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# Department of Health and Human Services

Advisory Committee for a Resilient Nevada Objectives

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# Advisory Committee for a Resilient Nevada (ACRN)

The Advisory Committee for a Resilient Nevada (ACRN) was established through the passage of Senate Bill (SB) 390 to be codified in Nevada Revised Statutes (NRS) 433 by the 2021 Nevada Legislature to obtain advice and counsel from persons and entities who possess knowledge and experience related to the prevention of opioid misuse, opioid related deaths, and injury, as well as addiction and opioid use disorders within the State of Nevada.

The goal is to effectively address risks, impacts, and harms of the opioid crisis in the State through the Fund for a Resilient Nevada.

## Goal 1 of ACRN

On or before June 30 (of each even-numbered year), the ACRN shall submit to the Director of the Department a report concerning:

- 1. The statewide needs assessment including without limitation the establishment of priorities as it relates to information and analyses described below. Priorities must include, without limitation, priorities related to the prevention of overdoses, addressing disparities in access to health care and the prevention of substance use among youth.
- a) Be evidence-based and use information from damages reports created by experts as part of the litigation
- b) Include an analysis of the impacts of opioid use and opioid use disorder on this State that uses quantitative and qualitative data concerning this State and the regions, counties and Native American tribes in this State to determine the risk factors that contribute to opioid use, the use of substances and the rates of opioid use disorder, other substance use disorders and co-occurring disorders among residents of this State.
- c) Focus on health equity and identifying disparities across all racial and ethnic populations, geographic regions and special populations in this State.
- d) Take into account the resources of state, regional, local and Tribal agencies and nonprofit organizations, including, without limitation, any money recovered or anticipated to be recovered by county, local or tribal governmental agencies through judgments or settlements resulting from litigation concerning the manufacture, distribution, sale or marketing of opioids, and the programs currently existing in each geographic region of this State to address opioid use disorder and other substance use disorders.

### Goal 2 of ACRN

Recommendations pursuant to the statewide plan to allocate money from the Fund

Department and the Office shall consider:

- a) The recommendations provided by the Advisory Committee in the report; and
- b) The recommendations of state, regional, local and Tribal governmental entities in this State whose work relates to opioid use disorders and other substance use disorders.



# **Developing Recommendations**

When developing recommendations to be included in the report, the ACRN shall consider:

- a) Health equity and identifying relevant disparities among racial and ethnic populations, geographic regions and special populations in this State; and
- b) The need to prevent overdoses, address disparities in access to health care and prevent substance use among youth.



## **Prioritizing Recommendations**

- Once recommendations have been identified, they will be prioritized by using an objective method.
- An objective method will define the potential positive and negative health impacts of the affected communities with an emphasis on disproportionate impacts to any population targeted by the priority.
- Once recommendations are prioritized, they will be presented at the June 8, 2022, meeting within the draft report.
- ACRN will vote to approve the prioritized recommendations and any changes needed to the report.

## **Next Steps**

#### June 8, 2022:

- Draft report
- Prioritized recommendations review and approval
- Draft report to director for discussion and possible action

#### June 22, 2022:

- Final report review and possible action
- Determine schedule (minimum 2x per year)





# Questions?



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