



PREVENTION SUBCOMMITTEE

SUBSTANCE USE RESPONSE WORKING GROUP (SURG)

SEPTEMBER 16, 2026 | 3:00 PM



1. CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL TO ESTABLISH QUORUM

Jessica Johnson, Prevention Subcommittee Chair



ROLL CALL TO ESTABLISH QUORUM CONT.

MEMBER	SURG ROLE	SUBCOMMITTEE ROLE
Jessica Johnson	Urban Human Services (Clark County)	Chair
Wendy Nelsen	SUD Prevention Coalition	Vice Chair
Chelsi Cheatom	Harm Reduction Program	Member
Noël Chounet	Emergency Response Employee	Member
Stacey Lance	Urban Human Services (Washoe County)	Member
Kyra Morgan	Representative of the Division of Child and Family Services	Member
Senator Dina Neal	Member of the Senate appointed by the Senate Majority Leader	Member
Rosa O'Bannon	Representative of a School District	Member



2. PUBLIC COMMENT

(Information Only)



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3. REVIEW AND APPROVE MINUTES FOR MAY 20, 2026 PREVENTION SUBCOMMITTEE MEETING

(For Possible Action)

Chair Johnson



4. PRESENTATION ON DATA HIGHLIGHTS AND METHODS FOR SCORING AND RANKING FUND FOR RESILIENT NEVADA RECOMMENDATIONS

(For Discussion or Possible Action)

Heather Kerwin, MPH, CPH, Opioid & Infectious Disease
Epidemiologist, Office of State Epidemiology, DPBH



5. SUBCOMMITTEE REORIENTATION

(Information Only)

Chair Johnson



ATTENDANCE

- Attendance is tracked and any member who goes below a 75 percent attendance rate for subcommittee or SURG meetings will be asked if they wish to continue serving.
- If you cannot attend a meeting, please email SEI staff at least four business days in advance to ensure a quorum or rescheduling of the meeting if necessary.



RECOMMENDATIONS PROCESS

- Review survey in 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.
- Questions?



6. REVIEW AB374 SECTION 10 REQUIREMENTS AND SUBPOPULATIONS ADDRESSED IN PRIOR RECOMMENDATIONS

(For Discussion Only)

Chair Johnson



LEGISLATIVE LANGUAGE AND PREVENTION SUBCOMMITTEE ASSIGNMENTS OVERVIEW

- AB374 (2021 Session) Sec. 10, Subsection 1 is comprised of components A-Q. In 2021, guidance from Vice Chair Tolles, Dr. Woodard, and Dr. Kerns determined subcommittee alignment.
- Please reference pages 5-7 and Appendix C in the 2025-26 Annual Report for more information.



LEGISLATIVE LANGUAGE AND PREVENTION SUBCOMMITTEE ASSIGNMENTS

- (a) Leverage and expand efforts by state and local governmental entities to **reduce the use of substances which are associated with substance use disorders**, including, without limitation, heroin, other synthetic and non-synthetic opioids, and stimulants, and identify ways to enhance those efforts through coordination and collaboration.
- (g) Make recommendations to entities including, without limitation, the State Board of Pharmacy, professional licensing boards that license practitioners, other than veterinarians, the State Board of Health, the Division, the Governor, and the Legislature, to **ensure that controlled substances are appropriately prescribed in accordance with the provisions of NRS 639.2391 to 639.23916, inclusive**.
- (j) Study the efficacy and expand the implementation of programs to: **(1) Educate youth and families about the effects of substance use and substance use disorders; (2) Reduce the harms associated with substance use and substance use disorders** while referring persons with substance use disorders to evidence-based treatment.



CROSS-CUTTING ASSIGNMENTS (PART 1)

(b) **Assess evidence-based strategies for preventing substance use and intervening to stop substance use**, including, without limitation, the use of heroin, other synthetic and non-synthetic opioids and stimulants. Such strategies must include, without limitation, strategies to: (1) Help persons at risk of a substance use disorder avoid developing a substance use disorder; (2) Discover potentially problematic substance use in a person and intervene before the person develops a substance use disorder;

(h) **Examine qualitative and quantitative data to understand the risk factors that contribute to substance use and the rates of substance use, and substance use disorders, focusing on special populations.**



LEGISLATIVE LANGUAGE AND CROSS-CUTTING ASSIGNMENTS (PART 2)

(q) Study, evaluate and make recommendations to the Department of Health and Human Services concerning the use of the money described in section 10.5 of this act to address substance use disorders, with a focus on: (1) The use of the money described in subsections 1, 2 and 3 of section 10.5 of this act to supplement rather than supplant existing state or local spending; (2) The use of the money described in section 10.5 of this act to support programs that use evidence-based interventions; (3) The use of the money described in section 10.5 of this act to support programs for the prevention of substance use disorders in youth; (4) The use of the money described in section 10.5 of this act to improve racial equity; and (5) Reporting by state and local agencies to the public concerning the funding of programs to address substance misuse and substance use disorders.

