



**Northern Nevada
HIV
Prevention Group**

**Wednesday, August 27, 2014, 2pm
Washoe County Health District
1001 East Ninth St., N. Auditorium
Reno, NV**

MINUTES

Members Present: Elaine Bergenheier, Abigail Polus, Bill Kirby, Jennifer Howell, Gwen Taylor, Nedy Tollerstad, Stephen Daugherty, Theron Huntamer, Patrick Russell, Gerold Dermid (Alt.) and Janet St. Amant (Alt.)

Guests Present: Jessica Cabrales, Karla Wagner, Kathryn Weber-Karp, and Jessica Bedell.

Absences: Doug Hodges (excused) and Joshua Livernois (excused)

1. Welcome and Introductions

Co-chair Patrick Russell called the meeting to order at 2:14 pm. A quorum was established.

2. Public Comment

Theron Huntamer announced that the 2013 STD and HIV/AIDS fast facts for Nevada have been published. Jennifer Howell will send the internet links out to the planning council.

3. *Review and approval of Minutes from April 23, 2014 Meeting

It was moved by Lyell Collins and seconded by Stephen Daugherty to accept the minutes with the following correction: From the February 2014 minutes to reflect that Kathryn Weber-Karp is not retiring at this time. April 2014 minutes line item 4 to correct Doug Hodges name. No opposition and no abstentions. Motion Carried.

4. *Community HIV Testing Discussion and Grid Development

Jennifer Howell asked if council members had the opportunity to complete the “HIV Testing and Condom Distribution Grid” for their agencies. The Condom and Testing Task Force was created to make sure testing was done in a comprehensive way in the community, not duplicate services, sharing the testing, and setting the expectations for testing. The community adopted a policy for STD/HIV Testing. Jennifer Howell reviewed the policy with the group and asked for any feedback, modification, changes for this document. The following comments were made:

- Lyell Collins commented that the committee has been very successful in the past.
- Jennifer Howell commented that having this policy in place has helped with CDC applications.
- Nedy Tollerstad commented that in the past everyone was at risk and everyone was asked to be tested. Now resources have changed and need to pin point where testing needs to be done at.
- Jennifer Howell announced that WCHD supplied condoms to be distributed at the Burning Man event.

- Abigail Polus commented that Joshua Livernois will be offering testing before the Burning Man event begins. The agency is contemplating the idea about taking their van out to the Playa for next year for syringe services.

No changes were brought forward by the council members. The policy will stay the same only the dates will be changed.

5. Condom Distribution Strategy Implementation

Lyell Collins reviewed the importance of having a Condom Distribution Strategy plan. The state is required to have this strategy implemented statewide. A sample survey was provided. The survey will contain about 10 questions and will be available soon both online and on paper. This survey will focus on condom preference identify by the population. There will be two other surveys coming out focus on issues like stigma and accessibility.

Jennifer Howell opened this item for discussion. This testing grid will help prioritize, coordinate, and target HIV positive people for both testing and condom distribution in our community. The grid will focus on identifying where positives have been found, testing locations, frequency of these testing locations, and discussion of possible new testing locations/events all addressed by the different agencies represented.

This item will be further discussed at the next meeting.

6. *Community Engagement Plan Review and Community Partner Engagement Event

The council tabled this item at this time. It will be discussed at the next meeting.

7. *Review of Current Jurisdictional Plan and Request for Letter of Concurrence from NNHPPG

The Letter of Concurrence was presented to the council members. It was moved by Jennifer Howell and seconded by Patrick Russell to accept as presented. No opposition and no abstentions. Motion Carried.

8. Public Comment

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

Gwen Taylor announced that volunteers are needed for September 27th. The event is the Prescription Drug Round-Up. It will provide the community a safe disposal for prescription drugs. Gwen Taylor will forward the announcement so it can be sent out to the planning council.

9. *Adjournment

There being no further business, it was moved by Gwen Taylor and seconded by Theron Huntamer to adjourn the meeting at 3:49 pm.