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Meeting Notice and Agenda

Nevada Office of Minority Health and Equity Advisory Committee Quarterly Meeting

August 18, 2026, at 11:30 a.m. to adjournment

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Atlantis Casino Resort Spa (Grand Rooms 5 – 7)
3800 S. Virginia Street, Reno, NV 89502
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NOTE: Agenda items may be taken out of order, combined for consideration and/or removed from the agenda at the chairperson's discretion.

- 1. Call to order, roll call, and opening statement — Chair Nicholas Dunkle**
- 2. Land acknowledgement**

The Office of Minority Health and Equity, as a program of the Nevada Department of Human Services acknowledges, honors, and respects the diverse Indigenous peoples connected to this land and recognize the State of Nevada is situated on the traditional homelands of the Nuwu, Newe, Numu and Wa She Shu. We offer gratitude for the land itself, for those who have stewarded it for generations, and for the opportunity to work alongside our Tribal partners. We encourage everyone in this space to engage in acknowledgement and continued learning about the Indigenous peoples who work and live on this land since time immemorial, and about the historical and present realities of colonialism.

3. Public comment — Chair Nicholas Dunkle

Public comment will be taken during this agenda item. No action may be taken on a matter raised under this item until the matter is included on an agenda as an item on which action may be taken. The chair of the Advisory Committee on Minority Health and Equity will place a two (2) minute time limit on the time individuals may address the committee. The chair may elect to allow public comment on a specific agenda item when that item is being considered. To provide public comment by phone, dial (775) 321 - 6111 any time after the chair announces the period of public comment. When prompted to provide the Meeting ID, enter 985 002 350#. Statements made during this agenda item become part of the public record and are subject to disclosure under [Nevada Open Meeting Law](#), [Nevada Public Records Act](#), or other applicable law.

4. For possible action: Review and approval of [May 12, 2026, Advisory Committee Meeting Draft Minutes](#) — Chair Nicholas Dunkle

5. For possible action: Review and approval of NOMHE Advisory Committee Bylaws — Chair Nicholas Dunkle and NOMHE Program Manager Tina Dortch

6. For possible action: Election of NOMHE Advisory Committee chair and vice chair — NOMHE Program Manager Tina Dortch

7. For information/discussion only: Presentation of NOMHE budget — Chair Nicholas Dunkle

Status of NOMHE revenue (through state funds and/or grants) and operational expenses.

8. For information/discussion only: Report on NOMHE activities, initiatives, and impacts — NOMHE Program Manager Tina Dortch

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

a. **Vulnerable Road User Initiative update** — NOMHE Management Analyst II Alex Neal. Presentation on Department of Public Safety-funded grant deliverables and review of final project report draft.

b. **Outreach and Health Literacy Updates** — NOMHE Program Officer Carlos Ramirez Gomez. Overview of NOMHE's most recent activities conducted in service to Nevadans, per NRS 232.475.

c. **Overview of “An Analysis of Lactation Support and Services in Nevada” white paper** — NOMHE Program Officer II Siddarth Raich, PhD. Presentation highlighting the existing lactation and breastfeeding support service infrastructure in Nevada, especially among rural and minority populations.

9. For possible action: Maternal Mortality and Severe Maternal Morbidity Data presentation and discussion of possible recommendations for the Dec. 31, 2026, legislative report — DPBH Child Family and Community Wellness Bureau Chief Vickie Ives; and DPBH Child Family and Community Wellness Deputy Bureau Chief Tami Conn

Preparation for pending Maternal Mortality Review Committee (MMRC) Reporting, per NRS 442.767.

10. For possible action: Future meeting dates and agenda topics — Chair Nicholas Dunkle

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12. Wrap-up and adjournment — Chair Nicholas Dunkle

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- [2026 NOMHE Advisory Committee Meetings web page](#)
- [Nevada Public Notice Website](#)
- Nevada Office of Minority Health and Equity, 4505 S. Maryland Parkway, Box 45303, Campus Services Building, Room 235, Las Vegas, NV 89154-3030
- Aging and Disability Services Division, 7150 Pollock Ave, Las Vegas, NV 89119

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