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## NEVADA OFFICE OF MINORITY HEALTH AND EQUITY (NOMHE) SEEKING ADVISORY COMMITTEE APPLICANTS

(as of February 2021)

The Nevada Office of Minority Health and Equity is seeking new members for its Advisory Committee on Minority Health (i.e. Advisory Committee) who are passionate about minority health issues, related determinants and committed to identifying methods that comprehensively eliminate health disparities in Nevada.

The Nevada State Legislature re-established the Nevada Office of Minority Health and Equity (NOMHE) with passage of Assembly Bill 141 during the 2017 (79<sup>th</sup>) legislative session. NOMHE promotes the systemic embedding of equity-focused principles into policy and health related practices. AB 141 also expanded the definition of minority to be more inclusive, including members of the LGBTQ and disabled communities. Per AB 141, NOHME fulfills its mission to improve the quality of and access to healthcare for all minority populations in the state of Nevada.

Included in AB 141 (see NRS 232.482) was the continued requirement for an NOMHE Advisory Committee. The Advisory Committee shall be composed of nine members reflecting the ethnic and geographic diversity of the state. The NOMHE Advisory Committee is currently seating its board, seeking the appointment of **two (2) of its nine (9) member committee**.

The term of each member of the Advisory Committee is two years, and a member may be reappointed for an additional term of two years. Advisory Committee members are tasked to advise the NOMHE Program Manager on the priorities and functions of the Nevada Office of Minority Health and Equity on a quarterly basis.

Nevada's population continues to become increasingly more diverse. NOMHE and its Advisory Committee must be committed to advocating on behalf of disparity-removing initiatives, developing health equity policies and identifying resources to support related programs.

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