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RESPONSE SUBCOMMITTEE

Substance Use Response Group (SURG)

June 4, 2024

11:00 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	Committee Role
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

2. PUBLIC COMMENT

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**3. REVIEW AND APPROVE
MINUTES FROM MAY 7, 2024
RESPONSE SUBCOMMITTEE
MEETING**

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4. PRESENTATION ON BUILDING CONSENSUS: DEFINING RECIDIVISM IN STATE LAW

Katie M. Snider, Ph.D., Owner – Justice Research, LLC - Research & Evaluation
Consultant

Cherylyn Rahr-Wood – Regional Behavioral Health Coordinator, Nevada Rural Hospital
Partners



Building Consensus

Defining Recidivism in State Law



Katie M. Snider, Ph.D.
Research & Evaluation
Consultant



Cherylyn Rahr-Wood
NRHP Regional Behavioral
Health Coordinator

Katie M. Snider, Ph.D.

Current work with deflection and diversion programs across Nevada:

- Consult on data collection and data management
- Develop quarterly reports, facilitate grant reporting
- Clean and prepare data for Evaluators
- Disseminate program information
- Co-facilitate monthly collaboration meetings
- Co-author FASTT Program Handbook

Related Experience:

- North Las Vegas Community Correctional Center ORAS Implementation (2023)
- MOST Evaluation (2022)
- FASTT Evaluation (2022)
- Carson Tahoe ACT Jail Diversion Program Annual Reports (2021-present)
- Reno Community Court Evaluation, 2020



Cherylyn Rahr-Wood



Current work with deflection and diversion programs across Nevada:

- Rural Childrens Mental Health Consortium
- NAMI Western NV
- UNR SSW Alumni Chapter
- Northern Regional Behavioral Health Policy Board

Related Experience:

- Connect program coordinators with services
- Co-facilitate monthly regional collaboration meetings
- Co-author FASTT Program Handbook
- CIT Coordinator – CJIT Curriculum
- Trainer – Multiple disciplines (Suicide Prevention, De-escalation, HIPPA, PAD, etc.)

Background

Recidivism is used as an outcome measure in most deflection and diversion programs

- Goal of many programs to reduce recidivism
- Outcome measure for programs across the state:
 - Mobile Outreach Safety Teams (MOST)
 - Forensic Assessment Services Triage Team (FASTT)
 - Specialty Courts (Community Court, Mental Health Court, Veteran's Court, Drug Court)
 - Prison Reentry Programs



