

Nevada's Ending the Epidemic Workgroup Meeting Notes Monday, August 7, 2023, 12–1 PM PT

I. Updates:

RW Part A-staffing changes, Mary Duff started on 7/10 as a senior management analyst and EHE coordinator; Vanessa Cruz is leaving on 08/10/23 and moving into a national consulting role with Collaborative Research.

RW Part B- Friday Health Plan incorporated is ending, and they have created a special enrollment program with sub-recipient to help participants enroll in a new plan.

SNHD/Fast Track Cities- Next Empower Change training is in October; they are working to help the Friday health plan enrollees find a new plan before the end of the month.

WCHD-Working through changes in ARPA funds for disease investigation that have been pulled back to Congress for years 4 and 5. Working with Part B on their role in the State Ride Project.

CCHHS- Getting ready for back to school- they will offer vaccination for COVID, SR, RSB, and Mpox by appointment.

State prevention programs- They were recently assigned a CBC public health associate to the office of prevention and surveillance, who will be starting in October.

PACE Will change its name to the Office of Infectious Disease in HIV AIDS policy, OIHP regional team. They are addressing the syndemics of mental health, substance abuse, and others. They will also expand to other geographical areas in the United States.

Southern Nevada Health Consortium- At the consortium meeting in July, a Walmart representative spoke of their partnership with the Elton John AIDS Foundation. They are opening 5 HIV-specific pharmacies in Las Vegas. 2 pharmacies opened last week, and 3 will open later this month. They are planning events for Faith HIV Awareness Day on 8/29, National Latinx Awareness Day on 10/14 at the Eat Las Vegas community center, and their inaugural World AIDS Day Gala at Caesars Palace on 12/1.

Their next meeting is on 8/24, hosted by AFAN. Starting in September, the meeting will be on Wednesdays from 2pm-4pm.

Others: Golden Rainbow: HE/RR (health education/ risk reduction workgroup meeting will be held on 8/8 from 11-12. They have a Ribbon of Lie event on December 3rd.

II. Ending the HIV Epidemic Initiative Updates:

At this meeting, Jen Howell, MPH, Sexual Health Program Coordinator for the Community & Clinical Health Services at the Washoe County Health District, updated us on the 2023 legislative session and the impact on HIV/STI care.

Next meetings:

- Monday, September 11, 2023, 12-1 PM PT via Zoom
- Monday, October 2, 2023, 12-1 PM PT via Zoom