

**CLARK COUNTY REGIONAL OPIOID TASK FORCE  
COMMISSION CHAMBERS  
CLARK COUNTY GOVERNMENT CENTER  
500 S. GRAND CENTRAL PARKWAY  
LAS VEGAS, NEVADA 89155  
THURSDAY, OCTOBER 17, 2024  
2:00 P.M.**

The Clark County Regional Opioid Task Force was created by AB132 from the 82<sup>nd</sup> Session of the 2023 Nevada Legislature and is comprised of fifteen (15) individuals appointed by the Board of Clark County Commissioners. The Task Force reviews data relating to opioid overdose fatalities and near fatalities and uses such data to identify gaps in community services relating to opioids and opioid overdose fatalities. The Task Force reviews data from existing state and community databases and, in particular, information relating to harm reduction and substance abuse. Task Force members identify trends in the social determinants of health relating to opioid overdose fatalities and identify opportunities for prevention to promote recovery and to collaborate to leverage existing resources to prevent substance misuse. The public is invited to comment.

**MEETING MINUTES**

**1. Call to Order, Invocation, and Roll Call**

The Clark County Regional Opioid Task Force was called to order by Chair Rouse at 2:05 p.m.  
Invocation by Father Dave Casaleggio.

**Committee Members**

**Present:**

Melanie Rouse, Chair  
Jamie Sorenson, Vice Chair  
Meambi Newbern-Johnson  
BachTrinh Dang  
Brian O'Neal  
Dolletta Mitchell  
Jessica Johnson  
Brandon Delise  
Jerry Cade  
Thomas Alfreda  
Geoconda Hughes

**Not Present:**

Chelsi Cheatom  
Rosa O'Bannon  
Alexa Rodriguez

**2. Public Comment**

At this time, Chair Rouse asked if there was anyone wishing to make public comment.  
There were no comments from the public.

**3. \*Approval of Minutes of meetings on September 19, 2024. (For possible action)**

A motion was made by Brian O'Neal to approve the Minutes from September 19, 2024, second motion made by Jerry Cade. The motion was unanimously approved.

**4. \*Approval of Agenda for October 17, 2024. (For possible action)**

A motion was made by BachTrinh Dang to approve the Agenda for October 17, 2024, second motion made by Dolletta Mitchell. The motion was unanimously approved.

**5. \*Review and edit working draft of the report. (For possible action)**

Members of the Task Force went over the report's working draft line by line, making the necessary corrections and suggestions.

**6. \*Assign Task Force members to areas of research and bring back additional information for future meeting. (For possible action)**

Chair Rouse gave members the following assignments for further study or editing:

- Jessica Johnson will review the recommendations at the bottom of the document and place them under the appropriate sections of the document.
- Jamie Sorenson will make modifications to the recommendations page related to opioid overdose fatality review.
- Brandon Delise will provide updated data and revise section under data initiatives to clarify what the Task Force is looking for.
- Meambi Newbern-Johnson will narrow the scope for provider and other workforce challenges.
- Chair Rouse and staff will create subheadings for the report.
- Brian O'Neal will review and report on the fentanyl trafficking NRS statutes.
- BachTrinh Dang will revise the language about educating parents and families on trauma and childhood experiences under the community education needs section.
- Geoconda Hughes will elaborate on the added language about the implementation of evidence-based social and emotional learning/social and emotional community-based programs.
- Dolletta Mitchell will provide specific provider types to supplement the section about providing educational incentives for providers to enter the workforce.

Geoconda Hughes suggested that subheadings should directly correlate to the recommendations.

BachTrinh Dang suggested adding numbers to sections.

A motion was made by Brian O'Neal to accept the additional research and assignments that were assigned to the Committee members, second motion made by Dolletta Mitchell. The motion was unanimously approved.

**7. Discussion of future agenda items. (For discussion only)**

Chair Rouse advised members that a first draft report will need to be developed during the next meeting.

**8. Public Comment**

At this time, Chair Rouse asked if there was anyone wishing to make public comment.

David Gomez, President of Nevada Peace Alliance, shared his personal experiences and ideas. Mr. Gomez would like to see treatment facilities strategically placed in easily accessible, high-need locations in the community.

**9. Adjournment**

A motion to adjourn was made by BachTrinh Dang, second motion made by Geoconda Hughes. The motion was unanimously approved.

Meeting was adjourned at 3:46 p.m.