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RESPONSE SUBCOMMITTEE

Substance Use Response Group (SURG)

May 14, 2025

11:30 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	Subcommittee Role
Assemblymember Ken Gray	Member of the Assembly appointed by the Assembly Minority Leader	Member
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

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3. REVIEW AND APPROVE MARCH 4, 2025 RESPONSE SUBCOMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

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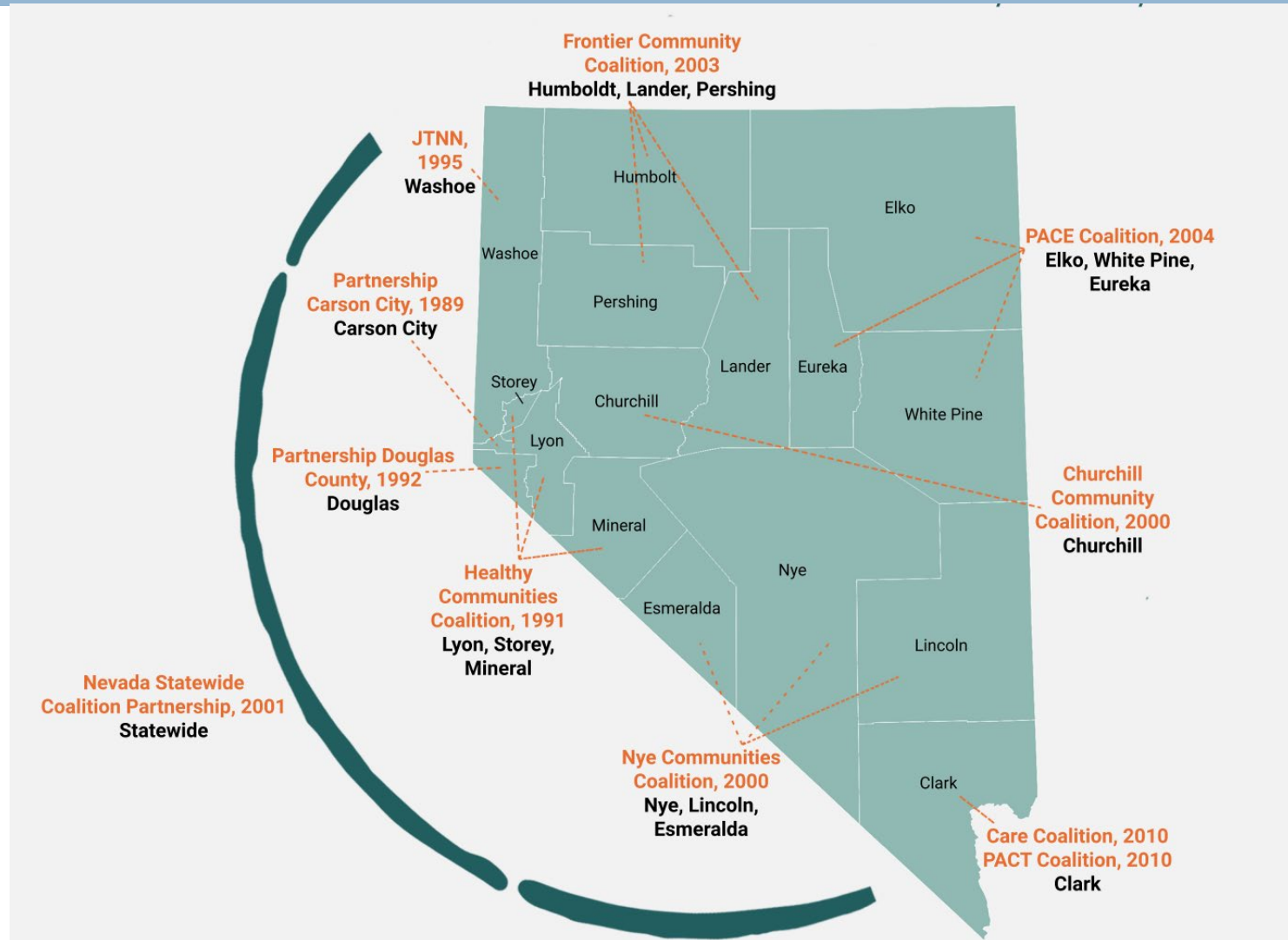
4. PRESENTATION ON GOOD SAMARITAN DRUG OVERDOSE ACT COMMUNITY EDUCATION AND PRESCRIPTION TAKE-BACK PROGRAMS

Jamie Ross, CEO, PACT Coalition, Director, Nevada Statewide
Coalition Partnership

