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RESPONSE SUBCOMMITTEE

Substance Use Response Group (SURG)

November 5, 2024

11:00 am

1. CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL TO ESTABLISH QUORUM

Chair Kerns

1. Call to Order and Roll Call to Establish Quorum Cont.

Member	SURG Role	Committee Role
Dr. Shayla Holmes	Rural Human Services (Lyon County)	Vice Chair
Dr. Terry Kerns	Attorney General Appointee	Chair
Nancy Lindler	SUD Treatment Provider	Member
Christine Payson	Sheriffs' & Chiefs' Assoc.	Member
Senator Jeff Stone	Member of the Senate appointed by the Senate Minority Leader	Member

2. PUBLIC COMMENT

Public Comment

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**3. REVIEW AND APPROVE
MINUTES FROM SEPTEMBER 18,
2024 RESPONSE
SUBCOMMITTEE MEETING**

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4. PRESENTATION ON CLARK COUNTY OPIOID TASK FORCE

Joanna Jacob, Clark County Government Affairs Manager

5. FINALIZE AND ADOPT RECOMMENDATIONS

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Recommendations Discussion

- Items in **red** indicate a suggested change. Questions and comments received at the October SURG meeting are also included for consideration.
- Please refer to the SURG Combined Recommendations Oct 2024 Recommendation handout for additional information (e.g., urgency, advancement of racial equity, and capacity) on each recommendation, but note that some language in recommendations may change.

Recommendations and Revisions

- **Recommendation #1:** Recommend state agencies under the legislative, judicial, and executive branches involved with deflection and diversion programs have a comprehensive definition of recidivism, and policies related to measuring and reporting recidivism.
- **Submitted by:** Dr. Terry Kerns

There were no suggested revisions or discussion for this recommendation at the October SURG meeting.

Recommendations Received and Next Steps

- **Recommendation #2:** Recommend research into implementation of statewide data sharing agreements with the Chief Data Officer of the State of Nevada and implementation of a cross-sector database housing multiple points of data across prevention, treatment, recovery, and criminal justice to include data such as controlled substance outlets (tobacco, cannabis, alcohol) to help tailor interventions geographically.
- **Submitted by:** Dr. Shayla Holmes

No suggested revisions.

There was a question as to the level of data collected and if it is at the individual level or aggregated. Dr. Holmes explained that it is at the individual level but de-identified. There was also a question as to whether Nevada has such an office.

Recommendations Received and Next Steps

- **Recommendation #3:** Support the collaborative proposal to the Fund for a Resilient Nevada to conduct **wastewater** sampling of high schools, college/university campuses and bars/nightclubs and use information gained to develop public health awareness programs, deploy targeted naloxone, increase provision of fentanyl test strips to targeted locations and to develop a plan for expanding high risk substance wastewater surveillance in Nevada and review the outcomes from this pilot program to identify if it and similar targeted programs may aid in the community response.
- **Submitted by:** Dr. Shayla Holmes

Suggestion to add “wastewater” to the first sentence.

Recommendations Received and Next Steps

- **Recommendation #4:** Resolve the conflict between the Good Samaritan Drug Overdose Act and Drug Induced Homicide Law; immediate actions may include recommending community-level education using best practice guidelines, as well as education for law enforcement personnel, and exploring options for altering the Good Samaritan language to expand coverage to a greater population of individuals living with substance use disorder.
- **Submitted by:** Dr. Shayla Holmes

There were no suggested revisions or discussion for this recommendation at the October SURG meeting.

Recommendations Received and Next Steps

- **Recommendation #5:** Implement a voluntary program to install “drug take back bins” in retail pharmacies.
- **Submitted by:** Senator Jeff Stone

No suggested revisions.

Dr. Dickson noted she was involved in a drug take back day a few years ago. They did not get a lot of opioids but did get other medications

Additional Recommendation for Consideration

- Revised from 2022 and removed from 2023 Annual Report Rankings for further consideration in 2024

Review the operations and lessons learned from Clark County's Overdose Fatality Review Task Force when that body's report is released in December 2024 and take this into account when supporting legislation to establish regional Overdose Fatality Review (OFR) Committees allowing flexibility as to the makeup and practice and for the OFR to remain at the county or regional level, as needed, to effectively identify system gaps and innovative community-specific overdose prevention and intervention strategies in accordance with established best practices such as the Bureau of Justice Assistance's Overdose Fatality Review: A Practitioner's Guide to Implementation.

(See also Overdose Fatality Review for additional resources.)

6. RANK RECOMMENDATIONS

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7. PRESENTATION OF RESPONSE SUBCOMMITTEE RECOMMENDATIONS FOR DECEMBER SURG MEETING

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8. DISCUSSION OF 2025 SUBCOMMITTEE MEMBERSHIP AND SCHEDULE

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Response Subcommittee Roles to be Reappointed

Current Member	Role	Start Date	Term End Date
Jeff Stone	One member of the Senate who is appointed by the Senate Minority Leader	August 2024	January 1, 2025

Current Appointee	Role	Term Start Date	Term End Date
Dr. Shayla Holmes	One representative of a local governmental entity that provides or oversees the provision of human services in a county whose population is less than 100,000	November 2021	January 1, 2025
Christine Payson	One representative of the Nevada Sheriffs' and Chiefs' Association, or its successor organization	November 2021	January 1, 2025

Subcommittee Meeting Schedule

- The Response Subcommittee will meet six times in 2025 with additional meetings to be scheduled as needed.
- In 2024, meetings have been scheduled for the first Tuesday of the month at 11 a.m.

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10. ADJOURNMENT

**ADDITIONAL INFORMATION, RESOURCES &
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