

Nevada's Ending the Epidemic Workgroup Meeting Notes

Monday, January 8, 2024, 12–1 PM PT

- RW Part A: They have two grant applications this year; Ryan White and EHE are in their final year, and the grant cycle ends in 2025. They will start working on a work plan/strategy session with the community in March. They are also still working on a status-neutral grant program. They are recruiting for an open position. Their senior management analyst, Mary Duff, will be returning in February.
- RW Part B: no updates
- RW Part C: no updates
- RW Part D: no updates
- SNHD/Fast Track Cities: The Next Empower Change training is January 10th-11th, and they have 5 more scheduled in 2024. The next will be in March, date TBD.
- Northern Nevada Public Health: The year with higher cases of HIV, Syphilis, and Congenital Syphilis, more work to be done.
- CCHHS: Not present
- State Prevention Programs: The HIV Epi surveillance position is now closed to applications. Past vacancies have been filled, and new staff are coming on board. They are working on Epi profile and HIV Fast Facts.
- PACE: They have a new name, OIPE Engagement Teams, and are expanding into other regions, taking a syndemic approach. There is a Syphilis Task Force at the Federal level led by Admiral Rachel Levine, Assistant Secretary of Health. More information to come. Harold Philips, head of the National HIV AIDS office in the White House will be stepping down at the end of this month. There is a new EHE Federal lead, Captain John Otamai.
- Southern Nevada Health Consortium: They are having an event for National Black HIV AIDS Awareness Day on February 7th at Mario's West Side from 11:00am-4:00pm. They are planning a summit on HIV long-term survivors called Thrive, date/time TBD. In March, they will be having a women and HIV Teatime event date/time TBD.
- The Center: January 26th is the second part of their Quilt event from 10am-4pm, which will be an ongoing project. On February 7th they are having a Black HIV dinner event at 5:30pm. They are starting an 8-week victim advocate training next week. On January 24th their PIVOT program about family communication begins. They offer an HIV Basics course once a month with a health educator who goes out to different communities to talk about HIV and STIs. AGENTS groups for 18-24 yr. olds is having a Valentine's Bash on February 9th.
- PAETC- They are working with SNHD and The Center to provide training to Dignity Health Staff on disclosure of positive HIV status. PAETC Regional 2023 Recap and Resources is available <https://paetc.org/resources/pacific-aetcs-2023->

[recap/](#). They are offering a Xylazine and HIV training on January 17 from noon to 1:00pm and an Empowering the HIV Community: Strategies for Education, Engagement, and Self-Promotion on January 23 from 1:00pm-2:30pm. As well as a program called Addressing Provider Burn-out: Strategies for Well-Being and Resilience Workshop, on February 13 from 1:00-2:30pm in collaboration both with Collaborative Research and the Part A office. They are providing a HIV Stigma training in response to SB 439 at the Nevada Academy of Family Physicians Winer Conference.

I. Ending the HIV Epidemic Initiative Updates:

At this meeting, the EHE workgroup responded to Crystal Kennedy's request for support with HIV testing, prevention, and treatment in the rural areas of Nevada offering resources including but not limited to

- Rethink Safe Sex and Rethink HIV program available for marketing and educational materials
- Ryan White resources
- PAETC-NV has clinical preceptorship available to rural providers and is putting together a rural provider training program later this year.
- SNHD- Collect and Protect Test, free HIV home testing is available, as well Chlamydia and Gonorrhea tests are also available.
- The Center can provide condoms, lubricants, and dental dams as needed
- HIV prevention planning group meetings

Next meetings:

- Monday, February 5, 2024, 12-1 PM PT via Zoom
- Monday, March 4, 2024, 12-1 PM PT via Zoom