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## Statewide Substance Use Response Working Group Meeting

December 14, 2022

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

Chair Ford

# 2. Public Comment

(Discussion Only.)

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# 3. Review and Approve Minutes for October 3, 2022 SURG Meeting

(For Possible Action.)

Chair Ford

4. Introduce New SURG Member,  
Assemblywoman Melissa Hardy, in  
the seat for One member of the  
Assembly who is appointed by the  
Assembly Minority Leader

Chair Ford

# 5. Update on Opioid Litigation, Settlement Funds, and Distribution

(Information Only.)

Chief Deputy Attorney General Mark Krueger, Bureau of Consumer Protection,  
Office of the Attorney General



# 6. Review Amended Bylaws with Updated Member Appointments and Terms

(For Possible Action.)

Terry Kerns, Ph.D., Substance Abuse/Law Enforcement Coordinator, Office of the Attorney General

Member	Term Expiration
Attorney General or his/her designee	January 1, 2025
Director of the Department of Health and Human Services or his/her designee	January 1, 2025
One member of the Senate who is appointed by the Senate Majority Leader	January 1, 2025
One member of the Senate who is appointed by the Senate Minority Leader	January 1, 2025
One member of the Assembly who is appointed by the Speaker of the Assembly	January 1, 2025
One member of the Assembly who is appointed by the Assembly Minority Leader	January 1, 2025

Attorney General Appointments	Term Expiration
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	January 1, 2025
One representative of a local governmental entity that provides or oversees the provision of human services in a county whose population is 100,000 or more but less than 700,000	January 1, 2025
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	January 1, 2025
One provider of health care with expertise in medicine for the treatment of substance use disorders	January 1, 2025
One representative of the Nevada Sheriffs' and Chiefs' Association, or its successor organization.	January 1, 2024
One Advocate for persons who have substance use disorders and family members of such persons	January 1, 2024
One person who is in recovery from a substance use disorder	January 1, 2024
One person who provides services relating to the treatment of substance use disorders	January 1, 2024
One representative of a substance use disorder prevention coalition	January 1, 2024
One representative of a program to reduce the harm caused by substance misuse	January 1, 2024
One representative of a hospital	January 1, 2024
One representative of a school district	January 1, 2024

# 7. Update on Cross-Sector Task Force to Address Overdoses

(Information Only.)

Stephanie Woodard, PsyD, Senior Behavioral Health Advisor, Department of Health and Human Services and Terry Kerns, Ph.D, Substance Abuse/Law Enforcement Coordinator, Office of the Attorney General

# 8. Review Draft Annual Report of the SURG

(For Possible Action.)

Terry Kerns, Ph.D, Substance Abuse/Law Enforcement Coordinator, Office of the Attorney General and Laura Hale, Subcontractor for Social Entrepreneurs, Inc.

# 9. Approval of Recommendations for Annual Report

(For Possible Action.)

Chair Ford and Kelly Marschall, Social Entrepreneurs, Inc.

## **Proposed approach for review and approval of recommendations**

- Review cross cutting or duplicative items (Recommendations #11, 12, 17)
- Identify items for discussion that are not duplicative but which a member wishes to discuss prior to approval of the recommendations
- Vote on consent agenda
- Hold separate votes for specific discussion items

## Service Coordination

These recommendations correspond to AB374, Section 10, Subsection 1, Paragraphs (e) and (f)

*Recommendation #11: Expand access to MAT and recovery support for SUD, limit barriers to individuals seeking treatment regardless of the ability to pay, and encourage the use of hub and spoke systems, as well as recovery support, including use and promotion of telehealth, considering the modifications that have been made under the emergency policies, and pursuing innovative programs such as establishing bridge MAT programs in emergency departments.* (Treatment and Recovery #1)

*Recommendation #12: Support Harm Reduction through: Promote telehealth for MAT, considering the modifications that have been made under the emergency policies. Expand access to MAT and recovery support for SUD, limit barriers to individuals seeking treatment regardless of the ability to pay, and encourage the use of hub and spoke systems, as well as recovery support, including use and promotion of telehealth, considering the modifications that have been made under the emergency policies, and pursuing innovative programs such as establishing bridge MAT programs in emergency departments.* (Prevention #8c)



## **Workforce Development**

These recommendations correspond to AB374, Section 10, Subsection 1, Paragraph (q)

*Recommendation #17: Implement changes to recruitment, retention, and compensation of health and behavioral health care workers and enhance compensation in alignment with the Commission on Behavioral Health Board's letter to the Governor of June 22nd. Additionally, continue to sustain and expand investment in Community Health Workers, Peer Recovery Specialists, and Certified Prevention Specialists by implementing changes to recruitment, retention, and compensation. (Treatment and Recovery #4)*

*Recommendation #16: Continue to sustain and expand investment in Community Health Workers, Peer Recovery Specialists, and Certified Prevention Specialists throughout Nevada. (Prevention #1)*

Identify other recommendations  
for discussion

Motion for approval of consent  
agenda

Motion for approval of remaining  
items

# 10. Review and Consider Items for January Meeting

*(For Possible Action.)*

*Terry Kerns, Ph.D, Substance Abuse/Law Enforcement Coordinator, Office of the Attorney General and Emma Rodriguez, Social Entrepreneurs, Inc.*

# Items for January Meeting

- Approval of Annual Report
- Update on Opioid Litigation, Settlement Funds, and Distribution
- Overview of role/purpose of SURG
- Announce January 2023 SURG appointments
- Designate subcommittee assignments and chairs
- Outline sample meeting schedule for SURG and SURG subcommittees for 2023
- Election of SURG Vice Chair

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# 12. Adjournment

# Additional Information, Resources & Updates Available At:

[https://ag.nv.gov/About/Administration/Substance\\_Use\\_Response\\_Working\\_Group\\_\(SURG\)/](https://ag.nv.gov/About/Administration/Substance_Use_Response_Working_Group_(SURG)/)



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