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Medicaid Reinvestment Advisory Committee (MRAC)

Draft Meeting Minutes

Date and Time of Meeting: Tuesday, June 12, 2025, 1:00 – 2:03 PM

Name of Organization: State of Nevada, Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS), Nevada Medicaid

Place Meeting: Microsoft Teams

<i>Board Members Present</i>	<i>Board Members Absent:</i>
Jamie Sorenson	Erika Washington
Robert Thompson	Hayley Jarolimek
Fuila Riley	Stacie Weeks

1. Call to Order

Chair Sorenson called this meeting to order at 1:05 pm.

2. Roll Call

Daisy Lopez conducted roll call. A quorum was not established.

3. General Public Comment

There were no comments.

4. Review and approval of the minutes from the previous meeting on December 11th, 2024.

This agenda will be moved to the next meeting.

5. 2024 Reinvestment Activities: The MCO presentations

- a. **Anthem** – Presentation by Valerie Luevano, Director of Whole Health and Equity at Anthem (Presentation can be found at dhcfp.nv.gov)

In 2024, Anthem invested over \$8.5 million to over 125 local organizations.

Housing and Homelessness:

- 102 Households prevented from homelessness
- 23 Families with children were provided with emergency shelter
- 859 Members received Urgent Stabilization Housing
- 764 Permanent housing placements were made
- 1,342 Total households were served by Anthem
- 966 Total Referrals

Food Insecurity:

Anthem invested significantly in programs addressing food insecurity. Anthem supported food banks in both Washoe and Clark counties, as well as funded several food pantries and food distribution effort, including those run by Community Health alliance, Healthy Communities Coalition and Catholic charities. In addition, Anthem is invested in Baby's bounty, which provides baby supplies including infant formula, to families in need. Anthem also invested in a fully accessible community garden at Notable Music Therapy Services, which will offer fresh produce this summer to folks in need in a food desert in Northern Nevada.

Workforce Development:

Anthem supported Project ECHO programs to improve provider capacity to address their communities' most pressing medical concerns and provided support to increase the number of certified doulas. And community health workers in Nevada, with an emphasis on the recruitment and training of providers in rural parts of the state. Anthem continued to invest in graduate program scholarships for new emerging public health professionals, as well as continuing education for existing healthcare providers. Anthem also funded Nevada Physician Wellness Coalition's efforts to enhance physician retention through behavioral healthcare support.

Wellness and Prevention:

Anthem supported the expansion of Project Maryland services to ensure no cost feminine hygiene products are available to those who need them most. Anthem also supported Indigenous youth Wellness activities. Using traditional ceremony and healing practices. Anthem additionally supported Anything but the Gym Health Coaching to assist with the transition from a sedentary to active lifestyle and expansion efforts at two federally qualified health centers. And support for Washoe County's behavioral health crisis response program.

2025 Reinvestment Plan: Anthem will continue to align their investment strategy with community need, state priorities and Reinvestment Advisory Committee recommendations. Given Nevada's housing landscape, housing services and support will remain their top focus. They will also continue to invest in community organizations that address social needs and promote health and wellness. Additionally, Anthem will look to extend the reach of their investment efforts focusing even more on school-based services, behavioral health interventions and workforce development initiatives.

- b. **Health Plan of Nevada** – Presentation by Lisa Jolly, Chief Operating Officer (Presentation can be found at dhcfp.nv.gov)

In 2024, United Healthcare, Health Plan of Nevada invested in the following:

Housing Supports:

Anthem supported community partners to bolster the housing continuum of care.

Maternal and Infant Health: Eliminated disparities and improved outcomes for all pregnant women and infants.

Access to Health Care: Invested in programs that brought providers to communities' high need specialty areas.

Behavioral Health Support: Enhanced behavioral health support with an emphasis on developing programs for the state's youth population.

Social Drivers of Health: Addressed basic needs, food insecurity, digital disparities, period poverty, work force development, health literacy, life/family skills and financial literacy.

Health Equity: Partnered with trusted organizations to build capacity, so they can continue to provide the services needed to underserved populations.

2025 Community Reinvestment Plan: HPN plans to expand their focus on improving healthcare access and quality as Nevada continues to face challenges in ensuring adequate healthcare access for low-income individuals. HPN is dedicated to improving access to care in Nevada by continuing to reinvest into funds, reinvest funds into workforce development programs, accredited higher

education institutes, local organizations, and Project ECHO. HPN understands the vital need to eliminate disparities around hunger and remove barriers and increase access to social support. HPN will continue to support programs and investments that address social drivers of health for Nevadans with the goal to create equal opportunities for marginalized communities by investing in programs that support the basic needs, such as food, health literacy, workforce development, and life and family skills.

Lastly, HPN will continue to focus on improving outcomes for maternal and infant health in Nevada in 2025. HPN plans to provide reinvestment support to local organizations to promote opportunities and improve outcomes for women, infant and toddlers.

- c. **Molina** – Presentation by Rob Loughman, Plan President from Lean Healthcare Nevada, (Presentation can be found at dhcfp.nv.gov)

In 2024 Molina provided ongoing support through \$702,000 in grants focused on five key areas.

1. Access to care.
2. Behavioral Health for children and adults.
3. Maternal health.
4. Workforce development
5. Health-related social needs

2025 Community Reinvestment Plan: Molina plans to continue reinvesting to the communities they serve. Molina is committed to providing timely, high-quality health services as well as improving behavioral and maternal health. Workforce development will remain a key priority and Molina plans to train and cultivate a diverse healthcare workforce that mirrors the communities they serve.

Additionally, social health needs, including housing, nutrition, and transportation will continue to be addressed.

- d. **Silver Summit** – Presentation by Nicole King (Presentation can be found at dhcfp.nv.gov)

In 2024 Silver Summit Health Plan funded 47 community-based organizations totaling \$8.6 million.

In 2024, Silver Summit invested in the following priority areas:

- Housing Services
- Increase Access to Healthcare Services
- Maternal Child Health Services
- Access and Utilization of Preventative Care Services
- Youth Services

- Workforce Development Services
- Just Involved Community Reentry

2025 Community Reinvestment Plan: Silver Summit plans to focus on access of care, provider workforce development, as well as career development and housing support for members. They are also investing heavily in capacity building for housing support providers to prepare them for the new in lieu of service housing support benefit. Maternal, Child Health and Children's Behavioral Health are also huge focuses.

6. Discussion: 2025 Work Plan

Committee Members discussed suggestions for local housing initiatives and addressing social determinants of health for the next meeting. Chair Phoenix suggested support around food security, transportation, and housing. The chair also mentioned workforce development as well as support for schools and students. Chair Phoenix and Member Fulala Riley both mentioned people who are elderly and heat mitigation initiatives. Member Riley noted that their organization is seeing more individuals coming to them for preventative care and getting closer to homelessness. There are concerns around the weatherization programs, as A/C units are very expensive to fix. Seeing that individuals who are elderly need items replaced in their homes they are currently in instead of having them find a new place to live with possibly higher rent.

7. Discussion: Next Meeting will be on November 13, 2025

Chair Phoenix announced the next meeting.

8. Public Comment

There were no comments.

9. Adjournment

Chair Sorenson adjourned the meeting at 2:03 pm.