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SB 284 – ADVISORY TASK FORCE ON HIV EXPOSURE MODERNIZATION

September 16, 2020
5 p.m.

WebEx Teleconference

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TASK FORCE MEMBERS PRESENT:

Andre' Wade, Chair
Senator Dallas Harris, Co-Chair
Senator David Parks
Stephan Page
Ruben Murillo
Quentin Savvoir
Octavio Posada
Vince Collins
Steve Amend

TASK FORCE MEMBERS ABSENT:

DIVISION OF PUBLIC AND BEHAVIORAL HEALTH STAFF PRESENT:

Juan "Tony" Garcia, Grants & Projects Analyst I, Office of HIV
Michael "Thomas" Blissett, Health Program Specialist I, Office of HIV
Rhonda Buckley, Administrative Assistant II, Office of HIV

GUESTS PRESENT:

Marguerite Schauer
Connie Schearer
Davina Conner
Robert Thurmond
Tami Haught

1. Call to Order, Roll Call – Chair Wade called the meeting to order at 5:02 p.m., and asked Administrative Assistant II Rhonda Buckley to conduct roll call. All nine (9) members present; quorum met.
2. Public Comment
(No action may be taken on a matter raised under this item of the agenda until the matter itself has been included specifically on an agenda as an item upon which action will be taken.) – Chair Wade asked if there was any public comment and if so, state their name for the record, spell it and they have one (1) minute to speak. Robert Thurmond spoke, as a member of the community, he would like to say it is a recommendation from the community that the Task Force consider nominating someone from the community who is female gender body, and also possibly living with HIV. There was no other comment.
3. Review and approval of meeting minutes of Sept. 9, 2020 *(For possible action)*
Chair Wade asked if there were any revisions/corrections to be made to the minutes as submitted; there was one – addition of guest Robert Thurmond to the minutes. Chair Wade moved to accept the minutes with the revision; Vince Collins seconded the motion. All in favor say, ‘Aye,’ any opposed say, ‘Nay.’ None opposed; motion carried.
4. Copy, edit, review, and approval of Adopted Task Force Report with Recommendations to the Legislative Body *(For Possible Action)* – Chair, Andre’ Wade
Chair Wade, looking at the Background Section submitted by Mr. Posada (with some revisions), moves to adopt the revisions as submitted. Mr. Murillo asked which section he was referencing. Chair Wade confirmed which section he was referring to. Mr. Amend asked if Chair Wade made a motion (to adopt); Chair Wade said yes. Mr. Amend seconded the motion. There was no discussion. All in favor say, ‘Aye,’ opposed say, ‘Nay.’ None opposed; revisions adopted; motion carried. Chair Wade then proceeded to Summary of Work, and makes a motion the Task Force accept the revisions as submitted, and notes there was (under the elements of modernization, appendix g) added just today; Mr. Murillo seconds the motion. Mr. Amend clarifies about section/item g to the information. Chair Wade describes addition. Mr. Page asked if letter g was the Coalition packet; Chair Wade said yes. All in favor say, ‘Aye,’ opposed say, ‘Nay.’ None opposed; motion to adopt revisions carries. Chair Wade proceeds to Statutory Recommendations – and asks Mr. Page to talk through the revisions made to the section. Mr. Page noted there were four revisions, beginning with NRS 201.205 – to be added to the public health code. NRS 209.385, adding a sentence to the last paragraph. NRS 441A.180 – adding the citation of ‘see appendix e’ at the end of the recommendation. NRS

441A.320 – adding the sentence at the end of the recommendation. Chair Wade if it was the piece that Mr. Sears and Ms. Schauer discussed to get the verbiage right. Mr. Page said he checked through the minutes of the prior meeting and said he feels it’s right, but asked for comments. Mr. Posada asked if documents were going to be submitted with the report. Mr. Page said yes. Ms. Schauer had a general question, that her understanding is the Task Force voted to adopt the CHLP’s recommendations, theoretical bill draft language, and adopting the bill language as part of the recommendations. Chair Wade said the recommendations for the suggested language being included in the document in reference, in tandem with the minutes, that these are recommendations that were set forth. Mr. Page said that his understanding is that the recommendations in the document matches those from the CHLP. So his document is a written description of the NRS, which is why he wanted to include the document from CHLP, he feels the LCB would appreciate actually, also having the actual edits to the NRS. He noted the Task Force adopted the recommendations and it’s reflected in the statutory recommendations section. Chair Wade said one thing the Task Force does need to do, that’s not reflected in the description, is changing it to CHLP bill language recommendations. He asked Ms. Scheerer if this was what she is concerned with. Ms. Scheerer said if someone were to read the recommendations, would they know if they were coming from CHLP, or was the Task Force using them as their own. Mr. Amend say to maybe put the information at the end of each statutes for making recommendations, such as “see appendix e” and the recommended language for the statute. Mr. Page supports the idea, and to place the sentence after each recommendation, or, one sentence before all the recommendations – “these recommendations match the CHLP’s edits to NRS,” which is appendix e. Mr. Amend said at the beginning might be easier. Ms. Schauer said she wanted to say ultimately, they are the CHLP’s and Coalitions recommendations. Mr. Page motions to have a sentence at the beginning of the recommendations section; Sen. Harris seconds the motion. There is no discussion. All in favor say, ‘Aye,’ opposed say, ‘Nay.’ None opposed; motion carried to add language. Chair Wade then moves to adopt all other revisions set forth in the statutory recommendations section; Mr. Collins seconds the motion. There is no discussion. All in favor say, ‘Aye,’ opposed say, ‘Nay.’ None opposed; motion carried to adopt all other revisions in this section. Chair Wade then moves on to the Conclusion and Next Steps, asking Mr. Amend to go through this section. Mr. Amend said he went through the minutes and made edits on work to still be completed. He asked if anyone had thoughts about it. There was none. Mr. Amend moves to adopt the revisions to Conclusions and Next Steps section of the report; Mr. Posada seconds the motion. There is no discussion. All in favor say, ‘Aye,’ opposed say, ‘Nay.’ None opposed; motion carries to adopt revisions to section.

