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Senate Bill 275 (2021) –

ADVISORY TASK FORCE ON HIV EXPOSURE MODERNIZATION

May 12, 2022

5:25 PM

Microsoft Teams Teleconference

1. Call to Order, Roll Call – Tory Johnson, Office of HIV

Quentin Savwoir called the meeting to order at 5:04PM. Tory Johnson conducted the roll call.

TASK FORCE MEMBERS PRESENT:

Jennifer Howell
Quentin Savwoir
Cheryl Radeloff
Andre Wade
Stephan Page
Gary Costa
Senator Dallas Harris
Vince Collins

TASK FORCE MEMBERS ABSENT:

Jesus "JP" Coleman
Caesar Espinoza

OFFICE OF HIV STAFF PRESENT:

Tory Johnson
Preston Tang

GUESTS PRESENT:

Linda Anderson
Deputy Attorney General Pierron Tackes

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*

Public Comment - Linda Anderson provided a public comment regarding the Board of Health approving regulations. Board of Health tabled the regulations. These regulations were going to update the language to pursuant SB 275 and to allow for testing to be offered. There's a concern in the emergency setting when

something is medically indicated for testing. There is an outdated look on testing which is if you have symptoms or known exposure instead of understanding that people need to know their status. There's concern that Medicaid or insurance won't cover the cost of testing. Cheryl Radeloff provided a public comment to Linda's public comment in relation to SB 211 HIV/STI testing.

Jennifer Howell provided a public comment to discuss a meeting to learn more about these concerns and bring this to the Task Force to strategize around Board of Health and support Task Force in passage of regulations.

3. **For Possible Action** – Review and approval of meeting minutes

Review and approval of meeting minutes – Chair: Quentin Savvoir

- May 12, 2022
- May 26, 2022

(8) Task Force members have approved meeting minutes of May 12 & May 26, 2022.

4. **Informational Only** - Coalition to End Sexual and Domestic Violence, Sex Worker Alliance of Nevada (SWAN) and other community outreach partners to discuss possible collaborations with Advisory Task Force

Jennifer Howell made mentioned of trying to get in contact with some advocates who may have better insight. Contact was on vacation last week. Cheryl Radeloff suggested reaching out to possible partners from Department of Corrections. Senator Harris will follow up with staff on communicable disease policy.

5. **Informational Only** - Nevada Legal Services Representative(s) to discuss possible collaboration between Nevada Legal Services and Advisory Task Force related to publish material(s) around recent changes outlined in SB 275 (2021) and HIV criminalization.

Kristopher Pre, Senior Attorney and Project Director for the HIV Law project for Nevada Legal Services. Invited by members of the Task Force and looking to support Task Force to start draft document regarding SB 275. Task Force members will have to vote for potential collaboration with Kristopher Pre in the next meeting.

6. **For Possible Action** - Overview of submissions required by SB 275 (2021) and possible action to establish strategy.

There was discussion regarding how best to create materials and disseminate this information to necessary recipients regarding SB 275. Quentin Savvoir asked about other tactics used to share law changes in policy. Jennifer Howell mentioned that information is sent out in various methods like technical bulletins, EPIs, or through communication departments. There is a limited funding for advertisement. Cheryl suggested Health Alert Network (HAN) as another method to distribute information and to include Ryan White Part A. Andre Wade mentioned that he and Senator Harris are working on an article about HIV modernization geared towards legal authors and scholars. Quentin asked a question about potential collaboration on the efforts of Nevada legal services with CHWs to do outreach. Jennifer Howell mentioned that the Health Equity grant that would enable CHWs to do outreach. Stephen Page motions that the Task Force work with Nevada Legal Services to develop materials. Cheryl Radeloff seconds motion.

7. **For Possible Action** – Discussion related to the recruitment of remaining five (5) Advisory Task Force members. Stephen Page does not have an update regarding this. Stephen asked if there were any recent

applications. Tory has not heard of any new applications.

8. **For Possible Action** – Review of Nevada Revised Statutes (NRS) as it relates to HIV, specifically NRS 209.385, 441A.180 and 441A.195. Stephen Page mentioned leaving the “door open” regarding these statutes. He said there may not be many updates for this item. Jennifer Howell spoke with lobbyists regarding firefighters and first responders. There were no negative repercussions from Professional Firefighters Association regarding SB 275.
9. **For Possible Action** – Discussion related to Nevada Revised Statutes (NRS) 441A.320 as it relates to HIV. Stephen Page mentioned this statute is about the testing of alleged perpetrator of a sexual related crime. Stephen mentioned there may not be an update regarding this. Jennifer Howell mentioned Senator Harris whether she had any thoughts regarding this. Senator Harris suggests having a call with Jennifer for further discussion.
10. **For Possible Action**- Discussion related to drafting of report to Governor’s Office and Legislative Council Bureau (LCB). Quentin suggests devising a timeline for this possible action. Jennifer Howell suggests composing bits of the report using information for the Firefighters Association feedback. Quentin asked if there are specific sections that could be worked on. Stephen suggested working on a few sections. Tory Johnson thought this was a great idea. Cheryl asked if there could be a way to share a working document where everyone can be working on certain sections. Opening a Google document would not be allowed. Jennifer Howell mentions that members being assigned a certain section followed up with discussion would be best.
11. **For Possible Action** - Share information from the lobbyists who represent the firefighters and similar public service employees. Jennifer Howell mentioned that firefighters and first responders are all fine. She will follow up with another group that came to mind.
12. **For Possible Action** – Make recommendations for next meeting’s agenda. Stephen Page asked about an upcoming meeting. Jennifer Howell mentioned the Board of Health meeting is September 2nd. Stephen Page recommended putting Board of Health back on the agenda and everything else on this agenda to next week’s meeting. Quentin also recommends if Senator Harris can confirm a contact from Department of Corrections to follow up on how SB 275 is going.
13. **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.

There was no public comment.
14. **Adjournment** – Stephen Page motions to adjourn the meeting. Gary Costa seconds the motion to adjourn meeting. Meeting was adjourned at 6:05PM