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KIDNEY DISEASE ADVISORY COMMITTEE

MEETING AGENDA
REGULAR MEETING
October 9, 2025

1:30 p.m. to Adjournment

This meeting is being held virtually. The public is invited to attend.

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3. Items may be removed from the agenda or delayed at any time.

1. **Call to Order and Roll Call:**
2. **Public Comment:** No action may be taken on a matter raised under this item unless the matter is included on an agenda as an item upon which action may be taken. To provide public comment telephonically, dial 1-775-321-6111. When prompted to provide the meeting ID, enter 678 364 365#. Due to time considerations, comments will be limited to five (5) minutes per person. Members of the public utilizing the call-in (audio only) number may raise their hands by pressing * 5. Persons making comments will be asked to begin by stating their name for the record and spelling their last name, or provide the secretary with written comments.
3. **For Possible Action:** Discussion and possible action to approve the meeting minutes of June 3, 2025, meeting minutes
4. **For Possible Action:** Discussion and possible action to review and approve KDAC membership applications.
5. **For Possible Action:** Discussion and possible action to review and remove inactive members.
6. **For Possible Action:** Discussion and possible action on potential grants and cooperative agreements of interest to KDAC to support and address kidney disease
 - (forecast) MP-CPI-25-002 Innovative Approaches for Reducing Disparities in Kidney Health
 - (posted) PAR-24-074 NIDDK Education Program Grants (R25 Clinical Trial Not Allowed)-- <https://grants.nih.gov/grants/guide/pa-files/PAR-24-074.html>
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8. **Adjournment**

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- Nevada Division of Public and Behavioral Health: 4150 Technology Way, Carson City, NV 89706
- Nevada Division of Public and Behavioral Health: 4126 Technology Way Carson City, NV 89706
- Nevada Division of Public and Behavioral Health: 4220 S. Maryland Parkway, Las Vegas, NV 89119
- Bureau of Health Care Quality and Compliance (Las Vegas Office): 500 E Warm Springs Rd, Suite 200 Las Vegas, NV 89119
- Nevada WIC Office: 680 W. Nye Ln., Suite 205, Carson City, NV 89703

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- The Nevada Division of Public and Behavioral Health website at the Advisory Council on the State Program for Wellness and the Prevention of Chronic Disease Meetings 2025 (nv.gov) and the Department of Administration's website at <https://notice.nv.gov/>

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This meeting is a public meeting, recorded and held in compliance with and pursuant to the Nevada Open Meeting Law, pursuant to NRS 241. By Participating, you consent to recording of your participation in this meeting. All voting members should leave their cameras on for the duration of the meeting and refrain from entering any information into the chat function of the video platform.

We are pleased to make reasonable accommodations for members of the public who are disabled and wish to attend the meeting. If special arrangements are necessary, please notify Rory Fuller in writing by email (r.fuller@health.nv.gov), by mail (KDAC, Nevada Division of Public and Behavioral Health, 4150 Technology Way, Suite 210, Carson City, NV 89706) or by calling (775) 684-2203 before the meeting date.

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(https://dpbh.nv.gov/Boards/CWCD/Meetings/2025/CWCD_and_KDAC_2025_Meetings/) and on the Department of Administration's website at <https://notice.nv.gov/>.

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**KDAC, DPBH, Attn: Rory Fuller
4150 Technology Way, Suite 210
Carson City, Nevada, 89706**

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KDAC-Subscribe-request@listserv.state.nv.us

Attachment for Agenda Item #3

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KIDNEY DISEASE ADVISORY COMMITTEE (KDAC)

DRAFT MEETING MINUTES

Date: June 3, 2025

Time: 1:30 PM - Adjournment

Location: Virtual via Microsoft Teams

ATTENDEES:

Members Present:

Dr. Krista Schonrock: Chair
Beth Britton
Rayleen Earney
Katrina Russell

Members not Present:

Dr. Larry Lehrner
Justin Lorii

Others present:

Theresa Reyome – Meeting support staff
Other attendees asked to sign in via meeting chat, attached as Exhibit A.

AGENDA ITEMS:

1. Call To Order and Roll Call:

Roll was called by Theresa Reyome, 4 of 6 members were present, establishing quorum.

2. Public Comment: First public comment period.

No Public comment was made this period.

**3. Discussion and possible action to approve the meeting minutes of January 30, 2025 –
Dr. Krista Schonrock, Chair**

Motion was brought by Dr. Krista Schonrock to approve the January 30, 2025, meeting minutes. Motion second by Beth Britton, Motion carried unanimously.

**4. For Information Only, Review of Request for Information (RFI) Seeking new members.:
- Dr. Krista Schonrock, Chair**

Following the January 30th Kidney Disease Advisory Committee (KDAC) Quarterly meeting, a request was distributed; however, no applications or letters of interest have been received to date. The committee intends to re-share the request through its network in hopes of generating greater interest and participation.

