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**NeNe Nevada Office of Minority Health and Equity**

**Advisory Committee Meeting**

12:00 pm to Adjournment Public Meeting Notice

**Minutes (DRAFT)**

**Attend / Teleconference Availability:**

555 E Washington Avenue – Room 1400  
Las Vegas, NV 89101

101 N Carson Street – Old Assembly Chambers  
Carson, Nevada 89701

**Agenda Items May be Taken Out of Order, Combined for  
Consideration, and/or Removed from the Agenda at the**

**1. Call to Order - Andre Wade, Chairperson**

**Time:** 12:05 pm

**Roll Call / Welcome / Introduction of Guests**

Advisory Committee members present: Andre Wade (Chair); Sam Lieberman (Vice Chair); Senator Pat Spearman (Legislative Advisor); Erik Jimenez; Casandra Cotton; Andrea Greg; Gillian Barclay (proxy to Dr. Barbara Atkinson)

Advisory Committee members absent: Dr. Jennifer Kawi (with explanation)

QUORUM achieved.

NOMHE staff present: Tina Dortch

Guest Introductions: Jay Cafferata (UNR Nevada Public Health Training Center); Alisa Howard (consultant); Katie Pace (OCHA); Kimberly Young (American Lung Association); Richard Twyman (Department of Welfare and Supportive Services)

**2. Public Comment**

Tina Dortch: As Program Manager, I have not experienced any issues achieving quorum with the NOMHE Advisors. I would like to have my appreciation noted for the record.

**3. Review / Approval of Minutes from August 7, 2019 - Andre Wade, Chairperson**

**Sam Lieberman MOTIONED to approve Minutes from August 7, 2019; second from Cassandra Cotton. Motion carried.**

**4. General Updates Presented to NOMHE Advisory Committee – Tina Dortch, Program Manager**

Introduction of New Legislative Advisor, Senator Pat Spearman. As part of her opening statements, Senator Spearman identified the state's need for a deaf school and that she is interested in revisiting the topic in the upcoming legislative session. She cited parents of newborns who are born deaf not knowing how to communicate with their child or get hearing aids for their child as examples justifying the need for a school. She mentioned a willingness to expand the proposed school's population to include blind children and possibly children with other disabilities.

***Tina Dortch requested the record show the topic will be taken up by NOMHE.***

Introduction of New Advisory Committee Member, Erik Jimenez (State Treasurer's Office, Senior Policy Director). Mr. Jimenez shared his excitement to be on this committee. Mentioned he is part of the disability community as well as the minority committee.

81<sup>st</sup> Legislative Session (Feb 2021) – Defining of NOMHE priorities *will begin discussions over next two Advisory Committee meetings (i.e. February and May 2020).*

## 5. NOMHE Sustainability Update - Andre Wade, Chairperson

Sustainability (Budget) - Chairperson Wade turned the discussion over to Program Manager Tina Dortch.

Of the bi-annual budget, only the \$30,000 allocated under the operational expenses category are accessible for programmatic support and sponsorships. Of this amount, approximately \$14,000 has been expended to date. Regarding the \$16,000 balance, Tina recommended the Advisory Committee use the Feb 2020 meeting to reaffirm activities to conduct and organizations NOMHE should support through sponsorships.

## 6. Nominations to Fill Open Advisory Committee Seat(s) – Andre Wade, Chairperson

Open Profiles for Ethnically Diverse Nominee(s):

- \* One (1) director-appointed person with “notable interest in minority health equity”
- \* One (1) Board of Health-appointed person representing the “public at large”
- \* One (1) Board of Health-appointed person representing northern/central/rural NV

During discussion regarding filling of two (2) remaining vacant seats, Tina Dortch pointed out Ms. Huong Jami. She showed interest in August 2019 following a NOMHE presentation. She is Vietnamese (meeting the ethnicity profile) and works for the Washoe County Health District (meeting the geographic and health service provider profile). Has worked with programs addressing tobacco cessation and oral health. With these traits, she is a candidate in good standing for consideration.

The Chair oversaw dialogue regarding the timeline to fill the two positions verses delaying in order to identify a candidate that identifies as Native American. Tina mentioned names of persons meeting this profile have been provided sporadically.

**Cassandra Cotton MOTIONED that the current applicant be placed on hold while the Program Manager assemble the names of Native American persons for the Committee to contribute to for further consideration; second from Sam Lieberman. Motion carried.**

## 7. NOMHE Activities and Impact Report – Tina Dortch, Program Manager

Tina Dortch shared highlights from a recent presentation provided on “Maternal Health and the Role of Cultural Competency” as part of her Activities, Impact and Capacity Overview. The presentation used the Giving Voice to Mothers (GVtM) study, conducted by the World Health Organization, as its premise. The study netted a 70+% response rate due in large part to its creation involving input from pregnant women. Its major finding was the identification of seven forms of mistreatment experienced by pregnant women of color and how this exacerbated disparities and fostered under utilization of care. The NOMHE presentation then focused on culturally sensitive practices and the role they serve in the reversal negative experiences.

During discussion on NOMHE’s capacity overview Tina Dortch provided an explanation of Academic Health District concept (initiated to provide programmatic support to NOMHE) on behalf of UNR’s Gerold Dermid who was unable to attend. She explained one of the two UNR employees on loan to NOMHE has vacated the

position, but efforts were underway to find a replacement.

Minority Health Awareness Month 2020 updated provided by Tina Dortch. The two UNR employees will provide support of activities related to NOMHE's signature initiatives (i.e. clinical trial diversification, ally training and Health in All Policies).

During updates on signature events representing NOMHE programming that culminates in April 2020 (i.e. Minority Health Awareness Month), the following information was shared:

- Update by Jay Cafferata on Ally-Related Activities detailed outcomes of 1<sup>st</sup> Gender Identity & Sexual Orientation Minority Health Conference (11/16/2019) held in northern Nevada. Conference will be repeated in southern Nevada on April 25, 2020 as part of Minority Health Awareness Month activities.
- Update by Baldo Bobadilla on HiAP Pilot status detailed the work plan and timeline. HiAP survey is first step; will support selection of Pilot agencies and members for HiAP Task Force.
- Update by Tina Dortch on Clinical Trial Diversification Action Plan touched upon status of the All of Us Journey's return to Nevada, between April 19 – May 16, 2020. During this time, there will be 6 – 8 stops across northern and southern Nevada.
- Update by Tina Dortch on Ally Forum event clarified the events concept (i.e. designed to introduce marginalized populations to benefits of support group organizations and their role in the health care cycle). *Sam Lieberman and Cassandra Cotton volunteered to individually work with Tina on refining the concept*

**8. Stakeholder Synergies – Presentation by Erik Jimenez**

Advisory Committee member, Erik Jimenez, manages the ABLE Savings Account, an initiative of the State Treasurer's Office. Provided an overview that focused on the additional revenue this source could provide (for example, to disabled persons who work).

**9. Scheduling Matters – Andre Wade, Chairperson**

Next meeting is February 11, 2020

**10. Public Comment**

None

**11. Adjournment – Andre Wade, Chairman**

**Time:** 1:54 pm