



Meeting Minutes

Advisory Committee for a Resilient Nevada Treatment Subcommittee April 28, 2026

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I. Call to order: Welcome, introductions and announcements

- The meeting was called to order at 12:00 p.m.
- **Members present:** Dr. Danita Smith (chair), Jamie Hatfield, and Dr. Taylor Tomlinson
- **Members absent:** None
- **Staff and guests present:** Ashlyn Acero, Tina Gerber-Winn, Nathan Orme, Alyssa Planas, Belkis Quezada, Joan Waldock, Sabrina Petrel, Henna Rasul, Heather Kerwin, Terry Kerns, Edward Kovacs, Elizabeth Folsom and Katrina Fox.

II. Public comment #1

None.

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

- Reviewed background on the Fund for a Resilient Nevada (FRN), including funding limitations tied to legal settlements and court orders.
- Provided an overview of previously funded programs, including:
 - Support for grandparents and caring for children
 - Foster home placements with behavioral health services
 - Boys & Girls Club screening and referral training
 - Carson City Counseling residential and transitional services
 - Crossroads programming
- Noted that FRN funds are limited and must align with settlement requirements.
- Highlighted that current meeting focus relates to Goal 4 (Behavioral Health Treatment) and Goal 6 (Treatment Planning) from the statewide plan.

IV. For possible action: Review of the Nevada Opioid Needs Assessment and Statewide Plan (2022)

The subcommittee reviewed the treatment related goals and recommendations from the [Nevada Opioid Needs Assessment and Statewide Plan](#) (last updated in 2022). Members agreed the objectives are broad and numerous, making it difficult to prioritize without further review. Key points included the need for updated training for medical providers, especially in inpatient and maternal health settings, and recognition that some recommendations may be unrealistic within current funding timelines. Members also discussed ongoing progress in justice involved treatment, including active MAT programs in jails and improved reentry services. The group decided to review all materials individually and return with written feedback to identify priorities, revisions, and potential new goals for the upcoming biennial report.

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

The subcommittee discussed opportunities to expand membership to ensure broader representation across treatment settings and lived experience perspectives. During this discussion, Edward Kovacs expressed interest in participating and was added as a member of the subcommittee to support work related to justice involved populations and reentry services.

The chair encouraged continued outreach to identify additional members who can contribute expertise in treatment, recovery, and community-based services. No further formal action was taken.

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

Tina noted that the biennial report is due at the end of June, and members will need to provide feedback on goals and recommendations prior to that deadline. Upcoming meetings will focus on prioritizing treatment objectives, reviewing statewide plan recommendations, and identifying feasible, fundable strategies for the next funding cycle.

The subcommittee agreed to hold the next meeting on May 26 at 12:00 p.m.

VII. Public comment #2

None.

VIII. Wrap-up and adjournment

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 1:04 p.m.