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THE ADVISORY COUNCIL ON THE STATE PROGRAM FOR WELLNESS AND THE PREVENTION OF CHRONIC DISEASE (CWCD)

DRAFT MEETING MINUTES

Date: July 23, 2026

Time: 1 pm

Location: Teams/Virtual

ATTENDEES:

Council Members' Present:

Dr. Ihsan Azzam – proxy Sarah Rogers
Monica Romero
Krista Schonrock
Dr. Georgia Dounis
Dr. Steven Shane
Nikesha (Nikki) Mobley
Senator Michele (Shelly) Cruz-Crawford

Members not Present:

Cari Harrington
Laura Valley
Kagan Griffin
Dr. Amber Donnelly
Assemblyperson Hanadi Nadeem

Others present:

Amber Hise, CDPHP
Stephanie Chen, NNPH
Alexis Hogan, CDPHP
Troy Lovick, CDPHP
Dillon Winkelman, CDPHP
Yanyan Qiu, CDPHP
Donadya McCullough, CDPHP
Oscar Fernandez, CDPHP
Nicole Bungum, SNHD
Allen Pia, CDPHP
Shannon Ernst

AGENDA ITEMS:

1. Call to Order and Roll Call

The meeting was called to order at approximately 1:05 PM by the chair Krista Schonrock

2. Public Comment: First public comment period

No public comments were provided.

3. For information only: Committee Chair will invite Committee members to present on information of importance for themselves, families, or their individual agencies. Action may not be taken on any item provided as an update.

Sarah Rogers provided an update on statewide coordination efforts related to the wind-down of the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program Education (SNAP-Ed), which is scheduled to sunset in September. DPBH is collaborating closely with the Division of Supportive Services (DSS) to ensure SNAP-Ed resources remain accessible after the program concludes. DSS has collected all existing SNAP-Ed materials following the discontinuation of the SNAP-Ed website at the start of the current federal fiscal year.

A group of state representatives, known as the Statewide Nutrition Action Council (SNAC), is leading the effort to compile nutrition education and physical activity resources. These materials will be hosted on the DPBH website HEALNV.com (Healthy Eating Active Living Nevada). The goal is to establish a comprehensive statewide repository of nutrition and physical activity resources consolidated in one accessible location to continue to provide resources for all Nevadans. The resource should be available by the end of September 2026.

Chair Krista Schonrock will be stepping down from Select Health and will also be resigning from this committee. This will be her last day on the committee. Asked if anyone considered being a the chair of the committee and will discuss at the next meeting.

Amber Hise thanked Krista Schonrock for her service as the chair of this committee.

4. For Possible Action: Discussion and possible action to approve the meeting minutes from April 22, 2026.

Sarah Rogers motioned to approve the meeting minutes from April 22, 2026. The motion was seconded by Monica Romero. Motion passed unanimously.

5. For Information Only: Oral Health Presentation

This item was skipped – no presentation was presented.

6. For Information Only: Ongoing Oral Health Efforts Presentation

This item was skipped – no presentation was presented.

7. For Information Only: Informational updates on council activities or directions
No council updates provided.
8. For Possible Action: Discussion and Possible action to confirm 2026 meeting dates
The council confirmed the next quarterly meeting for October 22, 2026, as previously established.
No changes were requested.
9. For Information Only: Partner Presentations-Chronic Disease Prevention and Health Promotion Program (CDPHP) Reports

Northern Nevada Public Health Report

Stephanie Chen discussed the activities Northern Nevada Public Health has been working on. In June, the focus was on tobacco, nicotine, and cannabis prevention. They piloted youth vaping prevention messaging at Galaxy Theaters across 13 screens, which was a new and effective way to reach youth. Shifting to physical activity and nutrition, they organized the first Bike Palooza event at Spanish Springs Elementary to kick off Bike Month for K-4 students, with a focus on bicycle and pedestrian safety. Next, under injury prevention, there were updates from the Washoe Suicide Prevention Partnership: The Washoe Suicide Prevention Alliance delivered approximately three trainings per month, including at concealed weapons courses. A new partnership with Reno Guns & Range is providing firearm safety and temporary storage guidance, and 40 employees completed suicide prevention training and firearm-storage education. Northern Nevada was selected to participate in the Risk Reduction Learning Collaborative 2026 cohort. They also continue their partnership with the Alzheimer's Association to advance brain health for those at risk for dementia.

Carson City Health & Human Services

No representative attended; report was submitted in packet.

NICRP

No representative attended; report submitted in packet.

Southern Nevada Health District

Representative retired; successor not yet assigned. Report submitted in packet.

Central Nevada Health District / Frontier Counties

Shannon Ernst discussed Central Nevada Health District activities. They developed new chronic disease curriculum for heart disease and diabetes. Delivered programs across Mineral, Churchill, Lyon, and Eureka counties. Achieved goal of reaching 50 participants per community and this goal was met. Due to demand, additional diabetes sessions scheduled for July. Future curriculum expansion planned for emerging rural health concerns.

10. For Information Only: Present Division of Public and Behavioral Health CDPHP Section Updates and Program Reports.

5210

The Local health districts as well as some food security partners are working to distribute 5210 materials. Ongoing quarterly partner collaboration. Developing new videos, resources, and increasing statewide distribution. Supported through PHHS grant.

