

Chair Johnson thanked Ms. Ross and Ms. Northan for their presentation and welcomed questions from subcommittee members.

Ms. Nadler asked about alcohol outlet density in lower socioeconomic locations. She noted that experientially she sees alcohol use evenly throughout populations, including wealthy areas and populations. She asked where the data comes from that shows correlation with low socioeconomic demographics.

Ms. Northan clarified the data is not looking at data related to use but instead at geographic concentrations of alcohol outlets.

Mr. Schoen underscored the persistent problem of alcohol and thanked the presenters for speaking on the topic. He highlighted new research is showing that there is no such thing as a safe amount of alcohol and expressed hope that this new research can play into productive messaging.

Chair Johnson asked the presenters to describe the barriers to regulations around alcohol density and best practices or policy recommendations that could address these barriers and that the subcommittee could consider moving forward.

Ms. Ross responded that statewide in Nevada, alcohol is entirely regulated by the county so there is nearly zero regulation by the State and no Alcohol Control Board. This means practices vary across counties and even across communities within counties. Ms. Ross offered federal best practices shown to be effective across states. These included: limiting the number of outlets, reducing all you can drink packages, reducing or eliminating happy hour specials, making sure there is at least x number of miles between recreation centers/schools/other places where children congregate and alcohol outlets, and ensuring that alcohol advertisements don't reach children. She explained that these are all federal best-practices, and most are not statute in Nevada.

Chair Johnson thanked Ms. Ross for these recommendations and indicated that these would be discussed by the subcommittee at the June meeting.

Chair Johnson moved onto agenda item number 7.

7. Presentation on Prevention Programming in Schools *(For Possible Action)*

Jamie Ross, Executive Director, Executive Director, PACT Coalition/Nevada Statewide coalition Partnership, and Anne-Elizabeth Northan, Executive Director of Join Together Northern Nevada presented on this item as well; their slides are available on the [SURG Website](#).

Ms. Ross presented on prevention coalitions shown providing evidence-based prevention programs for students (for details see slides 38). She explained that due to improved evidence of what works, current substance prevention programs do not resemble what most think of (e.g., DARE, Every Fifteen Minutes). The gold standard for prevention programming are things that increase protective factors and decrease risk factors that address adverse childhood experiences and social determinants of health. Most prevention programming is not ostensibly related to youth substance use but appears to be designed to improve classroom management or connect students to their community.

Ms. Northan spoke about prevention programs statewide (see slide 39 for details). She emphasized that substance use is a complex problem and requires a complex solution, which is

why there is such a varied list of different programs all of which are evidence-based and data driven.

Ms. Ross covered some of the programs in Clark County and Ms. Northan went over programs in Washoe County (see slides 40-41 for details).

Ms. Ross reviewed some of the strengths and challenges to prevention programming (see slide 42 for details). She noted that when new funding comes out it is often about what new programs can do rather than how to expand existing programs shown to be effective.

Ms. Nadler asked if others had seen that whippets and huffing have become more popular across the county and if this was being addressed. She also asked about ID Cards with hotlines and resources on the back, noting that schools in southern Nevada are not doing this or Red Ribbon. She also commented on a program called Choose Love that is not in Nevada. It's an elementary school program but addresses coping mechanisms, social and emotional learning, etc. She then asked if the programs discussed in this presentation are mandated.

Ms. Ross said she was unfamiliar with Choose Love. She clarified that national registries exist about what has been proved to reduce substance use in the long run, this informs the programs chosen to implement. She said she'd check if Choose Love is on this list. Ms. Ross continued that in the Clark County School District, the mental health hotline is on middle school ID cards though she was unsure about high school, and that Red Ribbon Week is sent out with funding from the state and engages about 20 schools. This is usually sent out in late August or early September.

In response to Ms. Nadler's question about whippets and huffing, Ms. Ross clarified that in most programs one specific drug is not discussed, adding that to her knowledge there is no evidence-based prevention that specifies or works only inhalants but that use of inhalants, like other drugs, ebb and flow.

Chair Johnson asked Ms. Ross and Ms. Northan to share the links for the subcommittee to review the evidence-based prevention programs. Following the meeting, Ms. Ross provided the following links for national evidence-based prevention programs:

- **National:**
 - Blueprints: [Blueprints for Healthy Youth Development – Committed to Healthy Youth, Families and Communities \(blueprintsprograms.org\)](https://blueprintsprograms.org)
 - SAMHSA Evidence-Based Practices Resource Center (formerly NREPP): [Resource Center | SAMHSA](https://www.samhsa.gov/evidence-based-practices)
 - California Clearinghouse: [The California Evidence-Based Clearinghouse for Child Welfare \(cebc4cw.org\)](https://cebc4cw.org)
 - PEW Charitable Trusts: [Results First Clearinghouse Database | The Pew Charitable Trusts \(pewtrusts.org\)](https://www.pewtrusts.org)
 - CASEL: [Advancing Social and Emotional Learning - CASEL](https://casel.org)
 - NIDA: [Screening Tools and Prevention | National Institute on Drug Abuse \(NIDA\) \(nih.gov\)](https://www.nida.nih.gov)
 - OJJDP: [Enhancing Law Enforcement Efforts and Engagement with Youth | Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention \(ojp.gov\)](https://www.ojp.gov)

- Crime Solutions: [CrimeSolutions - The Evidence-Based Guide for Justice Agencies in Search of Practices and Programs that Really Work | National Institute of Justice \(ojp.gov\)](#)
- Youth.gov
- PTTC: [Lesson Package 2 \(pttnetwork.org\)](#)

Following the meeting, Ms. Ross also shared a PDF of the state clearinghouse of evidence-based practices, programs, and policies, which is attached at the end of these minutes.

Chair Johnson then asked about the process through which a program is determined to be evidence-based.

Ms. Ross replied that there is an entire field of science devoted to this. For a local expert in this field, she recommended Dr. Timothy Grigsby at the University of Nevada, Las Vegas, or Alyssa O’Hair at Region 9 PTTC Learning. Ms. Ross added that it takes a long time and multiple pilot programs across jurisdictions to ensure results are replicable across the country.

8. 2023 Legislative Session Update *(For Possible Action)*

In the interest of time, Chair Johnson asked Ms. Rodriguez to scroll through slides 44-47 and referred members to the full [Substance Use Bills Tracker](#) (included as part of the meeting materials and available on the [SURG Website](#)) and noted that SEI intends to update this tracker monthly.

9. Overview of Recommendations Received and Next Steps *(For Possible Action)*

Chair Johnson reviewed submitted recommendations and presentations scheduled (see slides 49 and 50). In the interest of time, she asked that subcommittee members reach out to Ms. Rodriguez with any presenter recommendations for the July meeting. She also asked that members complete the recommendation request form in response to something heard today. These would be discussed at that June 20 meeting in preparation for the full SURG meeting in July.

In reference to the earlier discussion about prevention programming, Ms. Nadler entered the link for Choose Love in the chat, <https://legacy.chooselovemovement.org/choose-love-for-schools/>

10. Discussion of Report Out for July SURG Meeting *(For Possible Action)*

Due to limited time, this agenda item was tabled for the June meeting.

11. Public Comment *(Discussion Only)*

Chair Johnson asked for public comment.

Hearing no public comment, Chair Johnson thanked the public, subcommittee members, and SEI.

12. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 12:03 pm.