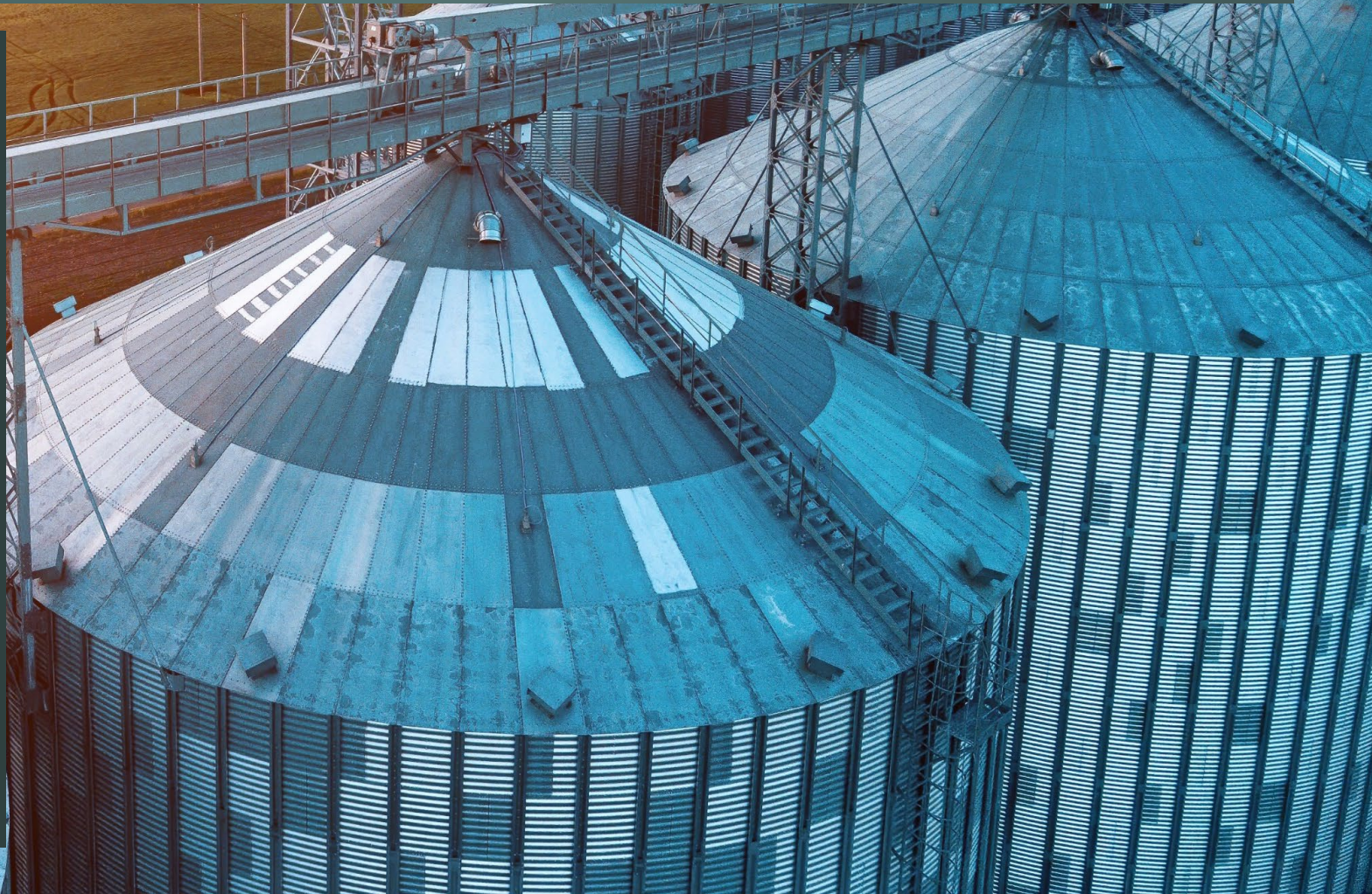
What is Recidivism?

Repeating or returning to criminal behavior; committing new offenses after being punished for a crime.



Why A Statutory Definition is Needed

- Departments, agencies, and programs operationalize recidivism differently.
- Different definitions makes comparisons difficult.
- A statutory definition would guide policy and research to more consistently measure the impacts of different initiatives.



Key Elements of Recidivism Definitions

Element	Description
Precursor	Arrest (regardless of outcome), Program Enrollment (i.e., specialty court, MOST), Court Supervision, Probation, Incarceration (jail or prison), Parole
Recidivism Events	Misdemeanors vs. Criminal Accusations, Failure to Appear, Violations/Status Offenses Calls for Service or Arrests (regardless of outcome) Program Enrollment Convictions or Pleas Sentence (Suspended?) Incarceration
Location/System	Same State/City/County, Same justice system/program
Recidivism Timeline	Within a specified period of time?

Can a single definition work for all levels of the justice system?

Examples from Other Definitions

Vermont

Under 28 V.S.A. § 4 (Standard measure of recidivism), Public Institutions and Corrections departments shall determine the rate of recidivism “based upon offenders who are sentenced to more than one year of incarceration who, after release from incarceration, return to prison within three years for a conviction for a new offense or a violation of supervision resulting, and the new incarceration sentence or time served on the violation is at least 90 days.”

