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

Tuesday January 31, 2023

5:19 PM

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Microsoft Teams Teleconference

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

TASK FORCE MEMBERS PRESENT:

Quentin Savvoir – Chair
Stephan Page – Co-Chair
Cheryl Radeloff
Caesar Espinoza
Senator Dallas Harris
Andre' Wade
Jennifer Howell
Rob Phoenix
Gary Costa
Jesus (JP) Coleman

TASK FORCE MEMBERS ABSENT:

OFFICE OF HIV STAFF PRESENT:

Tory Johnson

GUESTS PRESENT:

Linda Anderson, Esq. – Nevada Public Health Foundation
Pierron Tackes – Deputy Attorney General

Tory Johnson conducted the roll call and called the meeting to order at 5:07 pm. seven (6) of the ten (10) members were present.

2. Public Comment:

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There was no public comment

- 3. For Possible Action:** Review and approval of meeting minutes – Co-Chair: Stephan Page
- January 20, 2023

Motion made to approve minutes. Motion was seconded. Motion approved unanimously by roll call vote.

- 4. For Possible Action:** Discussion and possible action relating to drafting of report to Governor’s Office and LCB. Possible topics to include and review the report are as follows:

Report Section	Status	Task Force Member
Table of Contents, Background, Summary	Final Draft	Stephan Page
Community Engagement and the need to share information related to SB275 (2021)	Final Draft	Cheryl Radeloff & Stephan Page
Applying SB 275 retroactively; Clearing records	Pending	Senator Dallas Harris
First Responders	Final Draft	Jennifer Howell
Public Health Authority	Final Draft	Jennifer Howell & Cheryl Radeloff
HIV & Nevada State Prisons	Final Draft	Cheryl Radeloff, Stephan Page, & Rob Phoenix
NRS 441A.320	Final Draft	Jennifer Howell, Rob Phoenix, & Stephan Page
Comprehensive Sexual Education	Final Draft	Stephan Page
Age of Consent Regarding STI Testing and Treatment	Final Draft	Andre’ Wade
Clients/patients Access to Medication	Final Draft	Rob Phoenix
Provider Parity	Final Draft	Rob Phoenix
Removing Barriers to Care	Final Draft	Rob Phoenix

Senator Harris stated her apologies for not getting her section of the report done. She expressed her gratitude for all the hard work of the committee to make sure so much of the report was finished. She assured the task force that her bill will include a retroactive component to help clear records. Chair Savvoir stated his appreciation of how the task force has come together in order to help make sure that everything was done in a timely manner. He gave special thanks to Co-Chair Page for heading so many meetings during his times of absence.

Rob Phoenix asked Senator Harris for clarification on if there would be a section on the re-authorization of the committee. Senator Harris said yes if there is a desire to continue under new leadership. She was not sure if there would be as much utility in continuing but would be happy to sponsor a new task force if there is a desire to continue. Chair Savvoir stated that they would continue that discussion during agenda item 5.

Tory Johnson asked if there were any additional changes to the documents listed before they are posted on the website for the task force as being completed beyond the amendment about recommendations that Co-Chair Page needed to make. Co-Chair Page stated that there had been no updates to the Removing Barriers to Care section and wanted to verify information. Tory Johnson stated he had not received a revised version of this section, so he stayed with the one provided for the January 20th meeting. Co-Chair Page said there was no problem with keeping this section as is but wanted to know if there was anyone else who wanted to comment. Rob Phoenix asked for clarification since that was his section. Tory Johnson relayed three items in the last email he sent regarding this section: One, that quote in the aimed alliance be in the same font and color as the rest of the document, two, the removal of the term ‘broken system’ and replace with ‘current reimbursement system’, and finally, to include information for the AIDS Institute and

HB2166 from Arizona be included in the appendix rather than imbedded in the document.

Senator Harris made a motion to authorize the Chairs to make any changes necessary to finalize the report ahead of submission to the legislature. Motion was seconded. Motion passed with voice vote. Gary Costa abstained.

There was then discussion on who would submit the report to the LCB. Tory Johnson was asked to do so this year. Senator Harris made a motion to authorize Tory Johnson to submit the report on behalf of the task force. Motion was seconded. Motion passed via voice vote. Gary Costa abstained.

5. For Discussion:

Continuation of Advisory Task Force on HIV Exposure Modernization – Current Task Force

Senator Harris stated she would be open to having an informal group continuing the work of the task force. Reason being there would not be as many restrictions about open meeting laws and scheduled meetings. She feels that a more informal set up would still allow for discussion, and she would be there to provide avenues for bills and actions as needed. Co-Chair Page stated he likes the idea as it does help to make things easier on those involved.

Rob Phoenix asked that if the task force would go informal, how would they still be able to advocate and support change. He believes that the committee has value in continuing because they were able to learn a few more examples of how discrimination was still happening and being able to address it before the deadline. Senator Harris stated she believed that being informal did not change what could be done. Having semi-regular meetings will still allow for issues to be raised and means of addressing issues to still be discussed. That advocacy would still be active as legislative members can still be talked to; it would just not be as a task force but as a group of concerned individuals. The only thing lost would be the ability to submit a formal recommendation to the LCB and governor's office. She did state that any group of concerned citizens could still send a report and recommendations, it would just not be as a formal body.

Rob Phoenix asked if a motion was necessary to continue the task force in an informal capacity. Senator Harris stated that a formal vote should only really need to be done if recommending a formal continuation of the continuation. Tory Johnson brought up AGD Tackes suggestion to include a formal recommendation either way so it could be submitted for the record.

