

**CLARK COUNTY REGIONAL OPIOID TASK FORCE  
COMMISSION CHAMBERS  
CLARK COUNTY GOVERNMENT CENTER  
500 S. GRAND CENTRAL PARKWAY  
LAS VEGAS, NEVADA 89155  
THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 19, 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 Pastor Brad Beckman.

**Committee Members**

**Present:**

Melanie Rouse, Chair  
Jamie Sorenson, Vice Chair  
Meambi Newbern-Johnson  
Rosa O'Bannon  
Greg Theobald  
Brian O'Neal  
Dolletta Mitchell  
Jessica Johnson  
Brandon Delise  
Thomas Alfreda  
Geoconda Hughes  
Jerry Cade

**Not Present:**

BachTrinh Dang  
Chelsi Cheatom  
Alexa Rodriguez

**2. Public Comment**

At this time, Chair Rouse asked if there was anyone wishing to make public comment.  
There were no comments from the public.

**3. \*Approval of Minutes of meeting on August 29, 2024 (For possible action)**

A motion was made by Meambi Newbern-Johnson to approve the Minutes from August 29, 2024, second motion made by Brian O'Neal. The motion was unanimously approved.

**4. \*Approval of Agenda for September 19, 2024 (For possible action)**

A motion was made by Vice Chair Sorenson to approve the Agenda for September 19, 2024, second motion made by Brandon Delise. The motion was unanimously approved.

**5. Introduction of new member, Alexa Rodriguez, representing Department of Juvenile Justice Services.**

Chair Rouse announced that Alexa Rodriguez has been appointed to represent the Department of Juvenile Justice Services.

**6. Announcement of Greg Theobald's resignation.**

Chair Rouse announced that Task Force member Greg Theobald is resigning and congratulated him on his retirement. A replacement for representation is not needed since it is nearing the end of the Task Force, and Greg Theobald will submit his recommendations for the report prior to his departure.

**7. Receive presentation from Trac-B Exchange. (For discussion only)**

Rick Reich, Executive Director at Trac-B Exchange, presented a comprehensive overview of harm reduction, outreach efforts, and distribution of products.

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.

**8. Receive presentation from PACT Coalition. (For discussion only)**

Ayla Babakitis, Manager at PACT Coalition, presented an overview of PACT Coalition, how opioid misuse prevention works in the community, types of prevention, harm reduction distribution sites, the impact of adverse childhood experiences (ACE), and recommendations.

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.

**9. Presentation of opioid overdose fatality cases reviewed. (For discussion only)**

Melanie Rouse from Clark County Office of the Coroner/Medical Examiner and Brandon Delise from Southern Nevada Health District shared their findings from the opioid death reviews. A systemic review of opioid overdose fatalities that occurred on or after October 1, 2023, and of the zip codes of Clark County with the highest number of opioid overdose fatalities were conducted.

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.

**10. Presentation from staff on recommendations submitted to date from prior presenters. (For discussion only)**

Sue Vang, Senior Management Analyst, provided a summary of past presentations that the Task Force received; including a compilation of gaps, social determinants of health, opportunities for collaboration, and recommendations that were suggested by various presenters.

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.

**11. Recommendations for final report. (For discussion only)**

Chair Rouse requested that each member prepare a list of recommendations respective to their area of expertise relating to the requirements of Assembly Bill 132 to share at the next meeting.

**12. Discussion of future agenda items. (For discussion only)**

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

Jessica Johnson mentioned that a recently prepared a Needs Assessment by Clark County and the Southern Nevada Health District is a resource that can be helpful to Task Force members and that included in the report is an attachment that focuses on stigma and harm reduction. In addition, a team at the Southern Nevada Health District worked with Mr. Reich and a researcher out of John Hopkins University on a paper following the implementation of vending machines that shows that 41 opioid overdose deaths were averted due to that implementation.

Chair Rouse asked the committee members to review the outline of the draft that will be used for the final report.

**13. Public Comment**

At this time, Chair Rouse asked if there was anyone wishing to make public comment. There were no comments from the public.

**14. Adjournment**

A motion to adjourn was made by Jerry Cade, second motion made by Geoconda Hughes. The motion was unanimously approved.

Meeting was adjourned at 3:37 p.m.