The National Institute of Justice (NIJ)

According to the NIJ, recidivism is defined as “a person's relapse into criminal behavior, often after the person receives sanctions or undergoes intervention for a previous crime.” NIJ uses recidivism data to inform parole and probation initiatives to grow the population of justice involved individuals who desist.

[Click here for National Governor's Association Center for Best Practices Memorandum](#)

Next STEPS / Call to Action

Resource Allocation

- Resources and funding for criminal justice initiatives.

Public Safety and Transparency

- Enhanced public safety and increased transparency in criminal justice reporting.

Development Process

- Outline the steps involved in developing the bill draft (e.g., research, stakeholder consultations, drafting, revisions).

Stakeholder Engagement

- Engaging various stakeholders, including law enforcement, policymakers, advocacy groups, and the community.

Call to Action....

Questions?



5. PRESENTATION FROM THE CENTER FOR THE APPLICATION OF SUBSTANCE ABUSE TECHNOLOGIES (CASAT)

Michelle Berry, MBA – Associate Director, CASAT, University of Nevada, Reno School
of Public Health

Morgan Green, MA – Project Manager, CASAT, University of Nevada, Reno School of
Public Health

NEVADA OPIOID CENTER OF EXCELLENCE (NOCE)

Michelle Berry & Morgan Green

Associate Director & Project Manager

University of Nevada, Reno, School of Public Health- CASAT



CASAT



Center for the Application of
Substance Abuse Technologies
UNIVERSITY OF NEVADA, RENO

**Nevada Opioid
Center of Excellence**

School of Public Health

Services of NOCE

- Targeted Training
 - Training can be requested by communities based on their specific needs
 - Request for will be located on <https://nvopioidresponse.org/>
- Opioid Regional Coordinators
 - Will work alongside Behavioral Health Regional Coordinators in communities to identify community needs and provide Technical Assistance
- Behavioral Health ECHO
 - ECHO series targeting behavioral health specialists
- Self Paced Training
 - Standing training that will be available
- Listening Sessions
 - Quarterly town halls with content experts on various topics



Nevada Opioid Center of Excellence (NOCE)

- Website launched May 1
- [Nvopioidresponse.org](https://nvopioidresponse.org)
- Website includes:
 - Request for training for Training or TA
 - Upcoming Live Events and On-Demand Videos
 - Resources by Topic
 - Overdose Medication and Test Strip Finders
 - Other State Initiatives such as
 - State Opioid Response
 - Overdose 2 Action

Upcoming Live Events

- **NOCE Listening Session: Prevention & Diversion: LIVE WEBINAR** June 18, 11-12:30
 - Zoom Webinar
 - This Listening Session informs how to identify substance use disorder (SUD), changing the conversation about opioid use disorder, and offers insights into prevention strategies and diversion programs that play a crucial role in addressing substance use disorders.
- **Good Samaritan and Drug Induced Homicide Laws in Nevada: LIVE WEBINAR** June 24, 3-3:30
 - Zoom Webinar
 - This presentation will discuss the Good Samaritan (NRS 453.C.150) and Drug Induced Homicide (NRS 453.333) Laws in Nevada including provisions of the laws, immunity under these laws, and how they compare to other state laws, including Delaware and Rhode Island.
- **Community Response and Best Practices for Opioid Antagonists: LIVE WEBINAR** July 15, 9-10
 - Zoom Webinar
 - Learning Objectives: By the end of this training people will know: The history of overdose prevention and opioid antagonist distribution for community members, including available formulations of antagonists State of the research on opioid antagonist distribution, utilization, and outcome in the community Evidence-based practices for overdose response and opioid antagonist administration

On-Demand Videos

Existing

- Overdose Education & Naloxone Distribution for Law Enforcement
- Overdose Education and Harm Reduction (Community Focused)

Upcoming

- Spanish Overdose Education and Harm Reduction
- Introduction to Medication for Opioid Use Disorder (MOUD)
- Overdose Education for Pharmacists
- AB156 Review