BOLD

The Building Our Largest Dementia (BOLD) Infrastructure Public Health Program is a federal initiative focused on mitigating the impact of Alzheimer's disease and related dementias (ADRD). The program continues to make significant strides in raising awareness and improving dementia management throughout the state. In 2024, an ADA-compliant downloadable Dementia Self-Management Guidebook was launched and has already been downloaded 1,362 times. Statewide meetings are held monthly to discuss community goals related to brain health and dementia. A bidirectional referral system has been established between the University of Reno, Nevada Dementia Engagement, Education, and Research (DEER) program and the Stanford Center for Aging, and efforts are currently underway to build a similar referral system between the UNR DEER program and Northern Nevada HOPES.

Cardiovascular Health Program

The National Cardiovascular Health Program has received its Year 4 Notice of Award, and subrecipient contracting is now underway across all partners. The Nevada Community Health Technology Integration Project (NCHIP) continues to progress, with subrecipient business agreements moving forward and platform integration work advancing to support community health worker and team-based care activities statewide. Learning Collaborative partners remain engaged, and the program is well positioned to meet its Year 4 deliverables and CDC reporting requirements.

Comprehensive Cancer Control Program

Funded by the National Comprehensive Cancer Control Program (NCCCP), this initiative is dedicated to reducing the burden of cancer through prevention, early detection, treatment, survivorship, and the promotion of health equity. The program continues to expand access to cancer screening, prevention, and survivorship services and is working with schools to grow the Sun Smart Schools program to train individuals, reduce sunburn, and lower cancer risk. The ThriveNV tele-navigation program continues to support community members, and the Nevada Cancer Coalition has implemented a Community of Practice focused on navigation in breast cancer survivorship. Additionally, the evaluation of the Cancer Plan has been published on the Nevada Cancer Coalition website.

Diabetes Prevention & Management

The Diabetes Prevention and Control Program (DPCP) is beginning Year 4 of its CDC grant and is pending receipt of the final Notice of Award. The Nevada Business Group on Health (NVBGH) continues to advance its pilot program, with eight employers engaged in covering Diabetes Self-Management Education and Support (DSMES) and Diabetes Prevention Program (DPP) classes. NVBGH is also collaborating with the Nevada Health Authority (NVHA)/Medicaid and Nevada managed care organizations to expand coverage for the National Diabetes Prevention Program (NDPP) and offers DSMES/DPP classes in partnership with Carson Tahoe Health and Dignity Health. The diabetes program is working with NVBGH to develop and implement community hydroponic gardening infrastructure, with the first large unit installed at the Cold Springs Community Center in May 2026 and its first harvest collected on June 18, 2026; an additional unit is expected to be installed at Access to Healthcare Network (AHN). Roseman University continues its GENISIS program, which aligns healthcare, public health, and social services to support vulnerable households, and is working on its first DSMES/DPP classes.

Additionally, the Sanford Center for Aging (SCA) offers DSMES/DPP classes and Medication Therapy Management (MTM).

Food Security Program

The Office of Food Security continues to support the Council on Food Security and its subcommittees. They also work with nine partners whose collective efforts provide food to every county in Nevada. This program is funded through the Funds for a Healthy Nevada, which operates on a two-year cycle. The SFY26 FHN Annual Report is underway, and in SFY25 the program served 1.4 million duplicated individuals. Partners continue to emphasize the importance of these funds and the ongoing need for support and resources.

PHHS Block Grant

Partners continue working to improve the overall health of Nevadans through chronic disease prevention efforts. They regularly attend community events and provide diabetes prevention and management classes, heart disease education, childhood physical activity programs such as bike safety, policy analysis, and toolkit development. The program also supports the Rape Prevention Program, which focuses on reducing adolescent dating violence.

Tobacco Control Program

The Tobacco Control Program (TCP) aims to reduce morbidity, mortality, and disability caused by smoke exposure. Recent efforts have led to Nevada State University becoming a completely smoke-free campus as of August 25, 2025, with the College of Southern Nevada moving toward smoke-free status and the Reno River Festival establishing a completely vape- and smoke-free environment. For priority populations such as Native Hawaiian/Pacific Islander and Hispanic/Latino communities, the program continues work on targeted interventions. The TCP also maintains collaboration and communication through various coalitions and workgroups to support ongoing tobacco prevention and cessation activities statewide.

WISEOMAMAN Program

Funded through a CDC grant, this program focuses on reducing cardiovascular disease and hypertension among women. The Med-IT data system has been successfully integrated, and 406 participants have been screened for cardiovascular disease. Of those, 292 referrals were made to Healthy Behavior Support Services (HBSS), and 124 participants successfully completed HBSS. The program is working to expand its provider network and is collaborating with various groups to improve the referral process.

Women's Health Connection

The Women's Health Connection (WHC) Program is a breast and cervical early detection program and serves low-income, high-risk, uninsured, and underinsured women in Nevada. In SFY26, a total of 5,872 women were served, and the program continues to work with partners to expand educational efforts and improve access, particularly among women. The WHC program remains focused on expanding its reach, addressing barriers, and strengthening partnerships and resources.

11. For Possible Action: Discussion and possible action for future agenda items.

Sarah Rogers suggested rescheduling the Oral Health Presentation for October 2026 meeting. Krista Schonrock suggested to include HEALNV presentation updates for more information.

12. Public Comment (Second Period)

No public comments were provided.

13. Adjournment

Dr. Steve Shane motioned to adjourn the meeting. Sarah Rogers seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously

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Next meeting:

October 22, 2026

1:00 PM – Adjournment

Location: Virtual via teams

Quarterly meeting

Minutes prepared by Barbara Bessol using the following reference:

Robert, H. (2020). *Robert's rules of order: Newly revised (12th ed.)*. Da Capo Press.

Nevada Revised Statutes. *Open Meeting Law (NRS 241)*.

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