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Meeting Agenda

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Department of Human Services

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Agenda Item 1

Call to Order : Welcome, Introductions, Announcements and Roll Call – Nevada Public Health Foundation (NPHF) Staff

- Advisory Committee for a Resilient Nevada (ACRN) members are encouraged to offer self-introductions, including areas of expertise, and updates on relevant activities.
- A quorum will be verified to ensure business can be conducted on items marked for possible action.



Agenda Item 2

Public Comment : Public Comment – NPHF staff

- This is the first public comment period of the meeting.
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Agenda Item 3

For Information and Discussion Only :

Review of Nevada's Open Meeting Law – Henna Rasul, Senior Deputy Attorney General , Nevada Attorney General's Office

- Information regarding Nevada's Open Meeting Law (OML) can be found in the Nevada Revised Statutes (NRS), Chapter 241.
- Questions from ACRN members are encouraged.



Agenda Item 4

For Possible Action : Approval of June 11, 2024, Meeting Minutes – NPHF Staff

- A copy of the draft meeting minutes were previously provided to committee members.
- As a continuous advisory body, current members may approve minutes of a meeting that took place before they were appointed as long as they do not have specific, reliable information that the minutes are not accurate.
- Incumbent members are available to corroborate the accuracy of the draft.



Agenda Item 5

For Information and Discussion Only : Review of ACRN Duties – Dawn Yohey, Clinical Program Planner III, FRN

- Information will be shared regarding duties of the committee as outlined in the Nevada Revised Statutes (NRS) 433.712 through 433.744.
- Questions from ACRN members are encouraged.