NUMBER OF TIMES **PREVENTION** RECOMMENDATIONS ALIGNED WITH ASSIGNED AB374 COMPONENTS

Number of Times Component Aligned with 2022-26 Recommendations	AB374 Sec 10, Subsection Component
7	(a) Leverage and expand efforts by state and local governmental entities to reduce the use of substances which are associated with substance use disorders, including, without limitation, heroin, other synthetic and non-synthetic opioids, and stimulants, and identify ways to enhance those efforts through coordination and collaboration.
7	(g) Make recommendations to entities including, without limitation, the State Board of Pharmacy, professional licensing boards that license practitioners, other than veterinarians, the State Board of Health, the Division, the Governor, and the Legislature, to ensure that controlled substances are appropriately prescribed in accordance with the provisions of NRS 639.2391 to 639.23916, inclusive
17	(j) Study the efficacy and expand the implementation of programs to: (1) Educate youth and families about the effects of substance use and substance use disorders; (2) Reduce the harms associated with substance use and substance use disorders while referring persons with substance use disorders to evidence-based treatment.

NUMBER OF TIMES ALL **SURG** RECOMMENDATIONS ALIGNED WITH CROSS-CUTTING AB374 COMPONENTS (PART 1)

Number of Times Component Aligned with 2022-26 SURG Recommendations (Out of 69)	AB374 Sec 10, Subsection Component
36	(b) Assess evidence-based strategies for preventing substance use and intervening to stop substance use , including, without limitation, the use of heroin, other synthetic and non-synthetic opioids and stimulants. Such strategies must include, without limitation, strategies to: (1) Help persons at risk of a substance use disorder avoid developing a substance use disorder; (2) Discover potentially problematic substance use in a person and intervene before the person develops a substance use disorder;
11	(h) Examine qualitative and quantitative data to understand the risk factors that contribute to substance use and the rates of substance use, and substance use disorders, focusing on special populations.

NUMBER OF TIMES ALL **SURG** RECOMMENDATIONS ALIGNED WITH CROSS-CUTTING AB374 COMPONENTS (PART 2)

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NUMBER OF TIMES SPECIAL POPULATIONS IMPACTED BY RECOMMENDATIONS ACROSS 2024 AND 2025-26

Subcommittee	Veterans, Elderly Populations, & Youth	Persons who are involved in the criminal justice / juvenile systems	Pregnant women and the parents of dependent children	Lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender and questioning persons	People who inject drugs; (as revised)	Children who are involved with the child welfare system	Other populations overly impacted by substance use disorders
2024	6	7	3	5	6	5	11
<i>Prevention & Harm Reduction</i>	3	2	0	2	2	2	6
<i>Response</i>	2	4	2	2	3	2	3
<i>Tx & Recovery</i>	1	1	1	1	1	1	2
2026	5	5	2	1	4	5	4
<i>Prevention</i>	2	1	2	1	1	2	2
<i>Response</i>	3	4	0	0	3	3	1
<i>Tx & Recovery</i>	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
Total	11	12	5	6	10	10	15
<i>Total Prevention</i>	5	3	2	3	3	4	8



7. REVIEW OF THE CARRY FORWARD PREVENTION RECOMMENDATION

(For Discussion or Possible Action)

Chair Johnson



CARRY FORWARD PREVENTION RECOMMENDATION

1. Recommend to Nevada DHS to develop and share an annual naloxone saturation and distribution plan for overdose reversal medication. DHS should utilize opioid settlement dollars to designate a baseline level of identification and overdose reversal medication for the next 10 years in Nevada (which should be based on the state's Naloxone Saturation Plan) to create a supply of stable, sustainable overdose reversal medication throughout the state. The distribution should ensure reach and saturation based on overdose burden, and ensure it is staffed appropriately to allow for timely turnaround for naloxone access.



8. REVIEW 2026 PREVENTION SUBCOMMITTEE AND SURG MEETING TOPICS AND TIMELINE

(For Discussion or Possible Action)

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SUBCOMMITTEE MEETING TOPICS AND TIMELINE

November 2026

- Presentations on Recommendations (pending)

December 2026

- Presentations on Recommendations (pending)



FULL SURG MEETING TOPICS AND TIMELINE

October 2026

- Overview of Open Meeting Law (pending)
- Morbidity and Mortality Rates
- Fund for Resilient Nevada (FRN) Assessment Prioritization

January 2027

- Crisis Response System (pending)
- Final FRN Assessment (pending)
- Elect Officers (Vice Chair)



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10. ADJOURNMENT

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