MOBILE UNITS



Services Provided

- Administering medications for opioid use disorder treatment;
- Collecting samples for drug testing or analysis;
- Conducting intake/initial psychosocial and appropriate medical assessments, with a full physical examination to be completed or provided within 14-days of admission, in units that provide appropriate privacy and adequate space;
- Administering an FDA approved MOUD after an appropriate medical assessment has been performed;
- Counseling and other services, in units that provide appropriate privacy and have adequate space, may be provided directly or when permissible through use of telehealth services; and
- Distribution of naloxone and/or other harm reduction supplies

6. OVERVIEW OF NEW RECOMMENDATIONS RECEIVED AND NEXT STEPS

Chair Kerns

Recommendations Received and Next Steps

- **Recommendation #1:** Recommend a BDR to have recidivism defined in NRS
- **Submitted by:** Dr. Terry Kerns
- **Justification:** Recidivism is the act of committing another crime or coming into conflict with the criminal justice system (CJS) again. It is an important measure of the effectiveness of CJS efforts to promote rehabilitation, reintegration, and public safety. Recidivism rates are not available at a national level 1 since there is no national consensus on the operational definition of recidivism and there are significant variations in how recidivism is defined and counted (e.g., re-contact, re-arrest, re-incarceration, or reconviction) in different jurisdictions. For this reason, comparisons between studies and jurisdictions should not be made. (Recidivism in Criminal Justice, <https://www.justice.gc.ca/eng/rp-pr/jr/jf-pf/2020/aug01.html>). The Nevada Department of Corrections defines recidivism as a return to incarceration with NDOC within 3 years of an offender's date of release.
- **Research link(s):** Recidivism in the 2019 Release Cohort, Nevada Department of Corrections. See also the National Governor's Association Center for Best Practices letter.
- **Possible presenters:** Cherylyn Rahr-Woods cherylyn@nrhp.org Northern Behavioral Health Coordinator and Katie Synder (contractor on COSSUP grant) ksnyder@justiceresearch.org

Recommendations Received and Next Steps

- **Recommendation #2:** Recommend research into implementation of statewide Data Sharing Agreements with the Chief Data Officer of the State of NV and implementation of a cross-sector data base housing multiple points of data across prevention, treatment, recovery, and criminal justice.
- **Submitted by:** Shayla Holmes
- **Justification:** Virginia's Framework for Addiction Analysis and Community Transformation (FAACT) is a secure data-sharing platform led by the Department of Criminal Justice Services (DCJS) in collaboration with Virginia's chief data officer (CDO). It combines previously siloed data from different agencies, secretariats, localities, social services, public safety and corrections, drug courts, community coalitions and private healthcare systems. It generates insights about contributing factors, brings awareness and delivers actionable intelligence to community leaders supporting their timely and effective response.
- **Research link(s):** What is FAACT, Virginia's now-mandated opioid data-sharing tool?
- Framework for Addiction Analysis and Community Transformation (FAACT)
- Code of Virginia: Government Data Collection and Dissemination Practices Act
- **Possible presenters:** Ken Pfeil, Chief Data Officer of the State of Virginia and/or Jason Benshoof, State of Nevada's Chief Data Officer

7. PLANNING FOR 2024 RESPONSE SUBCOMMITTEE MEETINGS

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Planning for 2024 Response Subcommittee Meetings

Current Presenter/Topic Suggestions for Upcoming Meetings:

- Opioid Technical Assistance Center (June):
 - Mobile Response
 - Good Samaritan Law
- Defining Recidivism (June)
- Oregon Drug Decriminalization—Full SURG (July)
- Workforce (August)
- Wastewater Treatment Epidemiology (August)
- Clark County Opioid Task Force (September/October)

Response Meeting Dates:

- August 6, September 3, November 5 from 11:00 am - 12:30pm

8. DISCUSS REPORT OUT FOR JULY 10 SURG MEETING

Vice Chair Holmes

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10. ADJOURNMENT

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION, RESOURCES & UPDATES AVAILABLE AT:

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