

State of Nevada
Department of Health and Human Services · Mental Health and Developmental Services
Substance Abuse Prevention and Treatment Agency (SAPTA)

**STATEWIDE EPIDEMIOLOGY WORKGROUP (SEW)
APPROVED MINUTES**

DATE:	March 21, 2012	
TIME:	9:00 a.m.	<i><u>Video-Conference</u></i>
LOCATION:	Truckee Meadows College Redfield Campus 18600 Wedge Parkway, Room 103 Reno, NV 89511	College of Southern Nevada Charleston Campus 6375 West Charleston Blvd. Room H105 Las Vegas, Nevada

Committee Members Present

Alicia Hansen *	Public Member
Angel Stachnik	Staff Epidemiologist, Indian Health Board, Nevada
Brad Towle	NSHD- Health Statistics, Planning, Epidemiology, & Response
Ihsan Azzam	NSHD- Communicable Disease Control
John Johansen	Nevada Office of Traffic Safety
Kristen Clements-Nolle (ex-officio)	Epidemiology, UNR
Misty Allen	DHHS-Office of Suicide Prevention
Misty Allen proxy for Debbie Gant-Reed	Crisis Call Center
Pauline Salla *	DCFS- JJPO
Ron Pierini	Douglas County Sheriff's Office
Sue Meuschke	Nevada Network Against Domestic Violence
Tami Jo McKnight	MHDS
Tony Fredrick	Southern Nevada Health District
Wei Yang	Nevada Center for Health Statistics and Informatics
William Gazza – Committee Chair	Clark Co. Coroner's Office

Committee Members Absent

Chris Pritsos	UNR
Deborah McBride	SAPTA Agency Director
Diane McCoy	Boys and Girls Clubs of Western Nevada
Kevin Quint	Join Together Northern Nevada
Muriel Kronowitz	Public Member

Contractors Present

Conrad Krinock	SPE Grand Data Warehouse Deliverables
Ed Ho *	Bach Harrison

Consultants Present

Arianna Trott	Coop Consulting
Michael Coop	Coop Consulting

Public Present

Anna Adams	CARE Coalition
Michelle Frye-Spray	CAPT Western Regional Expert Team

SAPTA Staff Present

Charlene Herst	SAPTA Prevention Team Supervisor
Charlene Howard	SAPTA Health Program Specialist
Chuck Bailey	SAPTA Health Program Specialist
Kim Davis	SAPTA Administrative Assistant
Margaret Dillon	SAPTA Management Analyst
Meg Matta – Recorder	SAPTA Administrative Assistant
Nan Kreher	SAPTA Health Program Specialist
Tonya Wolf	SAPTA Health Program Specialist

* Attended Telephonically

1. **Welcome and Introductions**

The meeting was opened in due form by Chair William Gazza at 9:08 a.m. Introductions were made, and a quorum was established.

2. **Public Comment and Discussion**

There was no public comment.

3. **Discussion and Approval of Statewide Epidemiology Workgroup Minutes of January 18, 2012**

It was moved and seconded to approve the minutes with corrections to sections 5 and 6.

4. **Update and Demonstration of State Epidemiology Outcomes Workgroup Grant – Data Dissemination System**

Ed Ho provided an overview and presentation of what the Nevada Data Dissemination System will look like when it is completed. Nevada is the sixth state they have worked with, and SEW members were able to see examples of the system as it exists for other states. Each state has added capabilities to the design, so at this stage, Nevada will benefit from the previous innovations.

The system is designed around the SPF model; data is organized by consequence data, consumption data, and risk indicators. Additionally, a “catch-all” has been set up to capture any data that does not fall into the previous three. Tabs provide options to view indicators and data sources. The system provides the capability to browse indicators and select a specific indicator, such as alcohol related motor vehicle accidents, progress to the data level where the user can see the data in specific geographic area of interest, such as a county; and can draw a chart or map using that data. Charts and maps may be copied by the user and pasted into their own reports and materials. The data sets may be changed and customized to organize the database around new indicators as required now or in the future.

SEW members were invited to browse the site and provide feedback.

<http://indicators.bach-harrison.com/nvsocialindicators/Default.aspx>

5. **Update and Demonstration of Strategic Prevention Enhancement Grant (SPE) – Data Warehouse and Reporting System**

Conrad Krinock reported on progress with the Data Warehouse and Reporting System, an elegant, state-of-the-art system designed to be extensible.

Currently, there are three groups that will be using the data warehouse. Under Prevention, there are twelve funded coalitions with fifty-five subrecipients and 200 currently using NHIPPS. Under Treatment, there are twenty three funded providers, with approximately 600 additional users of NHIPPS. The third group is the administrative organizations in the state that will also be using the system for insular activities.

