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**NEVADA OFFICE OF MINORITY HEALTH AND EQUITY (NOMHE)
SEEKING ADVISORY COMMITTEE APPLICANTS**
(as of August 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 (79th) 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.

For more information, please contact Tina Dortch, Program Manager at the Nevada Office of Minority Health and Equity, at tdortch@dhhs.nv.gov or (702) 486-2151.

Nevada Office of Minority Health and Equity (NOMHE)

Advisory Committee Member Overview

The NOMHE Advisory Committee is a **Statutory Requirement**....

(Per NRS 232.482) There is hereby created an Advisory Committee consisting of nine members appointed by the State Board of Health. Consideration must be given to whether the members appointed to the Advisory Committee reflect the ethnic and geographical diversity of this State. The term of each member of the Advisory Committee members is 2 years.

NOMHE's **Purpose** & the Advisory Committee's **Call to Action**.....

Advisory Committee members are called to promote NOMHE's purpose - *to improve the quality of and access to health care services for members of minority groups*. Advisory Committee members are committed to minority health issues, to eliminating health disparities experienced by marginalized populations and invested in the systemic embedding of equity-focused principles into policy and health related practices.

Advisory Committee Member **Duties** and Resource Allocation....

(Per Statute & Bylaws) Review and/or develop required reports, make recommendations and advise the Manager on matters concerning the manner in which the purpose of the Office is being carried out. Attend quarterly meetings in order to conduct duties. Recommend measures to ensure NOMHE's sustainability.

NOMHE Advisory Committee on Minority Health Board Composition as of Dec. 2020

	Name	Ethnicity	N NV, S NV or Central NV	Notable Interest in Health Issues Re to Minorities	Nonprofit	Healthcare Provider	Representative from Public at Large
1	Cassandra Cotton (BoH Re-Apptd; March 2020)	African American	Southern NV	Former NOMH Advisory Bd Mbr	Nathan Adelson Hospice and Donor Network		
2	Crystal Lee, PhD (Dir Apptd; May 2020)	Native American	Southern NV	Professor of Native American Health Equity; Research Clinician			
3	Andre Wade (Dir Re-Apptd; March 2020)	African American	Southern NV	LGBTQ awareness, disparities, resources			
4	Erik Jimenez (BoH Appointed; Sept 2019)	Latino	Northern NV	ABLE Savings Account (for Differently Abled)			
5	Dr. Jennifer Kawi (BoH Re-Apptd; March 2020)	Asian/Paci fic Islander	Southern NV	Chronic Pain and Opioid Management		FQHC	
6	Andrea Gregg (BoH Re-Apptd; Dec 2020)	Caucasian	Northern NV		Workforce Developm ent		
7.	Rev. Dr Karen Anderson (Dir Apptd; Aug 2020)	African American	Southern Nevada			Former Nurse & Healthcare Admin	Faith-Based Community

2 open seats. Available profiles are:

1. Public at large; health care provider / nonprofit
2. Latinx / Native American / API; LGBTQ and differently abled encouraged
3. Rural (i.e. Central) or Northern resident