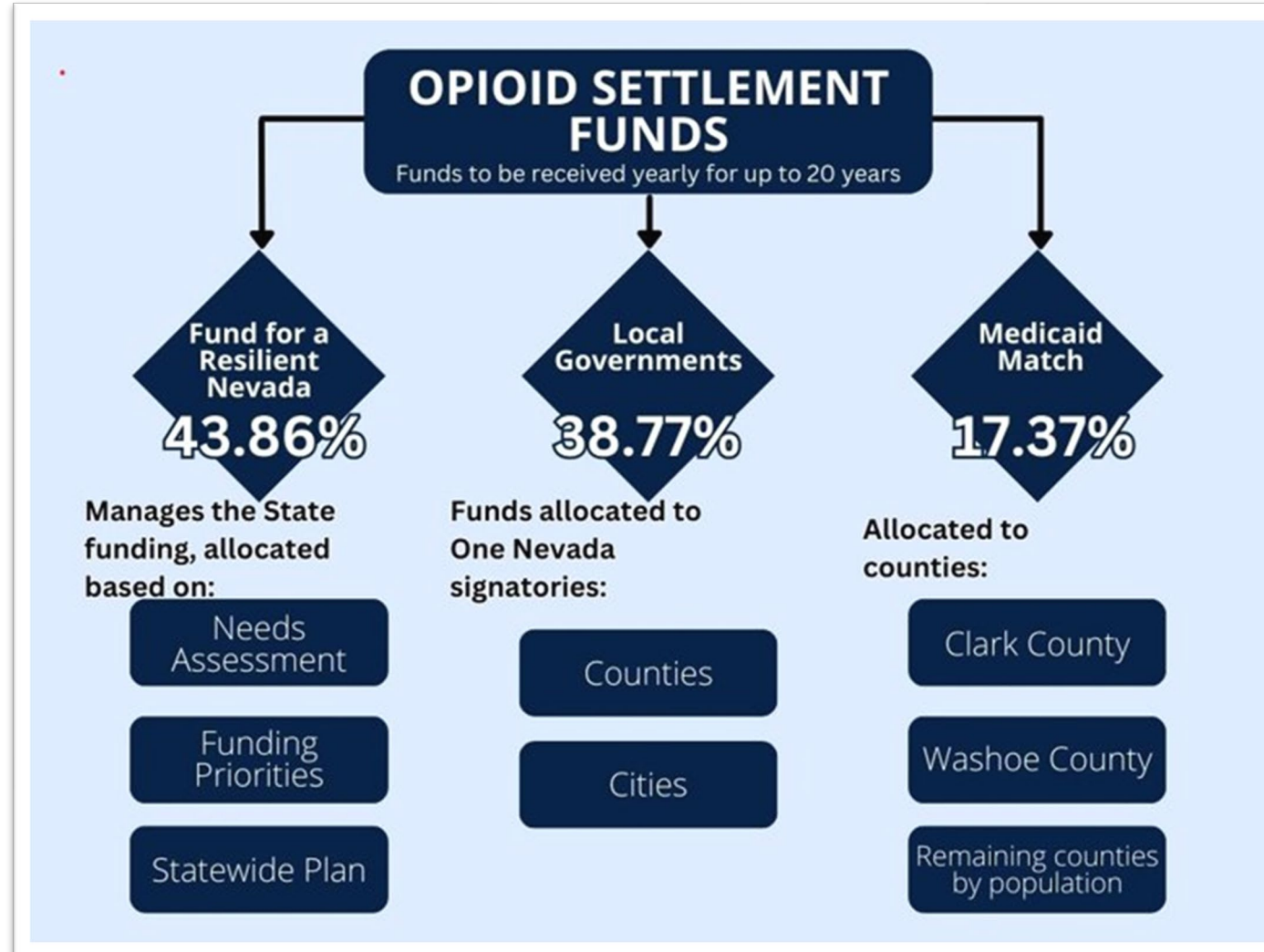


Fund for a Resilient Nevada

- The Fund for a Resilient Nevada was established in *Nevada Revised Statutes (NRS) 433.712* through 433.744 in 2021, which also created the Advisory Committee for Resilient Nevada.
- The [Fund for a Resilient Nevada](#) (FRN) is administered by the Nevada Department of Human Services (DHS) Director's Office and is specific to the State's portion of opioid litigation recoveries.
- 43% of opioid litigation recoveries are managed through FRN. As the settlements are outlined, the State of Nevada will receive yearly distributions for the next 18-20 years.
- Local governments who are part of the [One Nevada Agreement](#) receive funding directly.



Allocation of Recoveries





Advisory Committee for a Resilient Nevada (ACRN)

The Advisory Committee for a Resilient Nevada (ACRN) was established in NRS 433 in 2021.

Members are appointed by the Attorney General's Office, the Office of Minority Health and Equity, and the DHS Director's Office

This committee is comprised of members who range from subject matter experts in their fields to consumers or family members who have been affected by the opioid epidemic.

Members are appointed in 2 year terms, with one additional 2 year reappointment allowable.

Information about the committee, bylaws and reports can be found here: [DHS ACRN](#)



Advisory Committee for a Resilient Nevada (ACRN) Part 2

The Goals of the Committee are:

- To provide advice and council, to the Fund for a Resilient Nevada, from persons and entities who posses knowledge and experience related to the prevention of opioid misuse, opioid related deaths and injury, and addiction and opioid use disorders in Nevada.
- To effectively identify and address risks, impacts and/or harms of the opioid crisis in the State with the Fund for a Resilient Nevada.
- To provide input into the needs assessment and statewide plan, as it is updated/created.
- To develop a report that identifies and prioritizes gaps and recommendations to the DHS Director's Office by June 30th every even numbered year.
 - This report is taken into account when developing Notices of Funding Opportunities and distributing funds in Nevada.
 - The Director of DHS makes the final funding decisions.



Advisory Committee for a Resilient Nevada (ACRN) Part 3

Information from NRS 433.730 regarding ACRN Report:

On or before June 30 of each even-numbered year, the Advisory Committee shall submit to the Director of the Department a report of recommendations concerning:

The statewide needs assessment, including, the establishment of priorities

The statewide plan which allocates money from the Fund

When developing recommendations and priorities to be included in the report, the Advisory Committee shall consider:

- (a) Health equity and identifying relevant disparities among racial and ethnic populations, geographic regions and special populations in this State; and
- (b) The need to prevent overdoses, address disparities in access to health care and prevent substance use among youth.

When prioritizing recommendations the Advisory Committee shall use an objective method to define the potential positive and negative impacts on the health of the affected communities with an emphasis on disproportionate impacts to any population.

Before finalizing a report of recommendations the Advisory Committee must hold at least one public meeting to solicit comments from the public concerning the recommendations and make any revisions to the recommendations determined, as a result of the public comment received, to be necessary.



Questions?



Agenda Item 6

For Information and Discussion Only : Fund for a Resilient Nevada – Dawn Yohey, Clinical Program Planner III, FRN

- Information will be shared regarding the 2025 Fiscal Year, the 2025 Legislative Session, and the Fund For a Resilient Nevada (FRN) Dashboard.
- Questions from ACRN members are encouraged.



