



Nevada Office of Minority Health and Equity Quarterly Advisory Committee Meeting Agenda Feb. 11, 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 10:09 AM.

Roll Call:

- **Present:** Chair Nicholas Dunkle, Dr. Andrew Thomas Reyes, Nancy Bowen, Bishop Bonnie Radden, Margarita Salas Crespo, 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 S. Donis de Miranda

ASL Interpreters: Lisa and Carolyn

- **Members of the Public:**
Kathryn, Ariana, Dr. Siddharth Raich, Nicholas J Dunkle, Kathryn Shay, Ashlyn Acero, Esther Y Kwon, Borgstrom, Cheryl, Ellen Elizabeth Clark, Diana Perez, Neese, Kyla, Charlotte Watkins, Nami Southern Nevada, Carr, Carolyn (Rosen), Maria Mendoza, Carlos Ramirez Gomez, Amalia Herrera Ruiz, Nancy J Bowen, Andrew T Reyes, Dawn Yohey, Guastella, Linda, Grace Larkins, NCED/UNR, Linda Anderson, Ashlen Ramit, Cristina Cruz, Maggie Salas Crespo, Kalayah DuPree, Gwen Taylor, Maggie SC, Bishop Bonnie Radden, Mariscal, Nohely (Cortez Masto), Amanda Brown, Amineh Harvey, Will Rucker, Tiara Flynn, Cody, Christopher Hilton, Amanda Comelli, 17027599407, Sherrie.
- **California Wildfires:** Expressed support for those affected.
- **Status of DEI:** Discussed federal DEI executive orders and their non-impact on NOMHE's mission.
- **Recognition of Cultural Observances:** Native Tribes Day, Lunar New Year (Year of the Snake), and Black History Month.

Chair Dunkle welcomed newly reappointed members: Nancy Bowen, Rev. Dr. Debra Whitlock Lax (excused absence), and himself.

2. Land Acknowledgement

Presenter: Nancy Bowen

Nancy Bowen read the Land Acknowledgment, recognizing Nevada's Indigenous communities.

3. Public Comment — Nicholas Dunkle, Chair

No public comments were made.

4. For Possible Action: Review and Approval of Nov. 19, 2024, Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes — Nicholas Dunkle, Chair

Chair Dunkle called for a motion to approve the minutes.

- **Motion:** Dr. Andrew Thomas Reyes
- **Second:** Nancy Bowen
- **Vote:** Unanimous approval
- **Motion Carried**

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

Presenter: Tina Dortch, Program Manager

Tina Dortch provided an update on NOMHE's financial status:

- Annual revenue: \$327,908 (state appropriations)
- Personnel expenses: 1 FTE Program Manager + 2 contractual positions
- Projected deficit: \$20,438 due to salary increases from 2023 legislative mandates

Upcoming changes:

- May 2025 meeting minutes to be streamlined for efficiency.
- Budget reports will transition to a narrative format.

Discussion:

- Bishop Bonnie Radden inquired about ways committee members could support staffing challenges.
- Dortch emphasized the importance of internal adjustments and redundancy in key activities.

6. For Information/Discussion Only: Presentation of 2025 Minority Health Report — Dr. Siddharth Raich.

Introduction by Tina Dortch, NOMHE Program Manager.

Presenters: Tina Dortch & NOMHE Staff

Dr. Siddharth Raich presented highlights from the **2025 Minority Health Report**, including:

- Disparities in heart disease, cancer, diabetes, and HIV/AIDS
- High infant mortality rates among Black non-Hispanic populations
- Unintentional injury trends
- Disparities in homicide rates among Black non-Hispanic individuals

Discussion:

- Dr. Reyes requested more details on maternal and infant health indicators for Asian American, Pacific Islander, and American Indian/Alaska Native populations.
- Dr. Raich confirmed further refinements could be made.

Additional NOMHE Updates:

- **5th Impact Summit:** Focus on social determinants in healthcare.
- **NSHE Diversity Summit:** Policy transformation training.
- **Nutritional Health Survey:** Assessing food access & literacy needs statewide.
- **NOMHE's 20th Anniversary Celebration:** Planning underway.

7. For Possible Action: Review and Approval of NOMHE 2023 - 2024 Biennial Report — Tina Dortch, NOMHE Program Manager. Overview to highlight NOMHE activities, accomplishments and impacts between 2023 and 2024 for Advisory Committee input or recommendations as required per NRS 232.484, prior to submission to Governor and Legislative Counsel Bureau per NRS 232.479.

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Presenter: Tina Dortch, Program Manager

Overview:

- Report required per **NRS 232.479**.
- Fourth biennial report prepared under Dortch’s leadership.
- Summary of **Vision, Mission, Purpose, and Role of the Advisory Committee**.

Signature Events Highlighted:

1. **May 18, 2023:** Community Engagement & Clinical Trial Diversification
2. **August 29, 2023:** Health Literacy Event at Clark County Library
3. **July 24, 2024:** Diversity & Inclusion Liaison (DIL) Annual Meeting
4. **November 15, 2024:** NMHEC Impact Summit

Key Accomplishments:

1. **UNR “Faith and Health” Community Health Worker Pilot Program**
2. **ASTHO Recognition:** NOMHE identified as one of nine high-performing Offices of Minority Health nationwide.

Motion to Approve Report:

- **Motion:** Nancy Bowen
- **Second:** Dr. Reyes
- **Vote:** Unanimous approval
- **Motion Carried**

8. **For Information/Discussion Only: Overview of Department of Health and Human Services’ Bureau of Health Care Quality Compliance (HCQC): “Licensing and Regulatory Compliance: Who We Are and What We Do.”** — Ellen Clark, HCQC Health Facility Inspector; Kathryn Shay, HCQC Compliant Intake Coordinator; and Ariana Hoger-Niemiec, HCQC Complaint Intake Coordinator.

Presenter: HCQC Representatives

Overview included:

- **Regulatory Responsibilities:** Licensing, complaints, and compliance.
- **Committee Discussion:**
 - Tiara Flynn inquired about birth center regulations.
 - Dr. Reyes sought clarification on verifying reported incidents.

9. **For Possible Action: Approval of Proposed Future Meeting Dates, Agenda Topics** — Nicholas Dunkle, Vice Chair.

Presenter: Chair Nicholas Dunkle

- **Proposed Meeting Dates & Topics:**
 - May 13, 2025 (Virtual)**
 - August 12, 2025 (Northern Nevada, Location TBD)**
 - November 18, 2025 (Virtual)**

Motion to Approve Meeting Dates & Topics:

- **Motion:** Tiara Flynn
- **Second:** Dr. Reyes
- **Vote:** Unanimous approval
- **Motion Carried**

10. **Public Comment** — Nicholas Dunkle, Chair

No additional public comments were provided.

11. **Adjournment** Nicholas Dunkle, Chair

Motion to Adjourn:

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

Meeting adjourned at 12:02 PM.

Minutes Prepared By: NOMHE Staff

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