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Rare Disease Advisory Council (RDAC)

Meeting Agenda

October 2, 2026

9:30 a.m. to Adjournment

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

VIRTUAL INFORMATION

How to participate:

Meeting Links:

https://teams.microsoft.com/l/meetup-join/19%3ameeting_NjdhNzQwNmMtZGU4MS00YTg5LTkyNzYtYjBhNjQ4NDFhY2Qx%40thread.v2/0?context=%7b%22Tid%22%3a%22e4a340e6-b89e-4e68-8eaa-1544d2703980%22%2c%22Oid%22%3a%22c6cbcd35-ecfc-41f0-8557-67e58ee3ad83%22%7d

Meeting ID: 287 848 388 355 42

Passcode: 6rC9D7Ku

Join by Phone:

+1 (775) 321-6111

Phone Conference ID: 391 005 208#

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1. Agenda items may be taken out of order;
2. Two or more items may be combined; and
3. Items may be removed from agenda or delayed at any time.

1) Call to order/roll call

- 2) PUBLIC COMMENT: No action may be taken upon a matter raised under public comment period unless the matter itself has been specifically included on an agenda as an action item. To provide public comment telephonically, dial 1-775-321-6111. When prompted to provide the Meeting ID, enter 391 005 208#. Comments will be limited to five (5) minutes per person. Persons making

comment will be asked to begin by stating their name for the record, spell their last name, and provide the secretary with written comments.

- 3) FOR INFORMATION ONLY: Guest presentation on the Diagnostic Odyssey to Earlier Answers: Genomic Testing and Rare Disease in Nevada. – *Whitney Glover, GeneDX Genetic Testing*
- 4) FOR POSSIBLE ACTION: Discussion and possible action to approve meeting minutes from August 7, 2026.
- 5) FOR POSSIBLE ACTION: Discussion and possible action to renew terms of the below Council members and Chair Logan-Parker. Recommendations will be submitted to the Department of Human Services (DHS) Director for consideration of renewal of appointments.

Naja Bagner
Dr. Sumit Gupta
Amber Federizo
Brigette Cole
Valerie Porter
Chair Annette Logan-Parker
Dr. Ihsan Azzam
Kim Anderson-Mackey

- 6) FOR POSSIBLE ACTION: Discussion of, nomination of, and voting for Chair Annette Logan-Parker and a new Vice Chair of the Nevada Rare Disease Advisory Council for the next term of two years pursuant to *Article 6, Section 1 and Article 6, Section 2* of the Rare Disease Advisory Council Bylaws.
- 7) FOR POSSIBLE ACTION: Discussion and possible action to approve the RDAC Subcommittee recommendation to postpone the Southern and Northern Nevada Community Education Events, consolidate the 2027 event plans to one event, focusing on the Legislative Education Event in Carson City, and moving forward to consider those events on alternative years.
- 8) FOR POSSIBLE ACTION: Discussion and possible action to approve the annual report that is due to Governor Lombardo and the Director of the Legislative Counsel Bureau in December 2026, pursuant to [NRS 439.5077\(2\)\(b\)\(2\)](#).
- 9) FOR POSSIBLE ACTION: Discussion and possible action to approve the 2027 Rare Disease Advisory Council (RDAC) meeting schedule to meet every quarter instead of bi-monthly on the first Friday of the month at 9:30 AM PST, excluding January which will be the second Friday of the month due to a state and federal holiday.

January 8, 2027
April 2, 2027
July 2, 2027
October 1, 2027
December 3, 2027

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- On the Internet at the Nevada Division of Public and Behavioral Health website: <https://www.dpbh.nv.gov/boards/rdac/>
- On the internet at the Nevada Public Notice website: <https://notice.nv.gov>

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