**5. For Information Only Innovative Approaches for Reducing Disparities in Kidney Health:
- Darleen Douthitt,**

Darleen Douthitt stated there have been no new updates regarding the Innovative Approaches to Reducing Disparities in Kidney Health, and it is believed the grant in question may no longer be offered. Efforts are ongoing to identify and pursue alternative grant opportunities around diabetes and kidney disease.

6. Discussion and possible action on potential grants and cooperative agreements of interest to the KDAC to support and address kidney disease: – Dr. Krista Schonrock, Chair

Troy Lovick noted that he is actively seeking alternative grant opportunities to sustain the Cardiovascular Health Program. He observed that if the program continues to operate under narrow prescriptive guidelines—as has been the case with recent grant cycles focusing specifically on either diabetes or cardiovascular disease—it may limit flexibility and access to available funding. Troy emphasized the importance of adapting program frameworks to align with the current landscape of grant opportunities, which may not follow the same prescriptive models. Lovick suggested that future grants might be framed under broader or emerging categories such as "cardio-diabetes" or general "wellness," and that the program should remain flexible in its approach to meet the realities of available funding rather than adhering strictly to past formats. The Chair expressed gratitude for the discussion and asked for additional points of discussion. No additional points of discussion were made, and the agenda item was closed.

**7. Public Comment:
Second public comment period.**

No Public comment was made this period

8. Adjournment:

Dr. Krista Schonrock, Chair made the motion to adjourn, Raylene Earney second, Meeting adjourned at 1:46 Pm

Next meeting:

July 10, 2025

1:30 Pm – Adjournment

Location: Virtual via teams

Quarterly meeting

Minutes prepared by Theresa Reyome 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)*.

ATTACHMENTS:

KIDNEY DISEASE ADVISORY COMMITTEE (KDAC)

Date: June 3, 2025

Location: Virtual via Microsoft Teams

Exhibit A: Others present that signed in via meeting chat.

Alexis Hogan, DPBH
Amber Hise, DPBH
Allison Gonzalez, DPBH
Amanda Haboush-Deloye, Nevada Institute for Children's Research and Policy
Bjorn Blomquist, DPBH
Bryan Davis DPBH
Cori Stauffer DPBH
Darlene Douthitt, DPBH
Dillon Winkelman DPBH/CDPHP
Johnathon Welch DPBH
Linda Anderson, Nevada Public Health Foundation.
Michelle Harden, PhD, DPBH/CDPHP QI Manager
Oscar Fernandez, DPBH
Stephanie Chen, Northern Nevada Public Health
Taliman Afroz, DPBH
Tammera Brower, DPBH
Taylor Mosley DPBH
Theresa Reyome Admin II CDPHP
Troy Lovick DPBH

Attachment for Agenda Item #4

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Date: July 9, 2025

Re: Advisory Committee on Grants for Addressing Race-Based Health Disparities Relating to Kidney Disease – Seeking New Members

During the enactment of NRS 439.261, the Division of Public and Behavioral Health was authorized to apply for grants from the Federal Government and other sources to support the identification, understanding, and mitigation of health disparities in kidney disease that are based on race. Such disparities include, but are not limited to, issues related to the early detection, frequency, and severity of kidney disease, as well as the promotion of kidney transplantation.

In furtherance of this initiative, the Division may establish and consult with an advisory committee to develop a sustainable plan designed to increase education and awareness of kidney disease and, to the extent permitted by grant terms, to facilitate the delivery of services supported by these funds. The advisory committee shall be composed of representatives from the following:

- Providers of Health Care and Medical Facilities (as defined in NRS 629.031 and NRS 449.0151) that offer care for kidney disease.
- Patients with Kidney Disease.
- Organ Procurement Organization.
- National Kidney Organizations.
- Any Other Members that the Division deems appropriate.

The Division is now seeking new members for this advisory committee. If you have interest or expertise in kidney disease care and prevention, patient advocacy, or represent a medical facility, organ procurement organization, or national kidney organization, you may be well suited to contribute to this important work in addressing race-based- health disparities in kidney disease.

If you are interested in being considered for appointment, please submit a letter of interest along with your current resume by September 30, 2025. Your submission should highlight your relevant experience and qualifications related to kidney disease prevention, patient care, or advocacy. Materials may be submitted using any of the following methods:

Email:

- Michelle Harden – mharden@health.nv.gov
- Amber Hise – ahise@health.nv.gov

Phone:

- Michelle Harden – 775-389-9181
- Amber Hise – 775-461-6749

Mailing Address:

4150 Technology Way, Suite 210
Carson City, Nevada 89706
Attn: Michelle Harden

Submissions will be reviewed by Division staff and forwarded to the advisory committee for consideration. We appreciate your interest in contributing your expertise to advance kidney health and help mitigate race-based- disparities in kidney disease throughout Nevada.

Thank you for your commitment to improving the health outcomes of our community.