



**Northern Nevada  
HIV  
Prevention Group**

**Wednesday, February 26, 2014, 2pm  
Washoe County Health District  
1001 East Ninth St., N. Auditorium  
Reno, NV**

**MINUTES**

Members Present: Abigail Polus, Bill Kirby, Jennifer Howell, Gwen Taylor, Nedy Tollerstad, Doug Hodges, Stephen Daugherty, Angel Stachnik, Patrick Russell, and Janet St. Amant (Alt.)

Guests Present: Jessica Cabrales, Theron Huntamer, Kathryn Weber-Karp, Janet Osalvo, and Jessica Ponce

Absences: Elaine Bergenheier (excused), Kristen Clements-Nolle (excused), Lyell Collins (excused), and Nedy Tollerstad (excused)

1. Welcome and Introductions

Co-chairman Patrick Russell called the meeting to order at 2:18 pm. A quorum was established.

2. Public Comment

No public comment was made.

3. \*Review and approval of Minutes from October 23, 2013 Meeting

It was moved by Bill Kirby and seconded by Doug Hodges to accept minutes as presented with the corrections of a few minor grammatical edits. No opposition and no abstentions. Motion Carried.

4. Statewide Jurisdictional Plan & Nevada HIV/AIDS Strategy Update

Jen Howell reviewed the Nevada Engagement Plan with the council. Everything is going well; no changes are needed at this time. If any council member would like a copy, please send a request to [jhowell@washoecounty.us](mailto:jhowell@washoecounty.us).

5. Epidemiology Update

Angel Stachnik presented two Epi updates to the council. The first presentation was on 2012 Washoe County STD Update. The second presentation was on 2012 HIV/AIDS Epi Profile for Washoe County. Complete Epi profiles can be found at <http://health.nv.gov> website.

6. Condom Distribution Strategy

Jen Howell talked about the importance of having a strategy condom distribution plan statewide. A sample napkin questionnaire was handed out for review and suggestions. These questionnaire napkins will be available at various bar locations for individuals to fill out. This will help provide guidance as to condom accessibility, condom usage, and other pertinent information. The following suggestions were made: instead of filling in answers there should be the option of circling answers instead, spacing looks tight for written answers, etc. Patrick Russell suggested the idea of having the

questionnaire available for people to fill out at home on their computers. Once the questionnaire is fill out that a condom packet could be mailed to their home, as a thank you. Any other suggestions should be submitted to Jen Howell at [jhowell@washoecounty.us](mailto:jhowell@washoecounty.us).

Jen also proposed integrating the Testing and Condom Task Force into the council meetings. The group affirmed that this was a good idea and use of the council's time.

7. Presentation of 2013 HIV Care and Prevention Community Award

Jennifer Howell presented the 2013 HIV Care and Prevention Community Award to Melanie Flores and Abigail Polus for their outstanding hard work in our community.

8. Announcements

Angel Stachnik announced that she is transferring to Las Vegas, NV. As of Monday, Theron Huntamer will be the new Epi Coordinator for the HIV Prevention Program. Theron will also be replacing Angel's council membership spot for NHHPPC. A membership application will be emailed to Theron Huntamer.

Jen Howell made the following announcements:

- Andrew Stutman and Jessica Ponce have been assisting as DIS Investigators.
- Kevin Dick is officially now the Health Officer for WCHD.
- The health department has filled the Statistician position.

Kathryn Weber-Karp announces she is retiring from the Washoe County School District this year. She is working on editing the school S.H.A.R.E. material before she retires.

Bill Kirby announced Kevin Quint has been appointed as Bureau Chief for Nevada's Substance Abuse Prevention and Treatment Agency.

Abigail Polus reported that HOPES is doing good and expanding. The state finalized the guidelines for the Syringe Access Bill in December. The program was able to start running in January with 68 participants. In November, they were able to provide resources for the HIV/AIDS education presentations at McQueen High School, in collaboration with Kathryn Weber-Karp. Also, the testing van was available across the street. It was announced that "Dining Out For Life" event is scheduled for April 24<sup>th</sup>.

9. Public Comment

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

No public comment was made.

10. \*Adjournment

There being no further business, it was moved by Jennifer Howell and seconded by Doug Hodges to adjourn the meeting at 3:20 pm.