



**Northern Nevada
HIV
Prevention Group**

**Wednesday, September 23, 2015, 2:00pm
Washoe County Health District
1001 East Ninth St., N. Auditorium
Reno, NV**

MINUTES

Members Present: Lyell Collins, Doug Hodges, Robert Ashley, Gwen Taylor, Jennifer Howell, Nedy Tollerstad, Theron Huntamer, Joshua Livernois, Gerold Dermid (Alt.) and Janet St. Amant (Alt.)

Guests Present: Jessica Cabrales, Guadalupe Gomez, Alli Palmer, and Cheryl Radeloff.

Absences: Stephen Daugherty (excused), Elaine Bergenheier (excused), and Abigail Polus (excused)

1. Welcome and Introductions

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

2. Public Comment

No public comment was given.

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

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

4. Epidemiological Presentation

Theron Huntamer and James provided an overview of Washoe County's HIV/AIDS presentation. The information presented was collected from the behavioral risk factor survey that was carried out in 2013-2014. This survey was conducted statewide, over the phone, by UNR and provided a good overview of Washoe's HIV testing information. Interesting facts presented were:

- Clinic locations had the highest testing rates
- 67% of Washoe County residents have not been tested for HIV/AIDS
- Groups that were tested more frequently were African Americans, Veterans, and those between the ages of 18-34
- 60% of African Americans reported that they have had at least one HIV test done in their lifetime
- Race/Ethnicity - new case numbers consisted of 28 whites, 1 African American, and 8 Hispanics in 2014. For 2013 the breakdown amounted to 21 White, 5 African Americans, and 11 Hispanics. Numbers fluctuate depending on who is being tested and where they are being tested.
- Age group - new cases are being seen in the 25-34 yr. age brackets, which is surprising since this is one of the predominant groups that actually get tested. Those under the age of 24 have higher rates of not getting tested.
- Risk category - there is a slight increase in IDU and MSM/IDU. Possible increase may be due to HOPES needle exchange program.

5. Priority Population Setting

Lyell Collins emphasized the importance of establishing target priority populations to include in our jurisdictional plan. This will help guide the health department on where services are needed within the community. The priority populations that were in the previous jurisdiction plan were HIV positive, MSM, Young Adults, Sexually Active Heterosexual and IDU (all minorities will be included in these groups). It was moved by Jen Howell to keep the same target priority populations for the upcoming jurisdictional plan and seconded by Doug Hodges. No opposition and no abstentions. Motion Carried.

6. Condom Distribution Strategy Implementation

Lyell Collins reported that there were 1200 Condom Surveys collected from Las Vegas; the count for Northern Nevada still needs to be completed. Surveys can be faxed over to Lyell as he has an assigned staff member entering the data. It was suggested to add the option of “Do not use Condoms” for future surveys. Jennifer Howell will correct the paper survey in order to collect the multi-race information correctly. Interns will be going to bar locations and will try to collect a minimum of 200 surveys. For hard copies, please contact Jen.

Lyell Collins mentioned that a condom distribution partner set-up with Walgreens pharmacies in Las Vegas is in effect. As clients come in for their HIV meds, they will be given condoms in conjunction with their prescription refill.

This item will be further discussed at the next meeting.

7. Public Comment

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

No public comment was given.

8. *Adjournment

There being no further business, it was moved by Doug Hodges and seconded by Robert Ashley to adjourn the meeting at 2:48 pm.