



Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes - FINAL

Nevada Office of Minority Health and Equity

Quarterly Advisory Committee Meeting

February 10, 2026 | 10:04 AM | Virtual (Microsoft Teams)

Recording: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=b_gUGA5E0hY

- I. **Call to Order, Roll Call, and Opening Statement** — Nicholas Dunkle, Chair
Called the meeting to order at 10:04 AM.
Quorum established (7 members present).
Noted resignations:
Angie Wilson (relocated out of state)
Rev. Dr. Deborah Whitlock Lacks (relocated out of state)
Recruitment for two vacancies to begin immediately.
 - 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
Jessica Padron (AARP Nevada, Associate State Director) AARP Community Challenge Grant opportunity shared (applications open through March; awards \$10,000–\$25,000). Information to be distributed via NOMHE channels.
 - IV. **For Possible Action: Review and Approval of August 12, 2025, Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes** — Nicholas Dunkle, Chair
Motion to approve by Samuel Hickson. Seconded by Bishop Nonnie Radden. Motion carried unanimously.
 - V. **Financial Sustainability Report - Tina Dortch, Program Manager**
Current Fiscal Overview (Reconciled through FY Ends June 30, 2026)
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Total Revenue / Revenue Streams

\$442,867 / Tobacco Settlement Funds, General Fund and Department of Public Safety (VRU Grant)

Projected Year End Shortfall:

-\$39,310. Caused by prior legislative reductions to tobacco settlement allocations. Mitigation plan involves funding augmentation expected in March by shift to differing Director's Office budget authority. No anticipated staffing cuts at this time.

Advisory Committee Discussion

- Concern raised regarding sustainability and potential future funding instability.
- Clarified that NOMHE remains statutorily required.
- External grant funding opportunities encouraged.
- Action Item: Bishop Bonnie Radden to meet with Tina Dorch to discuss grant strategy

VI. For Information/Discussion Only: Report on NOMHE Activities, Initiatives and Impacts — Tina Dorch, NOMHE Program Manager

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

1. Workforce & Funding Opportunities

- Nevada HEAL Loan Repayment Program (priority for bilingual, Medicaid-serving providers).
- UNLV CareSource Innovation Grants (\$300K total).
- AARP Community Challenge Grants.

2. Advisory Committee Recruitment

Priority profiles to be filled:

- Northern Nevada or rural representative
- Native American representative
- Health professional
- Faith-based leader

Goal: Fill seats by May meeting.

3. Vulnerable Road Users (VRU) Initiative – DPS Grant Update

Presenter: Alexandra Neal

Root Cause Analysis

- 111 stakeholders identified. 70 contacted. Ongoing outreach.
- Listening Sessions (March–May).
- World Café sessions (May) for solution co-design.

State Highway Safety Plan Integration

Focus Areas: Safer people, roads, speeds, vehicles. Post-crash care

Identified Gaps

- Limited EMS & Fire participation. Need for stronger public health voice. Deaf/Hard of Hearing access barriers to emergency response raised (critical accessibility issue).

4. Outreach & Health Literacy Update

Presenter: Carlos Ramirez Gomez

Completed

- MLK “Taste of Dream” outreach event (February)

Upcoming

- Minority Health Month (April)
- Black Maternal Health Week (April)
- Alzheimer’s Documentary (May)
- Misinformation Webinar (June)
- 6th Annual Back-to-School Fair (July; 1,000+ attendees last year)
- NMHEC Impact Summit (November)

Intern support acknowledged.

VII. For Information/Discussion Only: Division of Public and Behavioral Health Stroke Registry Report

Presenter: Troy Lovick, Cardiovascular Health Program Coordinator

Report purpose: Report on aggregate statewide stroke data. Provide legislative recommendations. Improve stroke care quality across Nevada.

Key Data:

- 17 Joint Commission–accredited stroke hospitals (all in Clark, Washoe, Carson).
 - Native American population overrepresented in stroke prevalence.
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- Rural critical access hospitals need improved stroke readiness.

Recommendation Areas for Legislative Consideration:

- Statewide stroke system planning
- EMS pre-hospital protocols
- Rural hospital inclusion
- Stroke registry & data quality
- Rehabilitation & long-term recovery
- Workforce shortages
- Payment & voucher structures

Annual Report due June 1; seeking legislative recommendations from NOMHE Advisory Committee members (due to Mr. Lovick by first week of March)

VIII. For Information/Discussion Only: Department of Human Services Overview of 2025 Senate Bill 3 and Senate Bill 4 —

Presenters: Kelly Cantrelle, Deputy Administrator and Trenton Sheesley, Management Analyst

The Division of Social Services presented information related to Senate Bill 3 (SB3) and Senate Bill 4 (SB4), which significantly affect access to public assistance and healthcare coverage for low-income and vulnerable populations in Nevada.

These bills carry implications for: Medicaid access, SNAP participation, TANF eligibility, administrative verification processes and health equity outcomes

Senate Bill 3 (SB3) – Administrative & Eligibility Reforms

Core Focus:

- Modernization of eligibility verification systems.
- Alignment of eligibility processes across benefit programs.
- Increased fraud detection protocols.
- Strengthened documentation requirements.

Potential positive impacts: streamlined eligibility systems; reduced administrative duplication; potential improved interagency data sharing.

Concerns raised: Increased documentation burdens; disproportionately impact seniors; create barriers for non-English speakers; delay coverage for Medicaid applicants; risk of unintended coverage loss for vulnerable populations.

Equity considerations: Language access; digital access disparities; rural connectivity limitations; disability accommodation compliance.

Senate Bill 4 (SB4) – Public Assistance Policy Adjustments

Core Focus:

- Adjustments to SNAP and TANF participation standards.
- Work requirement modifications.
- Reporting compliance timelines.

Potential positive impacts: alignment with federal standards; potential administrative cost savings; clearer eligibility guidelines.

Concerns raised: Work requirement expansions; impact single parents; effect individuals with disabilities; increase churn in Medicaid/SNAP enrollment; reporting requirement changes could; increase case closures due to paperwork; create instability in food security.

Discussion Themes

- Need for Health Impact Analysis.
- Importance of monitoring enrollment loss trends.
- Cross-sector collaboration between DSS & NOMHE.
- Tracking impacts on minority and tribal populations.
- Ensuring culturally and linguistically appropriate implementation.

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

Approved 2026 meeting dates: May 12 | Aug 18 (in-person) | Nov17

Suggested future topics:

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

X. Public Comment — Nicholas Dunkle, Chair No public comments received.

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

Motion to adjourn by Dr. Samuel Hickson. Seconded by Bishop Bonnie Radden.

- Meeting adjourned at 12:17 PM.
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