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TREATMENT AND RECOVERY SUBCOMMITTEE

Substance Use Response Group (SURG)

August 29, 2023

1:00 pm

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

Chair Lee

1. Call to Order and Roll Call to Establish Quorum

| Member | SURG Role | Committee Role |
|------------------------------------|--|-----------------------|
| Assemblywoman Claire Thomas | Assembly Member Appointee | Member and Past Chair |
| Chelsi Cheatom | Harm Reduction Program | Member |
| Dr. Lesley Dickson | Healthcare Provider with SUD Expertise | Member |
| Lisa Lee | Urban Human Services (Washoe County) | Chair |
| Steve Shell | Hospital | Vice Chair |
| Jeffrey Iverson | Person in Recovery from an SUD | Member |

2. PUBLIC COMMENT

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**3. REVIEW AND APPROVE MINUTES
FROM JUNE 27, 2023 TREATMENT AND
RECOVERY SUBCOMMITTEE MEETING**
(FOR POSSIBLE ACTION)

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**4. 2023 TREATMENT AND
RECOVERY RECOMMENDATIONS
PROCESS DISCUSSION**
(FOR POSSIBLE ACTION)

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Approach to Framing Recommendations

- Treatment Recommendations
- Recovery Support Services (RSS) (peers, housing)
- Harm Reduction

2022 Recommendations Approach

- Identify 2022 Recommendations to be revised and/or re-submitted if any
- Elect subcommittee member to submit recommendation
- Subcommittee member to complete all sections of survey, including justification, action steps, research links, or re-use content from 2022 Report
- Subcommittee member to complete and subcommittee members discuss the following for each recommendation:
 - Impact
 - Capacity & feasibility of implementation
 - Urgency
 - How the recommendation advances racial and health equity

Please refer to the *Treatment and Recovery 2022 SURG Recommendations Status July 2023* handout for details on the status of recommendations.

2023 Recommendations Approach

- Define recommendations to be submitted
- Elect subcommittee member to submit recommendation
- Subcommittee member to complete all sections of survey, including justification, action steps, research links
- Subcommittee member to complete and subcommittee members discuss in September the following for each recommendation included on the survey:
 - Impact
 - Capacity & feasibility of implementation
 - Urgency
 - How the recommendation advances racial and health equity

**5. 2022 TREATMENT AND
RECOVERY
RECOMMENDATIONS
REVIEW AND DISCUSSION**

Chair Lee

2022 Recommendations for Potential Resubmission

SURG Recommendation 11:

- Expand access to MAT and recovery support for SUD, limit barriers to individuals seeking treatment regardless of the ability to pay, and encourage the use of hub and spoke systems, as well as recovery support, including use and promotion of telehealth, considering the modifications that have been made under the emergency policies, and pursuing innovative programs such as establishing bridge MAT programs in emergency departments. (**Treatment and Recovery #1** and Prevention #8c) Treatment and Cross Cutting

2022 Recommendations for Potential Resubmission

SURG Recommendation 12:

- Implement follow ups and referrals and linkage of care for justice involved individuals, including individuals leaving the justice system, and pregnant or birthing persons with opioid use disorder.
(Treatment and Recovery #3) (Recovery Supports)

2022 Recommendations for Potential Resubmission

SURG Recommendation 13:

- To facilitate opportunities for entry into treatment and/or recovery, ensure that Black, Latinx/Hispanic, Indigenous, and people of color communities are receiving overdose prevention, recognition, and reversal training, and overdose prevention supplies such as fentanyl test strips and naloxone to reduce fatal overdoses among Black, Latinx/Hispanic, Indigenous individuals, and people of color in Nevada. **(Treatment and Recovery #5) (Harm Reduction)**

2022 Recommendations for Potential Resubmission

SURG Recommendation 14:

- Significantly increase capacity; including access to treatment facilities and beds for intensive care coordination to facilitate transitions and to divert youth at risk of higher level of care and/or system involvement. Implement a specialized child welfare service delivery model that improves outcomes for children and families affected by parental substance use and child maltreatment.

(Treatment and Recovery #6) (Treatment)

2022 Recommendations for Potential Resubmission

SURG Recommendation 18:

- Engage individuals with lived experience in programming design considerations. **(Treatment and Recovery #2) (Recovery Supports and Harm Reduction)**

2022 Treatment and Recovery Recommendations Cont.

- Does anyone have additional information to add about the status of any of the recommendations?
- Given the status, do any of the recommendations warrant a revision and resubmission?
- If recommendations are to be resubmitted, which subcommittee member will submit the survey response?

