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TREATMENT AND RECOVERY SUBCOMMITTEE

Substance Use Response Group (SURG)

March 21, 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
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	Member
Jeffrey Iverson	Person in Recovery from an SUD	Member

2. PUBLIC COMMENT

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**3. REVIEW AND APPROVE
DECEMBER 6, 2022 TREATMENT
AND RECOVERY SUBCOMMITTEE
MEETING MINUTES**

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4. REVIEW 2023 SUBCOMMITTEE GUIDANCE

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2023 Subcommittee Guidance

In 2023, SURG subcommittee members are asked to:

- Submit recommendations you can present on your own whenever possible; or,
- If you have a tangible recommendation you do not feel that you can present on, then suggest a subject matter expert who can provide a specific, targeted presentation related to the recommendation.
- Provide 5-minute presentations on each recommendation, with time for questions and discussion following the presentation.

2023 Subcommittee Guidance Continued

- Please do not include recommendations that are in the 2022 SURG report. However, if there was a recommendation previously included in the annual report that was listed as "needs further research," you can resubmit along with additional research for the subcommittee to consider.
- Rather than utilizing an iterative weighting process, in 2023 subcommittees will be encouraged to present, discuss and refine recommendations in the spring/summer and then weight recommendations for inclusion in the fall for the final report.
- The Prevention Subcommittee will have a comprehensive view including primary, secondary, and tertiary activities, plus harm reduction. There will be a full SURG meeting dedicated to Harm Reduction in April.

Survey Feedback: What worked well?

- Subcommittees (5)
 - “Able to cover more ground and move things along”
 - “Prioritization process”
 - “Discussion of recommendations”
- SEI coordination and staff organization (4)
- Shared documents to compile information (2)

Survey Feedback: What could be improved?

- Presentations on contested recommendations at SURG
- Better definition of subcommittees or full SURG meeting dedicated to the cross over recommendations
- Clarification on the recommendation ranking process
- More predictable schedule of meetings, especially for subcommittees
- Length of meetings should be shortened to 90 minutes or less
- Addressing harm reduction in its own separate capacity, harm reduction-specific subcommittee
- Asking SURG members what they would like to learn from presentations
- More presentations from providers instead of from the state
- Better adherence to public comment period time limits

Any additional feedback from
Treatment and Recovery
Subcommittee members before we
start the 2023 recommendations
process?

**5. REVIEW AB374 SECTION 10
REQUIREMENTS SPECIFIC TO
TREATMENT AND RECOVERY
SUBCOMMITTEE AND
RECOMMENDATIONS IN 2022 ANNUAL
REPORT**

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AB374 Section 10 Cross-Cutting Elements Assigned to all Subcommittees (part one)

- (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;
 - (3) Treat the medical consequences of a substance use disorder in a person and facilitate the treatment of the substance use disorder to minimize further harm; and
 - (4) Reduce the harm caused by substance use, including, without limitation, by preventing overdoses.
- (c) **Assess and evaluate existing pathways to treatment and recovery for persons with substance use disorders, including**, without limitation, such persons who are **members of special populations**.

AB374 Section 10 Cross-Cutting Elements Assigned to all Subcommittees (part two)

- (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.**
- (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.

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AB374 Section 10 Assignments

- (c) **Assess and evaluate existing pathways to treatment and recovery** for persons with substance use disorders, including, without limitation, such persons who are members of special populations.
- (e) Evaluate ways to improve and expand evidence-based or evidence-informed programs, procedures, and strategies to **treat and support recovery from opioid use disorder and any co-occurring substance use disorder**, including, without limitation, among members of special populations.
- (f) **Examine support systems and programs for persons who are in recovery** from opioid use disorder and any co-occurring substance use disorder.
- (j) Study the efficacy and expand the implementation of programs to: (2) **Reduce the harms associated with substance use and substance use disorders** while referring persons with substance use disorders to evidence-based treatment.

2022 SURG Annual Report Recommendations as Aligned with Treatment and Recovery Subcommittee AB374 Section 10 Assignments (part one)

- **(c) Assess and evaluate existing pathways to treatment and recovery** for persons with substance use disorders, including, without limitation, such persons who are members of special populations.

