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# PREVENTION SUBCOMMITTEE

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Substance Use Response Group (SURG)

December 2, 2024

11:00 am

# **1. CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL TO ESTABLISH QUORUM**

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

| <b>Member</b>         | <b>SURG Role</b>                    | <b>Committee Role</b> |
|-----------------------|-------------------------------------|-----------------------|
| Senator Fabian Doñate | Senate Majority Appointee           | Member                |
| Jessica Johnson       | Urban Human Services (Clark County) | Chair                 |
| Debi Nadler           | Advocate/Family Member              | Member                |
| Angela Nickels        | Representative of a School District | Member                |
| Erik Schoen           | SUD Prevention Coalition            | Vice Chair            |

## **2. PUBLIC COMMENT**

# Public Comment

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**3. REVIEW AND APPROVE  
SEPTEMBER 4, 2024  
PREVENTION SUBCOMMITTEE  
MEETING MINUTES**

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# **4. FINALIZE AND ADOPT RECOMMENDATIONS**

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# Finalize and Adopt Recommendations

- Using guidance provided by the SURG during the October meeting, we will discuss any Prevention or Harm Reduction recommendations that need to be revised.
- Vote on adoption of recommendations.
- In agenda item #5, subcommittee members will rank the adopted recommendations.



# Prevention Recommendations Received and Next Steps

- **PS 1.** Recommend to DHHS/DPBH/the Bureau of Behavioral Health Wellness and Prevention to include in their Governor's budget request, a request to double the amount of investment in SAPTA primary prevention programming (i.e., increase from current \$12 million to \$24 million for this biennium) for ages 0-24 and review the funding allocations annually. This funding should not be at the expense of existing programming.
- **SURG Discussion:** No suggested revisions, although it was noted that Division/Department budgets were due on August 31<sup>st</sup>.

# Prevention Recommendations Received and Next Steps

- **PS 2.** Create a bill draft request to amend the NRS for a 15 percent set aside of tobacco control and prevention funds from the Fund for a Healthy Nevada. This would be distributed using a local lead agencies model to reach \$2 per capita, a recommended funding goal from the Nevada Tobacco Control & Smoke-free Coalition and subject matter experts.
- **SURG Discussion:** No suggested revisions

# Prevention Recommendations Received and Next Steps

- **PS 3.** Require the state office of Medicaid to develop a state plan amendment to implement changes to support the recommendation requesting rates and billing standards for CHWs and Peers be increased to align with the national average and CMS standard.
- **SURG Discussion:** No suggested revisions

# Prevention Recommendations Received and Next Steps

- **PS 4.** Create a bill draft request to allocate a 15 percent set aside of cannabis retail funds to be distributed using a local lead agencies model to reach \$2 per capita, a recommended funding goal from the Nevada Tobacco Control & Smoke-free Coalition and subject matter experts.
- **SURG Discussion:** No suggested revisions
  - Attempted to get SME Dr. Lev to present at today's meeting to help further refine, but she was unavailable

# Harm Reduction Recommendations Received and Next Steps

- **HR 1.** Establish a statewide initiative for community drug checking that incorporates qualitative and quantitative drug checking and includes the following parameters:
  - Utilize a regional implementation approach with standardized, statewide indicators, since local jurisdictions are best equipped to respond to findings from community drug checking.
  - Work with harm reduction community to identify partners/ locations and provide guidance and training.
  - Start all sites with mail-based testing while piloting on-site drug checking in a subset of early adopters to refine implementation needs.
  - Standardize the data collection, entry, testing, mailing, analysis, reporting as a best practice. Make this as transparent of a process as possible.
  - Articulate principles and plans for what will happen to the data.
- **SURG Discussion:** No suggested revisions

# Harm Reduction Recommendations Received and Next Steps

- **HR 2.** Harm Reduction Shipping Supply: Provide for shipping costs for evidence-based harm reduction supplies (e.g., naloxone, sharps, fentanyl test strips, etc.) and for travel costs for the pickup of used sharps products to be returned for destruction. Increase advertising about shipping programs to rural Nevada. In collaboration with local agencies and through community conversations, establish local support for harm reduction efforts. Establish an alternative strategy for harm reduction supply delivery if people can't receive delivery of the supplies directly. In collaboration with local agencies and through community conversations, recommend to DHHS to provide for shipping costs for evidence-based harm reduction supplies (e.g., naloxone, sharps, test strips, etc.) and for travel costs for the pickup of used sharps products to be returned for destruction. Increase advertising about shipping programs to rural Nevada. Establish an alternative strategy for harm reduction supply delivery if people can't receive delivery of the supplies directly.
- **SURG Discussion:** No suggested revisions

# Harm Reduction Recommendations Received and Next Steps

- **HR 3.** Recommend to DHHS to develop an annual or biannual saturation and distribution plan for overdose reversal medication. DHHS 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.
- **SURG Discussion:** No suggested revisions

# Harm Reduction Recommendations Received and Next Steps

- **HR 4.** Recommend a bill draft request to support legislation that will (1) help to fund/establish a statewide association for Peers, and (2) better define supervision requirements for Peers under the age of 18.
- **SURG Discussion:** No suggested revisions



# Harm Reduction Recommendations Received and Next Steps

- **HR for Potential Consideration.** Create a bill draft request at the legislature to change the Nevada paraphernalia definition as it relates to smoking supplies, utilizing Maine or Colorado as examples.
- **SURG Discussion:** No suggested revisions; Subcommittee continuing to workshop.
  - Letter received from Nevada Attorneys for Criminal Justice (posted as a 12/2 meeting material to SURG website) in support with suggestion for revision
  - Need to consider any potential additional feedback from Nevada Sheriffs' and Chiefs' Association and Nevada District Attorneys Association

# **5. RANK RECOMMENDATIONS**

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# Recommendations Ranking Process

- Using a formula in Excel that weighs each ranking based on relative priority:
  - 1=8 points, 2=7 points, 3=6 points, 4=5 points, and 5=4 points
- Each member will verbally provide their ranking
- As they do so, SEI staff will enter the ranking into the Excel spreadsheet

**6. PRESENTATION OF  
PREVENTION SUBCOMMITTEE  
RECOMMENDATIONS FOR  
DECEMBER 11, 2024 SURG  
MEETING**

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# **7. DISCUSSION OF 2025 SUBCOMMITTEE MEMBERSHIP AND SCHEDULE**

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# 2025 Subcommittee Membership and Schedule

- The following current Prevention subcommittee members have term end dates of January 1, 2025:
  - One member of the Senate who is appointed by the Senate Majority Leader: **Senator Doñate**
    - Reappointment letter has already been received by AG Ford
  - One representative of a local governmental entity that provides or oversees the provision of human services in a county whose population is 700,000 or more: **Jessica Johnson**
- Who is interested in staying on the Prevention subcommittee? Is anyone interested in working on another subcommittee?
- Schedule for 2025 Meetings: Deanna Lyons will be reaching out to schedule.

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# **9. ADJOURNMENT**

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