of drug offenses or other offenses that do not involve violent acts or sexual exploitation be considered for employment as certified peer recovery support specialists in hospitals.

- **Submitted by:** Steve Shell

- **SURG Discussion:**

- Revise to make it clearer what change is being requested in NRS. Intent is to expand the pool and not exclude peers that are qualified.
- NRS currently states that it's within 7 years and the intent of the recommendation is to change NRS which includes the requirement for those with a felony in the last 7 years.
- Are there examples from other states with specific years included—is 3 or 5 better?

Recommendations Received and Next Steps

- **Recommendation #4:** Direct the Division of Public and Behavioral Health to identify a funding mechanism for hospitals and providers to enhance the “Bridge Program” for Emergency Departments by incorporating Peer Recovery Support Specialists into their treatment models. Support the use of Peer Support Navigators via telehealth to increase access to treatment and support for individuals identified in Emergency Departments.
- **Submitted by:** Dr. Morgan through Steve Shell
- **SURG Discussion:**
 - Recommendation to consider including jails
 - Debi: Kids are also going into jail for short term stays, can the Bridge program be incorporated into the justice system?
 - The MDT project Bill Teel is working on will hopefully include juvenile facilities in the future
 - FASTT programs are piloting this (Lyon County)

6. RANK RECOMMENDATIONS

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7. PRESENTATION OF RECOMMENDATIONS FOR DECEMBER SURG MEETING

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8. DISCUSSION OF 2025 SUBCOMMITTEE MEMBERSHIP AND SCHEDULE

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Upcoming 2024 SURG Meetings

SURG Meeting Dates:

- December 11 from 2:00 - 5:00pm

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