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# TREATMENT AND RECOVERY SUBCOMMITTEE

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Substance Use Response Group (SURG)

May 7, 2024

12:00 pm

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

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Member	SURG Role	Committee Role
<b>Assemblywoman Claire Thomas</b>	Assembly Member Appointee	Member and Past Chair
<b>Chelsi Cheatom</b>	Harm Reduction Program	Member
<b>Dr. Lesley Dickson</b>	Healthcare Provider with SUD Expertise	Member
<b>Steve Shell</b>	Hospital	Chair
<b>Jeffrey Iverson</b>	Person in Recovery from an SUD	Member
<b>Dorothy Edwards</b>	Washoe County Services Agency Representative	Member

## **2. PUBLIC COMMENT**

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**3. REVIEW AND APPROVE MARCH  
27, 2024 TREATMENT AND  
RECOVERY SUBCOMMITTEE  
MEETING MINUTES**

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**4. 2023 PRESENTATION  
SAFER CONSUMPTION  
SITES DISCUSSION FOR  
2024 RECOMMENDATIONS**

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# **5. PRIORITY ISSUES, RECOMMENDATIONS AND PRESENTATIONS FOR 2024**

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# Planning for 2024 Treatment and Recovery Subcommittee Meetings

## **Current Presenter/Topic Suggestions for Upcoming Meetings:**

- Alternative Pain Management – Sanje Sedera, Las Vegas Integrative Medicine (outreach conducted in April but not scheduled yet)
- Josh Luftig, National Implementation Leader, Director of Harm Reduction – National Bridge Network
- Sarah Windels, National Program Director – National Bridge Network; Fellow – Johns Hopkins Bloomberg American Health Initiative (Presented to the Response Subcommittee in May 2023)

## **Treatment and Recovery Meeting Dates:**

- June 4, August 6, September 3, November 5 from 12:00 - 1:30pm

# Recommendations Received and Next Steps

- **Recommendation #1:** Based on presentation to the WRBHPB: A bill that would ensure Narcan be wherever an AED machine is located, and on all campuses under our Nevada System for Higher Education.

- Student unions
- Health centers
- All levels of the dormitories
- Within Residential Advisor's domiciles

A bill that would advocate for the training of the administration of Narcan which can take place:

- During online Freshman orientations much like we already disseminate information about Title IX
- During orientation week
- Training could be offered throughout the year by various clubs and programs within each institution's design.

- **Submitted by:** Dorothy Edwards

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- **Recommendation #1 Justification:** In 2022, the Nevada State Unintentional Drug Overdose Reporting System reported 47.6% of people who died by unintentional drug overdoses in Washoe County were between the ages of 18 and 44 (NSOR, 2022). Also, The efficacy of Narcan as an opioid overdose reversal drug is very well documented. When Narcan is administered by a layperson, its positive overdose reversal rate can be as high as 75-100% (Clark, 2014). Prefrontal cortex does not fully mature until the age of 24 or 25. This is the area of the brain which controls higher brain functions such as complex prioritizing, decision making skills, and social control of behaviors. Narcan, the opioid overdose reversal drug, is only available legitimately within the Student Health Center on the campus of UNR. A goal would be for it to be available ubiquitously throughout the campus. This life saving drug should be treated like first aid. Wherever band-aids are located, so should a box of Narcan be. Also recommended that Resident Advisors in dorms throughout this state be able to assist and provide this lifesaving care for someone in the throes of an overdose. In other states this has been made possible through legislation. Propose a similar bill that would require our Nevada System of Higher Education (NSHE) to make this happen.
- **Research link(s):** 1. CA SB367 (The Campus Opioid Safety Act) 2. NY S3448A (The Hinchey Bill) 3. MD HB 1268 4. MO HB 1997
- **Possible presenters:** This was a presentation by an individual from UNR. I can provide contact info upon request and discussion

# **6. DISCUSS REPORT OUT FOR JULY SURG MEETING**

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# **8. ADJOURNMENT**

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