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PREVENTION SUBCOMMITTEE

SUBSTANCE USE RESPONSE WORKING GROUP (SURG)

NOVEMBER 18, 2026 | 3:00 PM

1. CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL TO ESTABLISH QUORUM

Jessica Johnson, Prevention Subcommittee Chair

ROLL CALL TO ESTABLISH QUORUM CONT.

MEMBER	SURG ROLE	SUBCOMMITTEE ROLE
Jessica Johnson	Urban Human Services (Clark County)	Chair
Wendy Nelsen	SUD Prevention Coalition	Vice Chair
Chelsi Cheatom	Harm Reduction Program	Member
Noël Chounet	Emergency Response Employee	Member
Stacey Lance	Urban Human Services (Washoe County)	Member
Kyra Morgan	Representative of the Division of Child and Family Services	Member
Senator Dina Neal	Member of the Senate appointed by the Senate Majority Leader	Member
Rosa O'Bannon	Representative of a School District	Member

2. PUBLIC COMMENT

(Information Only)

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3. REVIEW AND APPROVE MINUTES FOR SEPTEMBER 16, 2026 PREVENTION SUBCOMMITTEE MEETING

(Possible Action)

Chair Johnson

4. PRESENTATION ON STATEWIDE NALOXONE EFFORTS

(Discussion or Possible Action)

Stephanie Cook, Bureau Chief, Bureau of Behavioral Health Wellness and Prevention, Division of Public and Behavioral Health

Beyond Distribution: Nevada's Next Chapter in Naloxone Saturation

Stephanie Cook, Chief
Bureau of Behavioral Health Wellness and Prevention

November 18, 2026

NEVADA DIVISION of PUBLIC and BEHAVIORAL HEALTH

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ABOUT DPBH

MISSION

To protect, promote, and improve the physical and behavioral health and safety of all people in Nevada, equitably and regardless of circumstances, so they can live their safest, longest, healthiest, and happiest life.

VISION

A Nevada where preventable health and safety issues no longer impact the opportunity for all people to live life in the best possible health.

PURPOSE

To make everyone's life healthier, happier, longer, and safer.

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AGENDA

- Where are we now?
- Where are we going?
- Who needs a voice?
- What should change?

Now

- Statewide Saturation Plan
- Statewide Budget Account
- Funding for Naloxone
- Relationships with funded entities
- SURG Recommendations
- Existing infrastructure





Going

- Future distribution priorities
- Sustainable supply
- Further engagement with community partners
- Targeted outreach for education and training
- Streamlined approach for ordering
- Low barrier access
- Expanding vending machines
- Dedicated position to oversee activities
- Innovative Projects

Meeting People Where They Are

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~53,000

doors visited

July 2025 – February 2026

Southern Nevada Health District + Foundation for Recovery

Data-informed neighborhood selection

Trusted community messengers

Doorstep conversations, free naloxone and brief training

Voice

- Community Partners
- Community Members
- People with lived experience
- Stakeholders in various sectors (hospitals, treatment centers, schools, non-profits, state agencies, etc.)
- Committees (SURG, ACRN, etc.)
- Overdose Prevention Programs





Change

- What works
- What doesn't work
- Practical pilots
- Community ambassador networks
- More robust documents to share
- Better tracking
- Easier access
- Saving more lives, because we know naloxone works!

Coming Soon

NEVADA DIVISION of PUBLIC and BEHAVIORAL HEALTH

- Hired Statewide Naloxone Coordinator – starting 11/16/26
- Validate current saturation plan, baseline and funding portfolio.
- Host open meetings to discuss what's working, what's not working
- Bring proposed statewide metrics and a gap assessment back to partners.
- Identify locally designed projects

Mission: naloxone is available, accessible, understood and replenished where it is needed.

CONTACT INFORMATION

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5. DISCUSS AND DRAFT 2026-2027 PREVENTION SUBCOMMITTEE RECOMMENDATIONS

(Discussion or Possible Action)

Chair Johnson

PREVENTION SUBCOMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION #1

Submitted by: Jessica Johnson on March 17, 2026

Description: Recommend to Nevada DHS to develop and share an annual naloxone saturation and distribution plan for overdose reversal medication. DHS should utilize opioid settlement dollars to designate a baseline level of identification and overdose reversal medication for the next 10 years in Nevada (which should be based on the state's Naloxone Saturation Plan) to create a supply of stable, sustainable overdose reversal medication throughout the state. The distribution should ensure reach and saturation based on overdose burden, and ensure it is staffed appropriately to allow for timely turnaround for naloxone access.

PREVENTION SUBCOMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION #1 CONT.

Justification: While the Bureau has made strides to utilize grant funding to identify naloxone, fentanyl test strips, and xylazine test strips, it remains imperative that a baseline level of access to overdose reversal medication (such as naloxone) exists in order to meet on-going needs of community members. Reliance on grant funding alone can leave gaps in access to overdose reversal medications and increases risk for fatal overdose. Other states have utilized past distribution efforts, modeling, and other statistical formulas to project estimated number of naloxone doses needed for sustainable overdose reversal planning and engagement.

Action Step: Other (please specify): Opioid Reversal Medication Saturation and Distribution Plan

Please refer to the compiled subcommittee recommendations handout for more information.

PLACEHOLDER RECOMMENDATION

Submitted by:

Description:

Justification:

Action Step:

6. DISCUSS TOPICS OF INTEREST FROM THE SUBCOMMITTEE

(Discussion or Possible Action)

Chair Johnson

TOPICS OF INTEREST

7. REVIEW 2026 PREVENTION SUBCOMMITTEE MEETING TOPICS AND TIMELINE

(Discussion)

Chair Johnson

SUBCOMMITTEE MEETING TOPICS AND TIMELINE

December 2026

- Presentations on Recommendations (pending)

February 2027

- Presentations on Recommendations (pending)

April 2027

- Rank Recommendations

June 2027

- Incorporate Feedback from SURG

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9. ADJOURNMENT

Chair Johnson

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