SURG RESPONSE GROUP PRESENTATION
GOOD SAMARITAN LAW
PILL DISPOSAL

DARIA SINGER
JAMIE ROSS

Prevention Coalitions in Nevada





Good Samaritan Law

Community Training Update

Good Samaritan Law Trainings



- Trainings conducted by the coalitions
- Most coalitions include coverage of the Good Sam law in Naloxone training
- Some Peers and CHWs trained in Good Sam
- JTNN creating a Good Sam medica campaign, that will be shared statewide
- No current coalition funding to train on this topic

Good Sam Law Conflicts

- ❑ Some Law Enforcement Agencies are uncomfortable with training on Good Sam
- ❑ Some coalitions no longer train on this, due to the conflict
- ❑ Careful framing is necessary



Medication Disposal

The Life Cycle of an Unused Pill

Medication Disposal Options

- ❑ Drop off at Pill Take Back Days with DEA
 - These are normally the last Saturday in April and October
- ❑ Disposal at local law enforcement offices
- ❑ Disposal in some hospitals
- ❑ Disposal in some commercial pharmacies
- ❑ Disposal utilizing disposal pouches

Unique Coalition Collaborations

- ❑ Coalitions collaborated with Law Enforcement to purchase incinerators
- ❑ Coalitions purchase disposal bags through grant funding for community members
- ❑ Pill Take Back locations include pharmacies, schools, and Law Enforcement offices
- ❑ Coalitions wrote grants to purchase disposal boxes for Law Enforcement
- ❑ Coalitions purchased mobile incinerators

Disposal Concerns

- ❑ Law Enforcement disposal is a concern in a few counties.
- ❑ Disposal locations often only take solids, some liquids
- ❑ Disposal of sharps and aerosols are a challenge
- ❑ Commercial pharmacies have had issue with disposal
- ❑ Future DEA Take Back Days are uncertain
- ❑ Concern about leeching into water supply

Gaps and Needs

Good Sam

- Statement from Chief Legal Officer on Good Samaritan Law
- Funding to support training community on Good Sam law

Pill Disposal

- Continue DEA Take Back Days
- Funding for alternatives for take-home disposal.

Thank you

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5. REVIEW PROGRESS ON PRIOR SURG SUBCOMMITTEE RECOMMENDATIONS

Laura Hale, Social Entrepreneurs, Inc.

Process Considerations

- There may be a delay between when recommendations are presented in the SURG Annual Report and when they can be actioned. For example,
 - Some recommendations have budget considerations or require bill draft requests (BDRs).
 - The State of Nevada Budget Process begins in the even-numbered year before each legislative session. Budgeting for the SFY2026-27 biennium began in March 2024, nearly a year before the *2024 SURG Annual Report* was published at the end of January 2025. Budget submission deadlines vary by Department.
 - Bill draft requests will only be developed upon request by a specific person or agency. For the 2025 Legislative session, the deadline for many BDRs was prior to the publication date of the *2024 SURG Annual Report*.¹

¹ <https://www.leg.state.nv.us/Division/Research/Content/items/bill-draft-requests-allowed-by-entity-2025-nevada-regular-legislative-session>

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 - Some recommendations require state plan amendments (SPAs), such as the following submitted in 2024 by the Prevention Subcommittee

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.

- The timelines for SPAs vary from 90 days to over two years, depending on the scope and depth of the changes.

Process Considerations

- DHHS provides an update on annual recommendations in October of each year.
- Additionally, it has been requested that the SEI support team track the status of recommendations, at a Subcommittee level, on a regular basis. This tracker will be shared with the Subcommittee following this meeting, and an updated version will be posted to the SURG website with other June meeting materials.

6. REVIEW 2025 RESPONSE SUBCOMMITTEE MEETING TOPICS

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Planning for 2025 Response Subcommittee Meetings

Current Topic and Presenter Suggestions for Upcoming Response Meetings:

- Emergency Bridge Program, Dr. Kelly Morgan (June)
- Wastewater-based Epidemiology, Dr. Edwin Oh and Dr. Daniel Gerrity (June)
- Workforce
- Defining Recidivism

Please email Subcommittee staff with any speaker recommendations.

Response Subcommittee Meeting Dates:

- June 3, August 5, September 2, November 4 from 11:00 am - 12:30 pm

**7. DISCUSS 2025 RESPONSE
SUBCOMMITTEE
RECOMMENDATIONS PROCESS
AND ANY PROPOSED
RECOMMENDATIONS**

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Recommendations Process

- Subcommittee members submit recommendations via SurveyMonkey.
- The earlier recommendations are submitted, the more time we have to schedule presentations and to refine the recommendation. **Please submit your ideas as early as possible!**
- All subcommittee members are encouraged to submit at least one recommendation.

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9. ADJOURNMENT

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION, RESOURCES & UPDATES AVAILABLE AT:

[https://ag.nv.gov/About/Administration/Substance
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