



# Northern Nevada HIV Prevention Planning Group

Wednesday, April 25, 2018 – 3:00 PM

Washoe County Health District

1001 East Ninth St., Conference Room A

Reno, NV

## MINUTES

Members Present: Jennifer Howell, Lyell Collins, Robert Harding, Sarah Almaraz, Gwen Taylor, Janet St. Amant (alternate), Steve Daugherty

Absences Excused: Doug Hodges, Jenna Bieber, Henedina Tollerstad

Guests Present: Rob Phoenix, Charla Rush, Mary Karls, Nathan Militante, Balakrupa Ramachandran, Irene Rose,

### 1. **Welcome and Introductions**

Co-chair Jen Howell called the meeting to order at 3:10pm.

### 2. **Public Comment**

There was no public comment.

### 3. **Approval of Minutes from February 28, 2018 Meeting**

Minutes were not available for review and approval.

### 4. **Integrated HIV Prevention & Care Community Listening Sessions**

Discussion of the Integrated Plan requirement of conducting listening sessions with target populations and general community members took place. Questions for the sessions need to be the same as the Southern Nevada HIV Prevention Planning Group for comparison purposes. Our membership will assist with logistics and perhaps facilitation of the sessions. UNR staff is available to assist with any aspect of the sessions.

Questions were solicited from the group. Jen will take the suggestions to planning meetings with Southern Nevada. Sites and target populations were also suggested by the group. A Spanish speaking group was voiced as a critical population to seek information from.

### 5. **Agency Presentation – Nevada Urban Indians**

Charla Rush, LADC at Nevada Urban Indians (NUI) presented an overview of the agency, services provided and communities served. NUI receives Indian Health Services, federal, state, and local funds to the Native populations not living on reservations including Alaskan Natives and East Coast tribes and also to the general community. The staff represents the Native community and Spanish speaking staff are available. Services are offered on a sliding fee scale with most insurance plans

accepted. Native Americans are not charged for services. There are plans to expand to Carson City in the future.

A medical clinic operates Tuesday- Thursday. Diabetes support group meets every other Monday. Mental Health services including suicide prevention and substance abuse evaluations are available. Victim Services include housing, transportation and counseling. Physical activity programming includes Tai Chi, yoga, and Zumba. Rapid HIV testing is offered along with condoms being available.

**6. Agency Updates**

HOPES – Irene reported that the third floor of HOPES is being renovated for behavioral health services, with Administration moving to an offsite location. An intern is working on a PrEP project and surveying community members for information on availability, access, and referrals.

Steve’s – Steve noted that the HIV/STD testing that is offered for 3 hour blocks has been successful, with more people being able to be tested.

**7. Public Comment**

Rob Phoenix, a provider located in Southern Nevada spoke about the PrEP medication, Truvada, being approved for adolescents in May. He questioned if there is a law preventing adolescents from receiving the medication without parental consent as well as other HPV vaccinations. Jen noted that the current law regarding access to reproductive health services without parental consent for those 13 years of age and older may cover this access. A legal opinion on the law may be needed.

**8. Adjournment**

There was a motion by Sarah Almaraz to adjourn the meeting and seconded by Robert Harding. Motion passed unanimously.