



**Northern Nevada
HIV
Prevention Group**

**Wednesday, January 27, 2016, 2:00pm
Washoe County Health District
1001 East Ninth St., S. Auditorium
Reno, NV**

MINUTES

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

Guests Present: Guadalupe Gomez, James Kuzhippala, Karen Munoz, and Rudy Perez

Absences: Lyell Collins (excused)

1. Welcome and Introductions

Co-chair Doug Hodges called the meeting to order at 2:15 pm. Quorum was established.

2. Public Comment

No public comment.

3. *Review and approval of Minutes from January 27, 2015 Meeting

It was moved by Jen Howell and seconded by Theron Huntamer to accept the minutes as presented. No opposition and no abstentions. Motion Carried.

4. *Review Status of Integrated Community Planning Activities and Timeline

Lyell discussed integrated community planning. There have been 13 focus groups to date and two more to go. All assessment documents are completed (provider, surveys, needs assessment).

Joint State wide planning council meeting will be held to go over the objectives and activities based on the results of the focus group and EPI data in Las Vegas on Friday, March 11th. Only three members will be sent down to represent Northern Nevada group and participate in break out groups, including co-chairs Jennifer Howell and Doug Hodges and another member. Jen will send an email to all members to see which members are interested in attending. Lyell will not be at the meeting because of another work conflict. Nedy Tollerstad, Robert Ashley, and Elaine expressed interest in attending, but will need to look more specifically into their ability to attend. A decision will be made by pulling a name out of the hat by Friday, January 29th and will be forwarded to Lyell.

UNR will need time to write and provide recommendations based on surveys and focus groups to see where change can be made. As UNR completes different writing sections, these will be brought to the meeting to review one section at a time. The entire document should be done by September.

Gerold said distribution of individuals participating; 30 for Southern Nevada and 12 for Northern Nevada.

Condom distribution survey results will be discussed in a future meeting.

Gerold discussed that in Northern Nevada, 14 focus groups have been done, but still missing the young (ages 13-34), sexually active MSM in Reno. Different agencies tried, but weren't successful in completing focus groups. Incentives include \$20 Starbucks/Amazon gift cards. Discussion on potentially using WCHD's Grindr pop up ads or Mpowerment Facebook group took place and Jen said that could be a possibility. Focus groups need to be done by February 15th.

5. Testing/Condom Distribution Taskforce Activities

Two sites have been added as condom distribution centers, including Kelly's bar in Sun Valley and Mambo Nightclub in Reno. Thank you, Jessica and Robert!

NNOT meeting will discuss how condom distribution is working to be more consistent, reduce duplication in efforts, and distribute to target populations, not necessarily where staff feels comfortable distributing them. Meeting times have changes to first Tuesday of the month at 5:30PM at HOPES conference room.

Jen discussed the need to expand our condom distribution. Currently, distribution occurs at Carl's, Five Star, Jub Jubs, Patio, Cadillac, Davidson, Hideaway, Alturas, and Zephyr. These could possibly be expanded to Chapel Tavern and Singer's Nightclub. Five Star has put condoms behind the bar, so it's not as accessible as before. Jen would like to have an intern prepare signage throughout Five Star to make them aware condoms are available. Doug suggested reaching out to Spanish Springs, but will need a specific location.

Elaine has had success with Carson City bar – Toe's and found that they are receptive to condom outreach nights. She will update us at next planning council about Friday's staff meeting.

Jen tabled the review of testing taskforce for HOPES and ACCEPT to be present. Testing taskforce was created by Gerold to avoid duplicating testing efforts and maximize HIV testing in the community. Jen will compile and update a new list of testing sites and positivity rates to see how effective our sites are being.

6. Agency Updates

UNR hired a new person to help with the African-American women and HIV study. She will be present at next meeting.

Lyell will be moving to Vegas in mid-February, but will still attend planning council meetings. This is the last year of grant cycle, so still waiting to find out what that looks like. For the last five years, there's been over \$600,000 in budget cuts. Based on National HIV Conference, budget cuts will probably continue and resources will probably go to the South because of their numbers of HIV newly infected individuals.

Latino Pride is going to have community meeting to discuss what they will be doing to help out more in the community. Nedy will provide us with list of new, upcoming bars.

WCHD applied for public health associates starting in October. NNOT syringe river clean-up was done on Sunday, January 24th. WCHD expanded offsite testing events and have evening hours; rapid HIV testing done at the weekly jail testing. Jen discussed new 89502 outreach initiative to

promote free testing because 89502 has been identified as high risk area. Next Family Health Festival is on February 29th and will be offering free STD/HIV testing. If WCHD needs to provide more testing, Jen stated that testing hours can expand at Biggest Little Fellowship in 89502.

Carson City will be having condom outreach meeting soon to figure out what they will be doing for the year. They will be testing at a community center on Thursday, January 28th. Carson City has been working on accreditation and will have a two-day site visit on February 20th. They are currently working on mock site visits.

February 22nd at 5:30PM in Student Union at UNR – Cultural Considerations of Healthcare event – Keynote speaker, Deon Haywood will speak on “Racial Justice and HIV”.

Steve Daugherty stated co-ed Sundays at the Bathhouse, that have been successful and wild since March 2015. He has not had any problems or negative feedback. He is considering co-ed nights on Saturday, too. Steve had an issue with someone clearing and throwing out condoms at the Bathhouse. It was someone Nedy was familiar with, so Nedy stepped in and stopped behavior. Nedy explained the need for them to be respectful to different agencies and people.

7. Public Comment

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

No public comment.

8. *Adjournment

There being no further business, it was moved by Robert Ashley and seconded by Jen Howell to adjourn the meeting at 3:28 pm.