



**Northern Nevada  
HIV  
Prevention Group**

**Wednesday, December 21, 2016, 2:00pm  
Washoe County Health District  
1001 East Ninth St., S. Auditorium  
Reno, NV**

**MINUTES**

Members Present: Elaine Bergenheier, Lyell Collins, Doug Hodges, Jennifer Howell, Theron Huntamer, Stephen Daugherty, Gwen Taylor, Robert Ashley, Janet St. Amant (Alt.) Gerold Dermid (Alt.)

Guests Present: Jessica Cabrales, Elizabeth Christiansen, Emma Bohannon, Pita Gomez, and Brooke Treach.

Absences: Joshua Livernois (excused), Rosa Gil (excused), and Nedy Tollerstad (excused)

1. Welcome and Introductions

Co-chair Doug Hodges called the meeting to order at 2:07 pm. A quorum was established.

2. Public Comment

No public comment.

3. Review of Minutes from September 28, 2016 Meeting

It was moved by Robert Ashley and seconded by Jennifer Howell to accept the minutes as presented. No opposition and no abstentions. Motion carried.

4. Discussion of membership grid composition and timeline for membership grid changes

Jennifer Howell presented the new 2017-2021 Nevada Integrated HIV Prevention and Care Plan. The plan provides information such as who lives with HIV in our community. The goals will mirror as to what has been identified in the HIV plan as strategies i.e. reducing new infections, increasing access to care, and improving health outcomes, and reducing HIV related to health disparities and inequities. This is a statewide plan which includes Ryan White Part A which is focused in Southern Nevada, Ryan White Part B statewide, and Prevention statewide. The federal government is moving away from using the word "AIDS" in the HIV community i.e. websites such as AIDS.gov will be changing to HIV.gov. Jennifer reviewed the HIV Fast Facts statistic information for the breakdown data to the planning council. New membership grid outline will be based on breakdown as to who lives with HIV in our community to be consistent with the plan. The following are the new changes to the grid: New categories added to the grid were MSM of color, MSM Youth, Transgender Youth/Young Adult. Categories removed were heterosexual female of color, sex worker, homeless, and African American MSM. Jennifer Howell will update the membership grid for the next meeting. At the next meeting it was agreed a discussion will focus on strategies on recruitment to fill in these categories and review of orientation process for new members. It was moved by Robert Ashley and seconded by Doug Hodges to accept the new changes to the membership categories. No opposition and no abstentions. Motion carried.

5. Agency Updates

Jennifer Howell announced that WCHD a new Public Health Nurse Sammy Beebe for the DIS position currently open in the HIV program. Beginning in April the HIV program will no longer received funding and be able to provide Ryan White services due to funding decision from the State. In order to keep the new public health nurse beyond March there is currently looking for other funding opportunities for the HIV program. There is a testing funding opportunity grant which WCHD will be submitting an application to it. It was also announced that Jessica Cabrales is no longer in the HIV Prevention Program due to funding and has been moved to medical billing duties.

Theron Huntamer announced 2014 Epi profile has been finalized and is available to view online. James received a promotion as a program manager for Behavioral Health side of epi focus more on within SAPTA. Joseph is the new hire who will be taking over James vacant position.

Gwen Taylor announced that ACCEPT did received Ryan White funding but was still cut.

Lyell Collins announced that Dan Olsen the HIV/AIDS program manager is retiring the 30<sup>th</sup> of this month. Also and addition of three other staff member will be leaving their position at the end month.

Emma Bohannon will be sending monthly email updates as to what is happening at the federal level that could have potential affects to the state and county levels. World AIDS Day event went really well.

6. Public Comment

(Limited to 3 minutes per comment. No discussion allowed.)

Jennifer Howell thanked Lyell Collins for all of his hard work and support. She went on to comment that there has been growth and good partnership with the state in a variety of areas related to HIV prevention.

7. \*Adjournment

There being no further business, it was moved by Jennifer Howell and seconded by Doug Hodges to adjourn the meeting at 3:31 pm.