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# Senate Bill 275 (2021) – ADVISORY TASK FORCE ON HIV EXPOSURE MODERNIZATION

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5 PM

Microsoft Teams Teleconference

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*1.* Call to Order, Roll Call – Office of HIV Staff

## TASK FORCE MEMBERS PRESENT:

André Wade Jennifer Howell Stephen Page Quentin Savwoir Cheryl Radeloff Jesus (JP) Coleman Martin Walker

#### TASK FORCE MEMBERS ABSENT:

Gary Costa Vince Collins

## DIVISION OF PUBLIC AND BEHAVIORAL HEALTH STAFF PRESENT:

Tory Johnson, MMgt, Section Manager, Office of HIV Sarah Cowan, Health Program Specialist I, Office of HIV Marques Thompson, Management Analyst I, Office of HIV

#### **GUESTS PRESENT:**

Linda Anderson Dr. David Di John Karen Gordon

Sarah Cowan conducted the roll call and called the meeting to order at 5:02 pm. Seven (7) of the nine (9).

2. Public Comment – Sarah Cowan

The following statement was read, with no public comment following after statement was read: *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.* 

3. Informational Only – Introductions – Sarah Cowan

Members of the newly appointed task force, as well as guests introduced themselves.

4. Informational Only – Purpose of Advisory Task Force on HIV Exposure Modernization – Sarah Cowan

Former Chair Andre' Wade provided an historical context of former Senate Bill 284 (2019) from which Senate Bill 275 (2021) is being in reacted and reestablishing the continuing work of the task force. Tory updated the Task Force that the max capacity of the body is 15, with only nine (9) members having applied and been appointed as of today's meeting.

5. For Possible Action – Election of Chair and Co-chair – Sarah Cowan

Former Chair Andre' Wade asked for any nominations. Nominations were as follows:

- Stephen Page nominated Andre' Wade Andre' declined
- Quentin Savwoir inquired as to the responsibilities of the Chair and that information was provided by Tory.
- Quentin nominated himself for Chair, with a second by Jennifer Howell
- Stephen Page nominated himself, with a second by Cheryl Radeloff

All members present voted Yes, with no No's or Abstinences. Motion carried with Quentin as the newly elected Chair and Stephen as Co-chair. After the vote, the meeting was turned over to the Chair and Co-Chair.

There was a question by Cheryl Radeloff if Tory Johnson was a member of the Task Force. Tory informed the task force, that the Office of HIV and staff are to provide legislatively mandated administrative support to this body but are not considered members.

6. For Possible Action – Review of existing bylaws and possible action to edit or amend bylaw language.

Chair Savwoir asked that this item be tabled until the next meeting to allow task force members the opportunity to review and walk through as a body.

Also, Jennifer inquired if the task force will have an NRS number, especially since senate bill numbers are repeated and would cut down on the confusion of which bill the task force is associated with. Tory responded that he would check into this with the DPBH Deputy Attorney General (DAG) but did not think this would happen, as SB284 (2019) was not assigned an NRS. Tory reported he would check back in at the next task force meeting.

Cheryl inquired if it was possible to get information on Robert's Rule of Order to help with the task force. Tory responded that the DPBH DAG had provided some information pertaining to Nevada Open Meting Law to another community body and Tory would provide that, as well as

provide information related to Cheryl's request. Tory informed the body that he would email that out before the next meeting.

Andre' inquired if there was a DAG assigned to the task force. Tory reported that the DAG is not necessarily assigned to the task force, but that the body had access to the DAG through DPBH. Pierron Tackes is the new DPBH DAG, replacing Linda Anderson, who retired.

A motion was called to table the meeting, second by JP Coleman. All members present voted Yes, with no No's or Abstinences.

7. For Possible Action – Overview of submissions required by SB 275 (2021) and possible action to establish strategy – Chair Savwoir and Co-Char Page

Co-Chair asked for clarity for this agenda item. Tory provided information included the proposed report out to LCB that is due September 2022. Tory reported that he would provide the report from the previous task force so that the new task force would have something to compare too.

Members were talking about reintroducing items such as sexual assault legislation, survivors bill. There was mention of having someone from the Crisis Center come talk to the task force. Cheryl talked about a webinar by the Body School of Law on December 15<sup>th</sup> and providing that information to the task force. Co-Chair Page also mentioned 4418.3110 and possibly having Marguerite from the Center of Law coming back and talking to the task force. Andre' brought up the passage of SB109 (2021) around sexual orientation and gender identity (collection of SOGI).

The decision was made to table this agenda item until the next meeting. Second by Jennifer Howell. All members present voted Yes, with no No's or Abstinences.

8. For Possible Action – Make Recommendations for next meeting's agenda. – Co-Chair Page

There was discussion around which date and time worked best for the task force. Based upon the impending report due September 2022, the task force decided to meet bi-weekly until further notice. The next meeting was scheduled for Thursday, February 17, 2022, with further meetings being determined at this meeting.

Tory informed the Chair and Co-Chair that he would be reaching out to discuss how the Office of HIV supports the task force, as well as walk through timelines related to submission of meeting agendas that have to receive DAG approval and meeting timelines to posting agendas per Nevada Open Meeting Law.

There was discussion related to open meeting law, as well as recent legislation passed regarding virtual meetings and cameras. Also, there was discussion around what virtual platforms the State has access to. Tory informed the task force that the only platform we have access to is Microsoft Teams. Also, Tory informed the task force members, that their cameras must be on pursuant to the recently passed legislation around virtual meetings.

There was also discussion about after COVID meeting face-to-face. Tory informed that task force that he is currently working on acquiring new office space in Las Vegas, as the current location on E. Sahara cannot accoomdate current staff or hosting of meetings, especially with the need to socially distance. Tory reported that hopefully the new space would be acquired and staffed moved

in by or during summer 2022.

9. Public comment – Co-Chair Page

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Co-Chair Page wanted to thank former Chair Andre' Wade for this past leadership, which was echoed by Cheryl. Co-Chair Page also expressed that he was excited about being apart of the task force again and serving as Co-Chair. JP Coleman expressed being excited about being a part of the task force, as well as wondering if sexual education in schools could or would be a part of the task force. Co-Chair page stated he thought this would be a good venue to have those discussions.

#### 10. Adjournment

Co-Chair Page motioned for adjournment of the meeting. Jennifer Howell seconded the motion. Co-Chair Page called for a vote, all in favor say, 'Aye,' any opposed say 'Nay.' None opposed; there was no discussion; the meeting adjourned at 6:02 pm.