



Nevada Office of Minority Health and Equity Quarterly Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes Draft June 4, 2025, at 10 a.m.

1. Call to Order, Roll Call, and Opening Statement — Nicholas Dunkle, Chair

Chair: Nicholas Dunkle

Chair Dunkle called the meeting to order at 10:03 AM.

Roll Call:

- **Present:** Chair Nicholas Dunkle, Dr Samuel Hickson, Nancy Bowen, Bishop Bonnie Radden, Margarita Salas Crespo, Rev. Dr. Debra Whitlock Lax and Tiara Flynn.
- **Quorum was reached.**
- **Ex: Officio Member Absent:** Senator Rochelle Nguyen

NOMHE Staff & ASL Interpreters Present:

Tina Dortch (Program Manager), Karina Fox, Alexandra Neal, Evelyn Donis

ASL Interpreters: Tori and Jamie

- **Members of the Public:**

Linda Anderson from the Nevada Public Health Foundation, Siddharth Raich from DHHS, Kiande Jakada from The Center LV, Carlos Ramirez Gomez from DHHS, Juan Tejada from The Center LV, Michael Venton II and George D. Yanez from UnitedHealthcare, Camarina Augusto from Northern Nevada Public Health, Adela Victorio from Nevada Health Link, Laura Martin, Cheryl Borgstrom from HUD, Alberta Obodai from the U.S. House of Representatives, Alejandra MRNV, Lawanda Jones from the Division of Public and Behavioral Health, and Linda Guastella from Molina Healthcare.

Opening Remarks (Chair Dunkle):

Chair Dunkle acknowledged several health and cultural observances in June:

- **Health Observances:** Alzheimer's & Brain Awareness, Men's Health, Fresh Fruit & Vegetable, Vision Health, Oral Health, and Cancer Survivor Month.
- **Cultural Observances:** LGBTQIA+ Pride Month, Father's Day (June 15), Juneteenth (June 19), Southern Nevada Pride Day (June 14), National Great Outdoors Month, Children's Awareness Month, and Care for Your Grandparents Month.

Chair Dunkle emphasized the role of Community Health Assessments (CHAs) now in implementation phase in both Northern and Southern Nevada, and NOMHE's involvement through the Nevada Minority Health and Equity Coalition (NMHEC).

Chair Dunkle reminded attendees that meeting minutes and recordings will be posted to NOMHE's website starting with this meeting.

2. Land Acknowledgement

Presenter: Tiara Flynn

Committee Member Flynn read the Land Acknowledgement, recognizing the Indigenous peoples of Nevada: the Nuwu, Newe, Numu, and Wa She Shu.

3. Public Comment — Nicholas Dunkle, Chair

No public comments were made.

4. For Possible Action: Review and Approval of Feb. 11, 2025, Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes — Nicholas Dunkle, Chair

- Chair Dunkle requested a motion to approve the February 11, 2025, minutes.
- Discussion: Nathan Orme recommended labeling the document more clearly as “Meeting Minutes” on future agendas.
- Motion: Rev. Debra Whitlock
- Second: Sammuel Hickson
- Vote: Unanimous approval
- Motion Carried

A link to the full February 11th meeting recording will be posted to the NOMHE website.

5. For Information/Discussion Only: Presentation of NOMHE Budget — Nicholas Dunkle, Chair.

Presenter: Tina Dortch, Program Manager

Program Manager Dortch provided a financial update:

- **Funding Source:** Tobacco Settlement (Funds for a Healthy Nevada)
- **Total Award FY24-25:** \$327,918
 - Personnel: \$109,152
 - Operations: \$218,766
- **Expended through May 12, 2025:** \$261,807.10
- **Balance Remaining:** \$66,110.90

Dortch noted that NOMHE’s request for an FTE position funded by Opioid Settlement funds (Funds for a Resilient Nevada) was not approved. However, funding levels are expected to remain steady post-legislative session.

6. For Information/Discussion Only: NOMHE Quarterly Activities, Accomplishments, and Impacts Report & Immunization Update Presenters: Tina Dortch, Program Manager; Evelyn Donis, Program Officer /

Tina Dortch have been working on back-to-school fair, but it's really a resource fair with a back-to-school component. It's our fifth time we're going to be once again at the invitation of the wonderful fountain of Hope Church.

Evelyn Donis followed with a briefing on immunization efforts and highlighted upcoming opportunities for collaborative vaccine outreach. She discussed the importance of engaging BIPOC communities and leveraging NOMHE's network to improve vaccination access across the state.

7. For Information/Discussion Only: Legislative Summary Presenters: Tina Dortch, Program Manager Tina Dortch presented the legislative summary related to public health and minority health.

8. Public Comment — Nicholas Dunkle, Chair

No additional public comments were provided.

9. Adjournment Nicholas Dunkle, Chair

Motion to Adjourn:

- **Motion:** Bishop Bonnie Radden
- **Second: Vote:** Nancy Bowen
- Unanimous approval
- **Motion Carried**

Meeting adjourned at 12:31 PM.

Minutes Prepared By: Karina Fox

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