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)

2022 SURG Annual Report Recommendations as Aligned with Treatment and Recovery Subcommittee AB374 Section 10 Assignments (part two)

- (e) Evaluate ways to improve and expand evidence-based or evidence-informed programs, procedures, and strategies to **treat and support recovery from opioid use disorder and any co-occurring substance use disorder**, including, without limitation, among members of special populations.
- (f) **Examine support systems and programs for persons who are in recovery** from opioid use disorder and any co-occurring substance use disorder.

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)

2022 SURG Annual Report Recommendations as Aligned with Treatment and Recovery Subcommittee AB374 Section 10 Assignments (part three)

Section 10 (e) and (f) continued

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)

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 & Recovery #6)

2022 SURG Annual Report Recommendations as Aligned with Treatment and Recovery Subcommittee AB374 Section 10 Assignments (part four)

- (j) Study the efficacy and expand the implementation of programs to: (2) **Reduce the harms associated with substance use and substance use disorders** while referring persons with substance use disorders to evidence-based treatment.
- *No recommendations were put forth to directly address this element.*

6. 2023 LEGISLATIVE SESSION UPDATE

Legislative Update (part one)

Senate Bills that overlap with 2022 SURG Annual Report recommendations from Treatment and Recovery subcommittee:

- **SB4** – Revises provisions governing certain programs to pay for prescription drugs, pharmaceutical services and other benefits.
 - SURG Recommendation #5 to expand outreach for overdose and deploy personnel to people released from institutional or other settings after overdose)
 - SURG Recommendation #13 to ensure Black, Latinx/Hispanic, Indigenous, and people of color communities receive overdose services and supplies.
- **SB117** – Revises provisions relating to community health workers.
 - SURG Recommendation #6 to expand Medicaid for preventive services and access to care.
 - SURG Recommendation #15 to enhance compensation of health and behavioral health care workers; sustain/expand investment in Community Health Workers, Peer Recovery Specialists, and Certified Prevention Specialists.
- **SB119** – Provides for the continuation of certain requirements governing insurance coverage of telehealth services.
 - SURG Recommendation #11 to expand access to MAT, and SUD recovery support including telehealth

Legislative Update (part two)

Assembly Bills that overlap with 2022 SURG Annual Report recommendations from Treatment and Recovery subcommittee:

- **AB115** – Revises provisions relating to substance use disorders.
 - Relates to SURG Treatment and Recovery Assigned Element (j) Study the efficacy and expand the implementation of programs to: (2) Reduce the harms associated with substance use and substance use disorders while referring persons with substance use disorders to evidence-based treatment
- **AB138** – Provides Medicaid coverage for certain types of behavioral health integration services.
 - SURG Recommendation #6 to Expand Medicaid for preventive services and access to care.
 - SURG Recommendation #14 to increase capacity including access to treatment facilities and beds for intensive care coordination to divert youth at risk of higher-level of care and/or system involvement.

Legislative Update (part three)

Assembly Bills that overlap with 2022 SURG Annual Report recommendations from Treatment and Recovery subcommittee:

- **AB156** – Revises provisions relating to substance use disorders.
 - SURG Recommendation #5 to expand outreach for overdose and deploy personnel to people released from institutional or other settings after overdose
 - SURG Recommendation #11 to expand access to MAT and recovery support for SUD, including bridge MAT programs.
 - SURG Recommendation #12 to implement follow-up, referrals, and linkage of care for justice involved individuals with opioid use disorder.

Legislative Update (part four)

- Please see “Substance Use Bills 2023” spreadsheet for a full list of bills that identified as overlapping with 2022 SURG recommendations
- Are there any other bills subcommittee members are tracking that should be added to this list?

7. CONSIDER SUBJECT MATTER EXPERTS AND TOPICS FOR FUTURE MEETINGS

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9. ADJOURNMENT

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION, RESOURCES & UPDATES AVAILABLE AT:

[https://ag.nv.gov/About/Administration/Substance
Use_Response_Working_Group_\(SURG\)/](https://ag.nv.gov/About/Administration/Substance_Use_Response_Working_Group_(SURG)/)



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