



Meeting Minutes

Advisory Committee for a Resilient Nevada Prevention Subcommittee

Thursday, April 9, 2026

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I. Call to Order, Welcome, Introductions and Announcements

The meeting was called to order at 9:00 a.m.

Members present: Jamie Ross (chair) and Wonswayla Mackey

Members absent: None

Staff and guests present: Tina Gerber-Winn, Heather Kerwin, Henna Rasul, Karina Fox, Tracey Palmer, Terry Kerns, Lea Case, Linda Anderson, Lea Cartwright, Belkis Quezada, Amber Brewer, Shayla Gransbery, Alyssa Planas, Misty Vaughan Allen and Beth Slamowitz.

II. Public comment #1

None.

III. For information and discussion only: Review of funded programs and projects

Chair Jamie Ross led a detailed review of Fund for a Resilient Nevada (FRN) funded projects related to prevention. Materials included summaries of statewide prevention goals, funding restrictions, and the list of currently funded prevention initiatives.

Discussion included:

- **Alignment of funded activities with prevention goals:** Members noted that some listed activities (e.g., fatality review, toxicology testing) are important but do not directly support primary prevention.
- **Youth-focused data sources:** Members emphasized the importance of using the Youth Risk Behavior Survey (YRBS), school climate surveys, and other youth specific data to guide prevention strategies.
- **Evidence-based programming:** Members discussed the need to ensure that youth programs funded through FRN use current, evidence-based prevention models.
- **Hard to reach youth:** The subcommittee discussed strategies for reaching youth who are not consistently engaged in school or health care systems, including outreach at community events and through truancy officers.
- **Safe storage and disposal:** Members noted the importance of safe medication storage and disposal as part of prevention efforts.
- **Naloxone in schools:** Members discussed naloxone availability in school settings and the limited number of on campus overdoses, while acknowledging the importance of preparedness.

IV. For possible action: Review of the “Nevada Opioid Needs Assessment and Statewide Plan”

The subcommittee reviewed sections of the [Needs Opioids Assessment and Statewide Plan](#) (last updated in 2022) to identify recommendations and strategies for potential prioritization by the ACRN.

Key discussion points included:

- **Youth prevention priorities:** Adverse Childhood Experiences (ACEs) education, school-based prevention, after-school programming, and early identification of risk factors.
- **Family-centered prevention:** Supporting families experiencing trauma, substance use, or instability; strengthening home-based and community-based supports.
- **Reducing access and risk:** Safe storage, disposal, non-opioid pain management, and monitoring prescribing trends.
- **Data-informed decision making:** Members discussed the need for improved data sharing and the limitations of Prescription Drug Monitoring Program (PDMP) data for understanding current opioid trends.

- **Community overdose response:** Members discussed the potential to revive or strengthen community overdose response plans developed prior to the COVID-19 pandemic.

Public comment was permitted during this item; none was provided.

A preliminary list of recommendations was drafted for future refinement.

V. For possible action: Subcommittee membership growth and recruitment strategy

The subcommittee discussed opportunities to expand membership to ensure broad expertise in prevention, youth services, public health, and community engagement.

Topics included:

- Identifying individuals with specialized knowledge in youth prevention, child welfare, behavioral health, and harm reduction.
- Outreach strategies to engage potential members.
- The appointment process outlined in ACRN bylaws, which authorizes the subcommittee chair to appoint additional members as needed.
- Members identified several potential candidates for future outreach.

VI. For possible action: Review of upcoming meeting topics and timelines

The subcommittee reviewed upcoming deadlines, including work related to the biennial report. Members discussed:

- Scheduling the next meeting within the proposed timeframe.
- Identifying agenda items for the next meeting, including finalizing
- Recommendations and reviewing draft materials for the ACRN.
- A scheduling poll will be distributed to confirm availability.

VII. Public comment #2

None.

VIII. Wrap-up and adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 10:53 a.m.