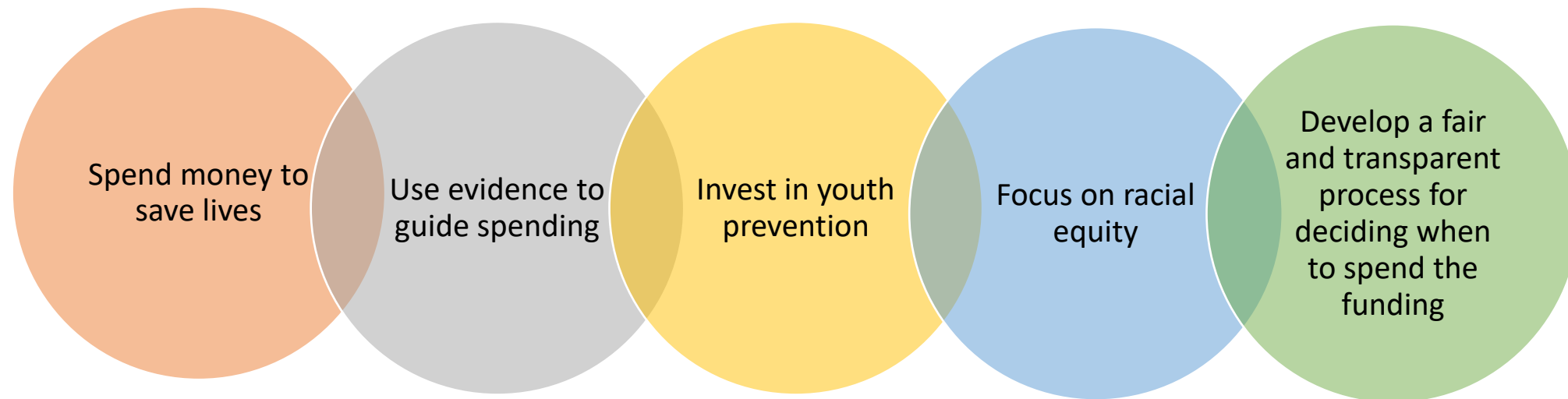
Needs Assessment and Statewide Plan

One of the Department of Human Services' (DHS) responsibilities is the development of a Statewide Needs Assessment and a Statewide Plan to drive funding allocations.

- The needs assessment was completed in July 2022.
- The statewide plan was finalized in December 2022.

[Nevada Opioid Needs Assessment and Statewide Plan 2022 \(nv.gov\)](https://www.nv.gov)

Principles for the Use of Funds from Opioid Litigation (John Hopkins; 2021)





Identified Gaps

Primary, secondary, and tertiary prevention needs that were identified include, but are not limited to:

- School-based prevention programs with measured outcomes that are culturally sensitive
- Prescription drug disposal programs
- Collaborative practice agreements
- Increased adoption of and implementation of Screening, Brief Intervention, and Referral to Treatment (SBIRT) models in primary care and other community-based settings
- Harm reduction and treatment access trainings for people who use or misuse opioids and/or have experienced a nonfatal overdose
- Programs to decrease stigma among providers and community members
- Increased access to harm reduction services, including syringe services programs
- Community education on the use of naloxone
- Increase access to youth prevention services



Identified Gaps

Treatment needs that were identified include, but are not limited to:

- Increased provider availability for pregnant women with OUD and people with co-occurring SUDs and other conditions
- Increased residential and outpatient medication-assisted treatment programs in rural and frontier areas and justice facilities
- Transportation to treatment and recovery supports
- Increased access to and utilization of opioid treatment programs
- Increased access to office-based treatment for OUD
- Increased access to crisis services
- Increase access to youth services for all of the above



Identified Gaps Part 2

Recovery needs that were identified , but are not limited to:

- The elimination of prior authorization requirements for peer recovery support services
- Increased access to peer support services for pregnant and postpartum women
- Statewide availability of peer support services throughout the treatment and recovery system
- Youth and caregiver needs



Additional Gaps

- Capacity
- Data
- Workforce
- Public Safety including Treatment in Carceral Facilities and Hospitals
- Social Determinants of Health
- Youth Services



Statewide Plan Goals

****Goals originally adopted from the Office of National Drug Control Policy****

Goal 1: Ensure Local Programs Have the Capacity to Implement Recommendations Effectively and Sustainably