**6. OVERVIEW OF ALL
RECOMMENDATIONS RECEIVED
AND NEXT STEPS**
(FOR POSSIBLE ACTION)

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Treatment and Recovery Subcommittee Meetings & Presentations

- March 21, 2023: Review subcommittee charge and areas of focus
- May 16, 2023: Presentations Provided, Meeting rescheduled for June
 - *Treatment and Recovery for Indigenous African Americans* presented by Donald Griffin, Co-Founder/Director, Black Wall Street Reno
 - *Role and Importance of Peers and Persons with Lived Experience* presented by Sean O'Donnell, Executive Director, Foundation for Recovery
- June 27, 2023: Summary and Discussion of Presentation Videos Recommendations
- July 18, 2023: Presentations Provided – No quorum
 - *Treatment and Recovery for Veterans* presented by Abigail Beagen, VA Sierra Nevada Healthcare System
 - *Presentation on Pain Management*, Ali Nairizi M.D., University of Nevada, Reno School of Medicine, Reno Tahoe Pain Associates, and United Pain Urgent Care

Recommendations Received

- Recommendation (submitted by from Lisa Lee): *Prevention and overdose prevention outreach to underserved communities, including BIPOC communities.*
- Justification: A recommendation from this subcommittee was to expand overdose prevention outreach to BIPOC communities. This recommendation is based on racial disproportionality in our state's overdose fatality data.
 - Presenter suggestion: Donald Griffin and Romar Tolliver, Black Wall Street Reno

Recommendations From Presentation

Donald Griffin, Black Wall Street Reno

- Prioritize programming and funding specific to organizations reaching African American community members
- Promote diversion and deflection programs for African American people and facilitate access to treatment
- Engage African American people and organizations in campaigns, billboards, and messaging related to substance use
- Support and implement Trac B model with funding for staff and infrastructure to stand up news stands/vending machines for African Americans
- Address the school to prison pipeline (new Jim Crow laws) through policy and legislation

Recommendations from Presentation Discussion and Summary

- Sean O'Donnell:
 - Stand up PRS independently of treatment, with targeted funding. (Let people who are directly impacted have resources to do work in communities. Think outside the box working with those who have historically been left out, creating a more diverse workforce.)
 - Support PRSS training events including train-the-trainer programs with technical support for other trainers.

Recommendations from Presentation Discussion and Summary

Abigail Beagen:

- Promote the use of ASAM as a part of the clinical assessment and recommendations.
- Promote continuity of care to include transitional or supportive housing options.
- Develop opportunities for Veterans and/or Individuals diagnosed with Substance Use Disorders to develop meaningful connections, sense of belonging, and purpose.

Treatment & Recovery Subcommittee Recommendations To Workshop

1. Prevention and overdose prevention outreach to underserved communities, including BIPOC communities.
2. July 18, 2023: Workshop Recommendations related to:
 - Outreach to Underserved Communities including BIPOC, LGBTQIA+, and other populations as noted in AB374 via vending machines, billboards, and other effective outreach approaches and,
 - Enhance Peer Support for underserved populations through increased reimbursement rates, train the trainer models, and policy changes to address limitations to the use of Peers in some settings through strategies including:
 - ensure adequate funding for these priorities,
 - target special populations,
 - increase reimbursement rates, and
 - offer standalone service provision opportunities.

Recommendations Cont.

Alternative Pain Treatment:

- Prevention Subcommittee recommended that the Treatment and Recovery Subcommittee consider the following recommendation submissions:
 - a. Eliminate the need for prior authorization either through legislation or persuade insurance carriers to sanction opioid alternative treatments
 - b. Provide Early Access to patients who would otherwise be prescribed opioids if treated in an emergency room setting
 - c. Expand this strategic initiative to other areas of the state who are faced with the same opioid addiction issues
 - d. Additional comments/suggestions to combine recommendations from SURG members:
 - I would include training on opioid stewardship, provider training on alternatives to opioids, patient education materials on tapering and options for pain management.

Recommendations from There is No Hero in Heroin (TINH) Presentation to Prevention Subcommittee

- Advocate for increased funding and resources to improve accessibility and affordability of SUD treatment programs, including detoxification, rehabilitation, and counseling services.
- Establish partnerships with local healthcare providers, mental health centers, and support groups to ensure individuals struggling with SUD have access to appropriate treatment and ongoing support.
- Promote the development and implementation of evidence-based intervention programs that address the underlying causes of SUD and provide holistic support to individuals in recovery.

7. 2023 RECOMMENDATIONS DISCUSSION AND DEVELOPMENT

(FOR POSSIBLE ACTION)

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**8. AGENDA AND NEXT STEPS
FOR SEPTEMBER 19, 2023
TREATMENT AND RECOVERY
MEETING**

(FOR POSSIBLE ACTION)

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Timeline for SURG Meetings and Recommendations

September/October Subcommittee Meeting

- Discussion and possible action on subcommittee recommendations

October SURG Meeting

- Discussion and possible action on subcommittee recommendations
- Recommendation scoring

December SURG Meeting

- Finalize recommendations to be included in the SURG Annual Report
- Review outline of SURG Annual Report
- Presentation of DHHS Annual Report

January SURG Meeting

- Approval of final Annual Report

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