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TREATMENT AND RECOVERY SUBCOMMITTEE

Substance Use Response Group (SURG)

February 24, 2026

11:00 am

1. CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL TO ESTABLISH QUORUM

Chair Shell

1. Call to Order and Roll Call to Establish Quorum Cont.

Member	SURG Role	Subcommittee Role
Steve Shell	Advocate for persons who have SUDs and family members of such persons	Chair
Guiseppe Mandel	Person in Recovery from a substance use disorder	Vice Chair
Assemblymember Rebecca Edgeworth	One member of the Assembly who is appointed by the Assembly Minority Leader	Member
Assemblymember Heather Goulding	One member of the Assembly who is appointed by the Speaker of the Assembly	Member
Dave Briggs	One person who provides services relating to the treatment of substance use disorders	Member
Dr. Jose Maria Partida Corona	One provider of health care with expertise in medicine for the treatment of substance use disorders	Member
Stephanie Cook	The Director of the Department of Health and Human Services, or his or her designee from within the Division	Member

2. PUBLIC COMMENT

Public Comment

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**3. REVIEW AND APPROVE
MINUTES FROM NOVEMBER 18,
2025, TREATMENT AND RECOVERY
SUBCOMMITTEE MEETING**

Chair Shell

4. 2026 TIMELINE REORIENTATION AND REVIEW OF RECOMMENDATIONS SUBMISSION PROCESS

Chair Shell

Treatment and Recovery Subcommittee 2026 Meeting Timeline

11:00 am – 12:30 pm PST on the following fourth Tuesdays of the month:

2025-2026 Report Cycle

- February 24th
- March 24th
- May 26th
- June 23rd

2026-2027 Report Cycle

- September 22nd
- November 24th
- December 22nd

Subcommittee Meeting Topics and Timeline

February 2026

- Discuss Preliminary Recommendations

March 2026

- Discuss Preliminary Recommendations
- Subject Matter Expert Presentations as Requested

May 2026

- Finalize and Rank Preliminary Recommendations for Presentation at June SURG Meeting
- Subject Matter Expert Presentations as Requested

June 2026

- Finalize Recommendations Based on Feedback from SURG, if Needed

September, November, December 2026 (start of new report cycle)

- Subject matter expert presentations and development of recommendations

Please email Subcommittee staff with any speaker recommendations.

Full SURG Meeting and Revised Reporting Timeline and Topics

January 2026 (FFY26 Quarter Two)

- Approve Final Progress Report

April 2026 (FFY26 Quarter Three)

- Presentations on Peer Certification and State Budget Process
- Review Preliminary Recommendations from Subcommittees

June 2026 (Additional Meeting)

- Review Final, Ranked Recommendations
- Approve 2025-26 Annual Report Template

July 2026 (FFY26 Quarter Four)

- Approve 2025-26 Annual Report

October 2026 (FFY27 Quarter One)

- Presentations from Subject Matter Experts

Recommendations Submission Process

- Recommendations can be submitted by members using a survey link provided by SEI
- Please complete each section of the survey to the best of your ability
- Be prepared to present the recommendation to members at the next regularly scheduled subcommittee meeting
- To support the development of your recommendation, SEI can assist members with gathering information or connecting with subject matter experts
- Note that information provided in the survey is included in the final annual report

5. DISCUSS AND DRAFT PROPOSED TREATMENT AND RECOVERY SUBCOMMITTEE RECOMMENDATIONS

Chair Shell

2025 Proposed Recommendations Submitted

A retrospective assessment or/ and prospective study would be conducted to assess the outcomes of patients following discharge from detoxification and examine mortality and overdose.

Submitted by prior Subcommittee member Chelsi Cheatom on 8/20/2025; co-sponsored by Subcommittee member Stephanie Cook on 11/18/25.

2025 Proposed Recommendations Submitted

Recommend to Nevada Department of Human Services that they financially support the implementation of hospital emergency room-based peer recovery support teams. This could be via dedicated general funds made available to hospitals, or by encouraging applications for use of Fund for Resilient Nevada monies.

Submitted by Steve Shell on 6/17/2025, and updated for Subcommittee member review prior to the February 2026 meeting.

2025 Proposed Recommendations Submitted

Contingency Management can be used to support people in recovery through rewards for reaching their recovery goals. Increasing funding to support contingency management could help more providers offer this important support program to patients.

Background: Contingency management has been a strategy used to reward people for treatment and recovery goals. While there may be funding in the state to support contingency management, it is not currently covered by Medicaid (as far as is known). Additional support could help to support more treatment providers to incentivize patients reaching their treatment goals.

Submitted by prior Subcommittee member Chelsi Cheatom in 2025.

2025 Proposed Recommendations Submitted

Associated Research:

Proctor, S. L. (2022). Rewarding recovery: the time is now for contingency management for opioid use disorder. *Annals of Medicine*, 54(1), 1178–1187. <https://doi.org/10.1080/07853890.2022.2068805>

Tse, Bonnie (2024). Incentivizing Recovery: Payment, Policy, and Implementation of Contingency Management: Audience Q&A. <https://cherishresearch.org/news-and-events/news/incentivizing-recovery-payment-policy-and-implementation-of-contingency-management/>

Using SAMHSA Funds To Implement Evidence-based Contingency Management Services. SAMHSA Advisory, January 2025. <https://library.samhsa.gov/sites/default/files/contingency-management-advisory-pep24-06-001.pdf>

Submitted by prior Subcommittee member Chelsi Cheatom in 2025.

Placeholder for Draft Recommendation(s)

Submitted by: Guiseppe Mandell

Draft Description: To recommend that the State looks at expanding drug courts through increased funding. This would be done through funding disbursed to the counties via allocated general funds or through FRN monies.

Justification: Courts are short on funding which limits treatment access.

Action Step:

This recommendation was developed live during the meeting.

Placeholder for Draft Recommendation(s)

Submitted by: Dr. Jose Partida Corona

Draft Description: To eliminate prior authorizations for any and all MAT treatment medications (or Buprenorphine at a minimum).

Justification: There is a narrow window of opportunity to help someone enter into recovery when they are taking that step.

Action Step:

This recommendation was developed live during the meeting.

Placeholder for Draft Recommendation(s)

Submitted by: Dr. Jose Partida Corona

Draft Description: To keep all insurance providers from determining the dosage for Buprenorphine. It is recommended that the NHA look at amending their authorization guidelines. Direct to other insurance providers that they do the same.

Justification: Physicians should be making those determinations.

Action Step:

This recommendation was developed live during the meeting.

Placeholder for Draft Recommendation(s)

Submitted by: Dr. Jose Partida Corona

Draft Description: When patients are started on MAT during detox, they should not be tapered off before entering regular in-patient.

Justification: There is a false equivalency between fentanyl and Buprenorphine.

Action Step:

This recommendation was developed live during the meeting.

6. DISCUSS TOPICS OF INTEREST FROM THE SUBCOMMITTEE

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Potential Topics of Interest

- Addressing difficulties faced by people in rural Nevada in accessing MAT prescriptions (*shared via public comment at the November 2025 Prevention Subcommittee meeting*)

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8. ADJOURNMENT

**ADDITIONAL INFORMATION, RESOURCES &
UPDATES AVAILABLE AT:**

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