Goal 2: Prevent the Misuse of Opioids

Goal 3: Reduce Harm Related to Opioid Use

Goal 4: Provide Behavioral Health Treatment

Goal 5: Implement Recovery Communities across Nevada

Goal 6: Provide Opioid Prevention and Treatment Consistently across the Criminal Justice and Public Safety Systems

Goal 7: Provide High Quality and Robust Data and Accessible, Timely Reporting



Restrictions on the Use of Recoveries

Restrictions on the Use of Recoveries come in many forms:

- State law NRS 433.712 through 433.744;
- Language from the settlements;
- Court Orders
- Language from the bankruptcy orders; and
- The One Nevada Agreement; and
- Federal guidelines

The money must be used to remediate the harms, risks, and impacts of the opioid epidemic on the State of Nevada and its residents.

- Administrative cap: the State and local governments may use up to the amount in a court order or 8%, whichever is less, to manage the use of the money.



State Reporting Requirements

A report regarding Findings, Recommendations and Expenditures is due on or before January 31 of each year to the following:

- (a) The Governor;
- (b) The Director of the Legislative Counsel Bureau for transmittal to:
 - (1) In odd-numbered years, the next regular session of the Legislature; and
 - (2) In even-numbered years, the Joint Interim Standing Committee on Health and Human Services and the Interim Finance Committee;
- (c) The Commission;
- (d) Each regional behavioral health policy board created by NRS 433.429;
- (e) The Office of the Attorney General; and
- (f) Any other committees or commissions the Director of the Department deems appropriate.

[FRN Findings Recommendations and Expenditures 2025 Report](#)

*Additional reporting requirements are based on court-orders.



Goal 1 Funded

Capacity Building: \$8,495,789

Some projects being funded in this category:

- Creating the Nevada Opioid Center for Excellence (NOCE) for training and best practices
- Creating and enhancing bachelor's and clinical psychology programs to enhance workforce and clinical interventions such as neurological assessment for youth with gestational substance exposure
- Creating programming for transitional age youth (TAY) and tuition assistance for those wanting to enter the behavioral health workforce
- Funding Addiction Medicine Fellows Programs
- Enhancing and expanding kinship navigator programs for children placed in foster care



Goal 2 Funded

Prevention: \$3,825,674

- Integrating Certified Prevention Specialists in schools
- Implementing Sobriety Treatment and Recovery Team (START) programs for families involved in child welfare
- Enhancing youth activities for youth that may be at higher risk of use - this includes sports programming for boxing, volleyball and basketball and substance use prevention programming
- Providing early intervention services
- Providing before and afterschool programming for youth and adolescents
- Focusing on family planning



Goal 3 Funded

Harm Reduction: \$11,516,016

- Extended Foster Care and supportive services
- Identifying and providing wraparound services for pregnant persons at risk of substance use while pregnant
- Developing supportive care teams for individuals at risk
- Transitional Age Youth programs to include bridge housing support
- Funding sober socials
- Funding for vending machine/needle exchange items
- Funding additional harm reduction supplies such as Narcan



Goal 4 Funded

Treatment: \$14,558,441

- Enhancing programs that can provide neurological assessments and treatment teams
- Creating continuum of care services for identified at risk youth
- Filling critical gap for youth that have gestational exposure to substance use, including youth with Fetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorder (FASD)
- Providing mobile medication for opioid use disorder (MOUD)
- Early intervention services/testing
- Grief services
- Unbillable Youth Services



Goal 5 Funded

Social Determinants of Health: \$10,565,912

- Developing training programs for cohorts of youth in Southern Nevada/Clark County including sealing of legal documents for crimes committed under the age of 18
- Specialty courts
- Transportation for MOUD
- Funding pediatric dental programs
- Foster supports
- Kingap Care Benefits for grandparents raising grandchildren
- Educating and deploying community health workers



Goal 6 Funded

Criminal Justice and Public Safety: \$3,920,480

- Completing a baseline survey for the rural county adult and juvenile justice(jj) facilities
- Providing prevention and treatment services for individuals incarcerated
- Providing family education and treatment services
- Deploying rapid response teams to hospitals and JJ facilities
- Hand held mass spectrometers for public safety
- Mail scanners for Department of Corrections



Goal 7 Funded

Data Collection and Trend Analysis: \$4,445,790

- Collecting and analyzing wastewater testing near high schools
- Bringing on and hiring epidemiologists specific to youth and disease
- Bringing on and hiring a biostatistician with the Office of Analytics specific to the opioid crisis
- Foster care supports and case management
- 90 day pre release waiver
- ODMAP API
- Master Client Index Enhancements



Bill Appropriation: SB 165

Section 80 of this bill makes various appropriations to the Nevada System of Higher Education and certain institutions within the System for the establishment of: (1) programs for the education and training of behavioral health and wellness practitioners; (2) an accredited internship program for psychologists with an emphasis in child psychology; and (3) scholarships for students enrolled in programs for the education and training of providers of health care who may supervise behavioral health and wellness practitioners.