5. Review and make recommendations for next meeting’s agenda (*For possible action*) – Chair, Andre’ Wade

Chair Wade notes the Task Force agreed to meet the first Wednesday of each month, and asked if there were particular agenda items people wanted listed. Mr. Posada asked about nominations for new members to the Task Force and updates on the process. Mr. Collins asked, what is the next step (for the Task Force). Are they waiting for a response or verification of their submission? Chair Wade said after they submit this report, they will be waiting for additional research from the Williams Institute, and they still need to review at least one item in the statutory recommendations section to be sure that is what they want to go with. And any other items that needed to be discussed, ongoing. Mr. Murillo said what Chair Wade may want to put down is additional revisions to the report. He said it’s general, so if you have information,

research or whatever, it would cover any additions, deletions or revisions that may be coming forth. Mr. Page said since there was one minor edit to his section, should he just edit and resubmit to Ms. Buckley. He said he has already made the edit, which was the addition of the sentence to the beginning of the recommendations. For clarification, Mr. Page read his edit to the Task Force. Chair Wade said to add, “and adopted by the Task Force.” Mr. Murillo asked if they would be voting on this edit at a subsequent meeting, or could they vote on it now. Chair Wade said they’ve voted on it already, they’re trying to get through specific language. Mr. Murillo stated, they’re adding this clarification to the report, correct? He then specified, if the Task Force is making changes to something they just adopted, could they not adopt the changes Mr. Page is working on now, instead of waiting until a subsequent meeting. Senator Harris addressed Mr. Murillo, that what Chair Wade is saying, is the Task Force already voted to approve the changes, when they went through them, and Mr. Page is just trying to get some clarification from the Task Force on the exact language. But they have already approved the amendment to his section, as a committee. Mr. Page said that was right, and also why he wanted to read the sentence, to make sure that no one had issues with the specific language. Mr. Collins said he was curious about, was there any notice about the fact that the Task Force is late in submitting the full recommendation document. Was there any acknowledgement of that? Or is there another timeline they need to look at moving forward. Chair Wade said he sent a note to the LCB, letting them know the report was going to be late and they would be submitting supplemental information later in the year. And that Senator Parks has had conversations as well, from what he understands. Sen. Parks said he feels they’re fine with the actions they’ve taken to date. And they could simply submit the report. He said there are other interim committees that are still working on finalizing work they should have completed no later than Sept. 1. Sen. Harris said to trust her when she says there’s no legislator who is probably waiting with bated breath for this report to drop. The Task Force will get it in, it will be fine. Mr. Collins said, okay. Chair Wade asked Mr. Page if was okay with wordsmithing offline or was he good to go. Mr. Page read the sentence one more time. Chair Wade said it sounded fine, and if he added CHLP and the Coalition. Mr. Page asked if he was adding the CHLP and Nevada HIV Coalition. Chair Wade asked Ms. Schauer to confirm; Ms. Schauer said correct. Chair Wade thanked her. Chair Wade asked if there was anything else to add to agenda items, before moving on to public comment. Or if there was anything in general from the Task Force. Mr. Collins responded to Mr. Thurmond’s (earlier) request, that people could start applying to the Task Force now. Does the Task Force need to facilitate it, or get the word out as he’s willing to do that. Chair Wade said the Governor’s office is accepting applications for members for the Task Force.

6. Public Comment

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Chair Wade asked if there was any public comment to be made and if so, state their name and keep comments to one (1) minute in length of time. There was no public comment.

7. Adjournment

Chair Wade asks if there are any final thoughts or suggestions before they adjourn; there are none. Chair Wade moved to adjourn the meeting; Sen. Harris seconds the motion. All in favor

say, 'Aye,' opposed say, 'Nay.' None opposed. Chair Wade notes the next meeting will be held on October 7, 2020. Meeting adjourned at 5:40 p.m.