

**CLARK COUNTY REGIONAL OPIOID TASK FORCE  
COMMISSION CHAMBERS  
CLARK COUNTY GOVERNMENT CENTER  
500 S. GRAND CENTRAL PARKWAY  
LAS VEGAS, NEVADA 89106  
THURSDAY, APRIL 18, 2024  
2:00 P.M.**

The Clark County Regional Opioid Task Force was created by AB132 from the 82<sup>nd</sup> Session of the 2023 Nevada Legislature and is comprised of fifteen (15) individuals appointed by the Board of Clark County Commissioners. The Task Force reviews data relating to opioid overdose fatalities and near fatalities and uses such data to identify gaps in community services relating to opioids and opioid overdose fatalities. The Task Force reviews data from existing state and community databases and, in particular, information relating to harm reduction and substance abuse. Task Force members identify trends in the social determinants of health relating to opioid overdose fatalities and identify opportunities for prevention to promote recovery and to collaborate to leverage existing resources to prevent substance misuse.

**MEETING MINUTES**

**1. Call to Order, Invocation, and Roll Call**

The Clark County Regional Opioid Task Force was called to order by Chair Rouse at 2:00 p.m.

Invocation by Reverend Will Rucker.

**Committee Members**

**Present:**

Melanie Rouse, Chair  
Jamie Sorenson, Vice Chair  
Ebony Washington  
Greg Theobald  
Brian O'Neal  
Jessica Johnson  
Brandon Delise  
Jerry Cade  
BachTrinh Dang  
Geoconda Hughes  
Thomas Alfreda  
Chelsi Cheatom  
Dolletta Mitchell

**Not Present:**

Rosa O'Bannon  
Meambi Newbern-Johnson

**2. Public Comment**

At this time, Chair Rouse asked if there was anyone wishing to make public comment.

Dr. Dinita Smith, Clinic Director at Dr. Miriam and Sheldon Adelson Clinic, speaking on behalf of the Nevada Opioid Treatment Association (NOTA), asked that NOTA be added to the agenda in the future. Dr. Smith would like to present about the work that they do and how they are tackling the opioid crisis.

**3. \*Approval of Minutes of meeting on March 14, 2024 (For possible action)**

A motion was made by Jerry Cade to approve the Minutes from March 14, 2024, second motion made by Brian O'Neal. The motion was unanimously approved with amendments to Item 1.

**4. \*Approval of Agenda for April 18, 2024 (For possible action)**

A motion was made by Eboni Washington to approve the Agenda for April 18, 2024, second motion made by Jerry Cade. The motion was unanimously approved.

**5. Data discussion (For discussion only)**

- a. Clark County Coroner's Office**
- b. Southern Nevada Health District**

Presentation by Clark County Coroner Melanie Rouse representing the Clark County Office of the Coroner/Medical Examiner. Overview of the office, accreditation standards, processes, timelines, trends, death certificate, and review of death data from October 1, 2023 to March 24, 2024.

At this time, Chair Rouse asked if there were any questions or comments regarding the presentation. Interested parties addressed their questions, comments, and concerns regarding the presentation.

Presentation by Brandon Delise, Sr. Epidemiologist at the Southern Nevada Health District, providing an overview of opioid overdose indicators. Review of data sources for fatal and non-fatal drug overdose indicators and other indicators. Recommendation that the committee form a working group or subcommittee that can operate monthly and is exempt from open meeting laws.

At this time, Chair Rouse asked if there were any questions or comments regarding the presentation. Interested parties addressed their questions, comments, and concerns regarding the presentation.

**6. Receive Presentation from Southern Nevada Opioid Advisory Council (SNOAC) (For discussion only)**

Presentation by Jessica Johnson and Jamie Ross on the Southern Nevada Opioid Advisory Council with an overview of SNOAC, structure, gaps, and recommendations. Recommendations to continue to support evidence-based community efforts to drive change; utilizing best practice frameworks for task force structure and decision making; and prioritize approaches and interventions that save lives.

At this time, Chair Rouse asked if there were any questions or comments regarding the presentation. Interested parties addressed their questions, comments, and concerns regarding the presentation.

**7. Receive Presentation from City of Henderson on Fentanyl Awareness Campaign (For discussion only)**

Presentation by Lisa Corrado, Director of Community Development and Services at the City of Henderson, on the City of Henderson's Fentanyl Awareness Campaign that focuses on youth prevention.

At this time, Chair Rouse asked if there were any questions or comments regarding the presentation. There were no questions.

**8. Open discussion for future agenda items. (For discussion only)**

At this time, Chair Rouse asked if Task Force members have recommendations on future agenda items or comments and suggestions.

Chair Rouse recommends adding the suggestion received from Southern Nevada Health District about the development of a subcommittee.

Jamie Sorenson is interested in hearing from law enforcement or first responders in terms of the emergency response, policies, resources and tools that they need to coordinate response models; from family members who tried to access resources and services or support; from the education system or school district as a matter of prevention, the curriculums, the prevalence, and current issues that they are seeing in younger populations; and from treatment providers such as Crossroads, Bridge Counseling, or other provider for a perspective to make recommendations relative to recovery resources and treatment.

Eboni Washington would like to hear from providers about gaps in services.

Jerry Cade likes the idea of hitting all the categories that Jessica presented on prevention rescue treatment and

recovery to see what exists.

## **9. Public Comment**

At this time, Chair Rouse asked if there was anyone wishing to make public comment.

Trey Delap, Director of Group Six Partners, commented on the challenges that AB132 faced before being passed, how it gained support and what he hopes the committee will accomplish.

## **10. Adjournment**

A motion to adjourn was made by Jerry Cade, second motion made by Brian O'Neal. The motion was unanimously approved.

Meeting was adjourned at 3:59 p.m.