At this point Tory Johnson informed the task force that there was some confusion regarding open meeting laws and the posting of documentation. One link to the Teams meeting was posted on physical agenda notes and online, then another was posted online when it appeared to not work. AGD Tackes was added to the meeting in order to ensure everything was done by rules and regulations. Linda Anderson described signing in via the link on the website she was able to enter the meeting to observe. Another link was sent out an email with an updated link and felt it was like some people were in a different teams meeting. Linda was able to let people back into the original room tied to the link on the website which she stated was active. She then clarified at that link on the agenda and the website was the accurate one, but then moved to a new link due to confusion on which room was correct. Co-Chair Page clarified that the agenda on the website was correct, but any physical copies of the agenda would have a different address.

Senator Harris asked if it would be possible to provide the original link and move to that room. AGD Tackes stated that was the ideal answer. Stated that it would be best to give a brief recap, no reason to go over everything again, but that way people can be in the official public room. So long as the website link reflected the physical agenda copies then everything can be restarted and continued. Tory Johnson stated he would provide the old link and fix the link on the website. Everyone moved to the original Teams meeting room.

Discussion resumed at 5:47 pm PST. Senator Harris reaffirmed that there was not a need to start from the beginning, just go over a recap. AGD Tackes confirmed this information and asked Tory Johnson to take roll call once again. He took roll call again. AGD Tackes then confirmed what happened before which is that there was confusion over which link to follow in order to enter the room for the public to see the meeting. She affirmed that everyone was present at the correct link and that open meeting laws were being followed. She then stated that the task force could take a vote to ratify agreement over the summary and move on.

Chair Savvoir then recapped the meeting as it had happened before the pause. Information about what transpired can be seen in the notes above. He then made a motion to accept the recap. Recap was seconded and passed on voice vote.

Senator Harris restarted the discussion by asking if people want to continue in a formal or informal way. She then asked Rob Phoenix what his thoughts were since he had expressed concerns regarding the informal option. Rob Phoenix stated he was open to both options, he just wanted to make sure that there was communication regarding how it is handled, especially on a legislative level. Senator Harris assured him she would be there to help communicate on the legislative side of things. Cheryl Radeloff stated she was in favor of the informal meeting, but she wanted to know if it would be an invitation only option, or if anyone could attend. Senator Harris stated that would be open to what the group wanted. They could invite whomever they want to include on the discussion to be shared to whoever is felt could add to the conversation. Caesar Espinoza wanted to know that if it was on an informal nature would it allow for anyone attending to vote on matters and if it would mean not having to worry about quorum. Senator Harris said yes, and that votes would not be necessary. Rob Phoenix stated that he appreciated Senator Harris being so easy to contact and work with but felt that anyone engaging in informal meetings need to take ownership of reaching out to more legislatures to bring more attention to matters brought up by the group.

Chair Savvoir expressed concerns about being too informal and that parameters around any group set up to ensure some form of order. Suggested that a size restriction be put in place to prevent too many people showing up and making any agreement difficult. Andre' Wade stated that there is already a modernization coalition currently run by Co-Chair Page so there might want to also be consideration on what to call an informal group to prevent overlap. Senator Harris stated she did not want to start a coalition or a non-profit but wanted to have a place and time for those on the current committee to discuss potential legislation.

Co-Chair Page wanted to know if an informal group were formed, how would it allow for the public to still be involved. He wanted to know if information could still be posted on the endhivnevada.org website or if it would be against the rules. Senator Harris stated she felt this would make it too formal and would not involve any official state mechanisms. AGD Tackes confirmed that such a group would not have to worry about quorum or open meeting laws. She stated she would defer to the Office of HIV on how much assistance they would provide to an informal group. Senator Harris stated she felt that they could just rely on sharing information via email to save on meeting concerns and agree to do

semi-regular meetings. Tory Johnson stated that the website was going through a revamp and there wouldn't be a dedicated spot to put it for an informal group yet. Once it's built, they could add it to that section. For the short term he can send any information out to a listserv for sharing information.

Jennifer Howell wanted to discuss who can speak on behalf of the task force after it ends on February 5th. Chair Savvoir stated that he felt that anyone on the task force should be able to speak on behalf of the task force. Senator Harris stated that they should make sure that they only speak on behalf of things discussed and put in the report by the task force so there are no additional matters associated to the task force that were not addressed.

Senator Harris made a motion to not recommend the continuation of the task force in the report and that no statement on the renewal in the report. Additionally, anyone on the task force is eligible to discuss the report during the legislative session so long as they only discuss matters in the report or that the task force has agreed upon. Motion was seconded by Jennifer Howell. Cheryl Radeloff wanted clarification on if entities that part of the legislature were not had questions about the recommendations, for instance if the Clark County School District wanted information on comprehensive sex ed, could the task force members speak on it. Senator Harris stated she had no issue with her motion being interpreted in such a manner. Co-Chair Page stated that he would have to edit the report as there is a recommendation of re-establishment of the task force along with mention of other issues that need to be addressed. He asked if it would be possible to amend the report regarding the recommendation. Senator Harris stated she feels it still properly reflects the motion on the table. Motion passed on voice vote with abstention by Caesar Espinoza and Gary Costa.

Senator Harris asked everyone to email her with their preferred email address to create a contact group to continue discussions.

6. For Possible Action: Possible recommendations/actions for future steps once the task force has concluded and report has been submitted to the Governor's Office and LCB – Current Task Force Members

There was no discussion about this agenda item.

7. 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*

The task force took turns expression their gratitude and appreciation for the hard work that each member put into the report and for sticking with the task force to make sure the report was submitted.

8. Adjournment: Meeting was adjourned at 6:24 pm