SB 165

- The University of Nevada, Reno, not more than \$574,980 for the costs of a program that awards a bachelor's degree for persons wishing to become behavioral health and wellness practitioners and award scholarships to students who enroll in that program.
- The University of Nevada, Reno, not more than \$500,000 for the costs to establish a program that awards a micro-credential in behavioral health promotion and prevention and award scholarships to students who enroll in that program.
- The University of Nevada, Las Vegas, not more than \$574,980 for the costs of a program that awards a bachelor's degree for persons wishing to become behavioral health and wellness practitioners and award scholarships to students who enroll in that program.
- The University of Nevada, Las Vegas, not more than \$500,000 for the costs to establish a program that awards a micro-credential in behavioral health promotion and prevention and award scholarships to students who enroll in that program.
- Great Basin College not more than \$574,980 for the costs of a program that awards a bachelor's degree for persons wishing to become behavioral health and wellness practitioners and award scholarships to students who enroll in that program.
- Great Basin College not more than \$500,000 for the costs to establish a program that awards a micro-credential in behavioral health promotion and prevention and award scholarships to students who enroll in that program.
- The Partnership for Research, Assessment, Counseling, Therapy and Innovative Clinical Education at the University of Nevada, Las Vegas, not more than \$1,200,000 for the costs to establish an internship program for psychologists that:
 - (1) Is accredited by the American Psychological Association; and
 - (2) Has an emphasis in child psychology; and
- The Nevada System of Higher Education not more than \$2,000,000 for the costs of scholarships for students enrolled in programs for the education and training of providers of health care who are authorized to supervise behavioral health and wellness practitioners pursuant to section 18 of this act.



SB 165 Awards

Includes 8 awards

3 to UNLV for microcredential, bachelors and internships

2 to Great Basin for microcredential and bachelors

2 to UNR for microcredential and bachelors

1 to NSHE for scholarships as pass through to the other three universities.



SB231 (Board of Pharmacy)

Sec. 2. 1. There is hereby appropriated from the Fund for a Resilient Nevada created by NRS 433.732 to the Board of Pharmacy to assist collectors with the destruction of home-generated pharmaceutical waste deposited in a secure drug take-back bin.

Total Amount: \$500,000

Going to RFP to facilitate and carryout this project



Dashboard

- [FRN Dashboard](#)
 - Total Opioid Recoveries
 - Statewide Plan Goals and Funded project/awards



Questions



Agenda Item 7

For Possible Action : Amend and approve the ACRN By-Laws - NPHF Staff

- A copy of the proposed by-laws were previously provided to committee members.
- The most current by-laws were approved and adopted on October 14, 2021.
- These by-laws indicate the need for review every four (4) years or sooner as deemed necessary by the committee.
- The proposed by-laws acknowledge the title change of DHS, clarify term lengths, designate committee officers and duties, and outline attendance expectations.



Agenda Item 8

For Possible Action : Election of ACRN Officers - NPHF Staff

- According to the Nevada Revised Statute (NRS) 433.728, the ACRN is required to elect a chair at the first meeting of each calendar year.
- The proposed by-laws address the potential of the committee to elect a Vice Chair as well.
- Members may nominate themselves or others.
- The term of office begins immediately upon election.



Agenda Item 9

For Possible Action : Determine Upcoming Meeting Schedule – ACRN Chair

- The chair, with the input of members, will establish a meeting schedule for the remainder of the calendar year if possible.
- The chair can propose methods to illicit potential agenda items from members.



Agenda Item 10

Public Comment : ACRN Chair

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Agenda Item 11

Wrap-up and Adjournment: ACRN Chair

- Chair can request potential items for future discussion and closing comments from committee members.
- Chair can adjourn the meeting as they see fit.



Thank you!



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