Components under construction are for data cleansing using change-data technology- a daily update to incorporate changes at the data source; automated security to protect personal health information; and a web portal for reports to meet the needs of coalitions and treatment providers as well as the state government, legislature, federal government, MHDS and SAPTA. Also on the agenda is to find a way for the system to collaborate with the Utah system.

6. **Update and Discussion on SPE – Strategic Planning Process and Survey**

Michael Coop presented an update on the Strategic Planning Process and results of the survey. He noticed that a number of the respondents have wellness programs, and suggested a good focus may be behavioral health prevention and treatment. To obtain the fullest participation possible, he will send the survey link one more time, targeting the ones who did not respond to the initial request. A report will be published in the middle of April, in advance of the May meeting.

Work is also progressing on the block grant to determine the best way to combine prevention, treatment and mental health. The plan is to do the work first on the State level, which may take two or three months; then continue work on the community level. On the community level, various programs are already integrated for the targeted community, so attention will be given to the ways they put their plans together. As a result of diminished funding, most programs are not looking at expanding, but how to work smaller and more efficiently.

7. **Review, Discussion, and Approval of Memorandum of Understanding Template**

Charlene asked the SEW to take the draft MOU back to their respective agencies to see if it will serve as a starting point for the final document. She asked everyone to get back to her by April 15th, even if they had no changes to suggest.

8. **Update and Approval of the 2012 Epidemiologic Profile**

Nan reported that the 2012 Epidemiologic Profile has been submitted to Synectics and is looking forward to being able to use the new systems the next time she compiles the report. The link to that report on the SAPTA website is: http://mhds.state.nv.us/index.php?option=com_joomdoc&task=cat_view&gid=94&Itemid=81

9. **Review, Discussion, and Approval of the Nevada Fact Sheets: Native Americans & Alaskan Native Substance Use**

Arianna Trott reported on the final draft of the Nevada Fact Sheet. Salient findings were that Native Americans are generally younger at the age of their first drink and tobacco use. They also are not as concerned that their parents will discover their drinking and punish them as they are that they would be caught by police and sent to jail.

The Native American Community is aware that they do not have much data and are working to change it. The Youth Risk Behavior Survey (YRBS) needs to be administered through the school system and some schools are reluctant to cooperate. Angel Stachnik offered to take a convenience sample of Tribal Youth. John Johansen asked for clarification of the percentages on page 16 of the report – whether they represent a percentage of total youth or a percentage of the responses, as they do not add up to 100%. He moved to accept the report with corrections and the motion was seconded and approved.

10. **Update and Discussion on SEOW – Community Profile**

Nan reported that the Community Profile is due on May 16. The profile will incorporate an investigation on the overdose of prescription drugs. Members are asked to review and provide feedback on Nan's draft as soon as possible. She expects to get the draft out on May 1.

11. **Update on Hospital Emergency Room Data**

Chuck Bailey reported on the hospital data from emergency rooms. Data was broken out to show patients aged 12 to 21, cases of accidental poisoning and alcohol abuse. He will obtain the data to show what hospitals are contributing and their locations. Members asked for inclusion of data that would provide additional subsets for ages 0-11 as that age group may have higher levels of intoxication due to their undeveloped livers, and typically after that age the numbers decrease; and also of the 21 to 24 age group, as that encompasses the college-age population. There was discussion of tracking consequence data that is not typically included in ICD-9 Codes.

12. **Discussion on the Capacity Building/Infrastructure Components of the SPE Grant**

Charlene Herst referred to the copies of the Capacity Building/Infrastructure Components that were handed out at the January meeting and asked if anyone had comments or suggestions on how the mini-plan can be incorporated into the strategic planning process. Charlene will send the mini-plan back out to the members for their input.

13. **Member Update from Tony Fredrick, Disease Investigation and Intervention Specialist, Southern Nevada Health District, Office of Epidemiology**

Tony Fredrick shared his background and experiences with entities such as the Center of Disease Control, where the focus was with communicable diseases brought in by immigrant communities; and the FBI Homeland Security where, as a member of the Biowatch Committee, he was part of a continuous monitoring for bio-terrorism. He currently works with the Southern Nevada Health District. He is in strong support of the importance of having thorough data sources and to utilize the information.

14. **Discussion and Approval of Agenda Items for May 16, 2012, Meeting**

MOU template approval
SEOW Community Profile approval and delivery
Final Nevada Fact Sheet
Data Warehousing Reporting System Website
Update on Emergency Room Data
SEW Member Update

15. **Public Comment and Discussion**

Meg Matta asked for all who had not submitted their signed Disclosure Statements to please do so.

16. **Adjournment**

It was moved, seconded and approved to adjourn the meeting. The meeting was adjourned at 11:50 a.m.