



Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes -
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Nevada Office of Minority Health and Equity
Quarterly Advisory Committee Meeting
Nov. 18, 2025, at 10:09 a.m.

I. Call to Order, Roll Call, and Opening Statement — Nicholas Dunkle, Chair

Meeting called to order at 10:09 AM by Chair Nicholas Dunkle.

Quorum confirmed with the following members present:

1. Nicholas Dunkle (Chair)
2. Angela Wilson
3. Tiara Flynn
4. Andrew Reyes
5. Rev. Dr. Deborah Whitlock
6. Bishop Bonnie Radden
7. Maggie Salas Crespo

Excused Absences: Dr. Samuel Hickson, Nancy Bowen

Legislative Advisor (Ex Officio): Senator Rochelle Nguyen (Absent due to special session)

II. Land Acknowledgement

Read by Dr. Andrew Reyes, recognizing Nevada's Indigenous peoples and their

stewardship of the land.

III. Public Comment — Nicholas Dunkle, Chair

No public comments received.

IV. For Possible Action: Review and Approval of August 12, 2025, Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes — Nicholas Dunkle, Chair

Motion to approve by Bishop Bonnie Radden.

Seconded by Angie Wilson.

Motion carried unanimously.

V. For Information/Discussion Only: Presentation of NOMHE Budget

— Nicholas Dunkle, Chair

Presented by Tina Dortch.

NOMHE has two revenue streams: state-appropriated funds and a new grant from the Department of Public Safety.

FY25 budget: \$442,867

Expenditures through October 30: \$153,891

Projected year-end balance: \$38,145

NOMHE is financially positioned to support upcoming travel and operations.

VI. For Information/Discussion Only: Report on NOMHE Activities,

Initiatives and Impacts — Tina Dortch, NOMHE Program Manager

Updates on NOMHE's mission-driven activities; strategic partnerships/initiatives; actioning of its Strategic Plan; and funding.

a. Health Program Specialist I Update - Karina Fox

- Overview of role and alignment with statewide public health infrastructure.
- Participation in multiple statewide committees and workgroups.
- Emphasis on CHIP, SHIP, and Workforce Pipeline Development Plan.

- Focus areas include chronic disease, behavioral health, maternal health, tribal engagement, and more.

b. Vulnerable Road User Initiative – Alexandra Neal

- Funded by the Department of Public Safety.
- Focus on inclusive safety protocols for pedestrians, cyclists, and other vulnerable road users.
- Five-phase project includes literature review, policy analysis, community engagement, and final reporting.
- Collaboration with UNLV School of Public Health and other stakeholders.

c. Outreach and Health Literacy Updates — Tina Dortch, NOMHE Program Manager. Overview of NOMHE's most recent activities conducted in service to Nevadans, per NRS 232.475.

Presented by Tina Dortch (on behalf of Carlos Ramirez-Gomez).

Highlights included participation in:

- Nevada HAND Senior Wellness Fair
 - North Las Vegas Pop-Up Resource Event
 - Doolittle Active Adult Health Fair
 - Binational Health Week
 - UNLV Internship Fair
 - Public Health Career Resource Fair (Craig Ranch Park)
- NOMHE to host 4 interns in Spring 2026.

- d. **Presentation of 2025 NRS 232.0083-232.0087 Annual Report** — Tina Dortch, NOMHE Program Manager. Presentation of findings and recommendations developed during annual meeting of Diversity Inclusion Liaisons as required by NRS 232.0083 – 232.0087.

Summary of July 2025 Diversity and Inclusion Liaison (DIL) meeting.

Six key themes identified for DILs and Minority Serving Organizations (MSOs) to collaboratively address:

1. Workplace environment and collaboration
2. Breaking down silos
3. Community engagement
4. Outreach and access to services
5. Cultural competency training
6. Internal assessment and accountability

VII. For Information/Discussion Only: Department of Human Services Update — Shannon Litz, Deputy Director

Updates on Nevada Department of Human Services reorganization.

Overview of reorganization under SB 494.

Department renamed to Department of Human Services.

Divisions include: Aging & Disability Services, Child & Family Services, Public & Behavioral Health, and Social Services.

Office of Minority Health and Equity remains under the Director's Office.

Interim Director: Ricky Robb (following Richard Whitley's retirement)

VIII. For Possible Action: Future Meeting Dates, Agenda Topics — Nicholas Dunkle, Vice Chair

Approved 2026 meeting dates:

- February 10, 2026
- May 12, 2026
- August 18, 2026 (in-person)

Suggested future topics:

- Rural Health Transformation Grant updates
- Silver State Health Insurance Exchange developments
- SNAP Emergency Bill outcomes

IX. Public Comment — Nicholas Dunkle, Chair

No public comments received.

X. Wrap-up and Adjournment — Nicholas Dunkle, Chair

- Motion to adjourn by Angie Wilson.
- Seconded by Bishop Bonnie Radden.
- Meeting adjourned at 12:02 PM.