

Response 2022 SURG Recommendations Status July 2023

The following information regarding 2023 updates was gathered by SEI. Additional information on Bureau Actions and Notes were provided by staff from the Bureau of Behavioral Health Prevention and Wellness. Subcommittee members are encouraged to provide additional information during their upcoming meetings.

Criminal Justice: This recommendation corresponds to AB374 Section 10, Subsection 1, Paragraph (o).

Recommendation 1: Revise penalties based on the quantity of Fentanyl, analogs, or other synthetic drugs of high potency that are trafficked. (NRS 453.3385, NRS 453.336, 453.339, 453.3395). (Response #2)

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<p>Bill Draft Request in process from Attorney General's Office and Senator SeEVERS-Gansert.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • SB35 Changes penalties for fentanyl trafficking. Possession of 28 grams or more of a mixture containing fentanyl establishes the crimes of trafficking and high-level trafficking. • AB137 - Expands confidentiality of reporting on fetal alcohol spectrum disorders which may not be used for criminal prosecution. • NV Public Health Foundation for Criminal Justice (\$25,517) • NV EMS - Mass Spectrometers (\$558,857) • DPBH EMS ODMAP (\$5,000) • DPBH Public Health Preparedness Poison Control (\$19,149) 	<p>The Bureau is continuing the funding/efforts for this workgroup to be able to advise on bills such as these.</p>	<p>The workgroup referenced to here is the SURG subcommittees.</p>

Finance Coordination: These recommendations correspond to AB374 Section 10, Subsection 1, Paragraph (q), Subparagraphs (a), (b), and (c).

Recommendation 5: Leverage existing programs and funding to develop outreach response provider(s) and/or personnel that can respond to any suspected overdose and offer follow-up support, referrals, and services to the individual (and loved ones) following an overdose. Provider(s) and/or personnel to be deployed to anyone being released from institutional and community settings (e.g., hospitals, carceral facilities, and other institutional settings) who is being discharged post overdose or suspected overdose. (Response #3)

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Expenditure of state and federal funding.		Connect to the Crisis Team for more information - scott@health.nv.gov	The Crisis team is new and is part of the Bureau.

Legislative and Regulatory Coordination: These recommendations correspond to AB374 Section 10, Subsection 1, Paragraphs (g) and (i).

Recommendation 10: Support legislation to establish a statewide and regional Overdose Fatality Review (OFR) committees and recommend an allocation of funding to support the OFR to effectively identify system gaps and innovative community-specific overdose prevention and intervention strategies in accordance with established best practices such as the Bureau of Justice Assistance’s Overdose Fatality Review: A Practitioner’s Guide to Implementation. (Response #1)

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Bill Draft Request	AB132 Requires establishment of a regional opioid overdose task force in Clark County.	This is already in place, and the state participates from a supporting perspective.	Opioid Overdose Fatality Review Board (yes this is a newly established entity). For clarification, that fatality workgroup was recently approved, state epidemiological workgroup collects data on targeted substances and deaths related to substance use.

Workforce Development: These recommendations correspond to AB374, Section 10, Subsection 1, Paragraph (q).

Recommendation 17: Fund personnel and resources for independent medical examiner(s) for investigations and reports to specify the cause of death in overdose cases. (Response #4)

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Expenditure of settlement funds to update curriculums and hire, train, and retain staff.		Currently these are tracked by the Opioid Response Team/The Nevada Overdose Data to Action (OD2A) Program/Nevada State Unintentional Drug Overdose Reporting System (SUDORS).	

For Future Consideration

The SURG identified the following issues to be resolved through the continued work of the Working Group:

- Resolve the conflict between the Good Samaritan Drug Overdose Act and Drug Induced Homicide Law; immediate actions may include recommending community-level education using best practice guidelines, as well as education for law enforcement personnel.
- Policy changes to cover non-pharmacological or complementary treatments for pain, also to increase coverage of preventive and non-pharm/CAM modalities. *ACRN Grant: NV Public Health Foundation; Pharmacist Conference*