



# DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

DIVISION OF HEALTH CARE FINANCING AND POLICY  
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## Medicaid Reinvestment Advisory Committee (MRAC) Meeting Minutes

Date and Time of Meeting: Tuesday, April 9, 2023, 1:00 – 2:39 PM

Name of Organization: State of Nevada, Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS), Division of Health Care Financing and Policy (DHCFP)

Place Meeting: Microsoft Teams

<b>Board Members Present</b>	<b>Board Members Absent:</b>
<b>Jamie Sorenson</b>	<b>Erika Washington</b>
<b>Robert Thompson</b>	
<b>Fuilala Riley</b>	
<b>Hayley Jarolimek</b>	

### 1. Call to Order

Monica Schiffer called this meeting to order at 1:02 pm.

### 2. Roll Call

Daisy Lopez conducted roll call. A quorum was established.

### 3. Announcement of the new Chair

Malinda Southard, Deputy Administrator, announces the appointment of Jamie Sorenson, Director of Clark County Social Services, to the committee as Chair.

### 4. General Public Comment

Chair Jamie Sorenson calls for public comment. Nancy Bowen and Steve Messenger, from the Nevada Primary Care Association, comment to thank the Managed Care Organizations (MCOs) for the investment funds that were received and is looking forward to working with the MCOs on future projects.

5. **Review and approval of the minutes from the previous meeting on December 14<sup>th</sup>, 2023.**

Chair Jamie Sorenson asks for a motion to approve meeting minutes. Member Riley makes a motion to approve, member Thompson seconds. The motion passes and meeting minutes are approved.

6. **2023 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](https://dhcfp.nv.gov))

In 2023, Anthem invested over \$7.5 million in 125 local community organizations. Their investment efforts align with Anthem Health Intelligence social risk data, as well as Medicaid Reinvestment Advisory Committee funding recommendations.

- Roughly **68%** of their reinvestment commitment was allocated to support tier one recommendations: programs addressing homelessness and housing insecurity
- The remaining **32%** was allocated to tier 2 recommendations
- **8%** was dedicated to food and security and basic needs
- Approximately **7%** to workforce development
- **6%** to Wellness promotion services
- **6%** to population health management
- **5%** to school-based health initiatives

*2024 Reinvestment Plan:* Housing services and support will remain the top focus. They will continue to invest in community organizations that address social need and promote health and wellness. They will also aim to extend the reach of our investment efforts, focusing even more on rural health, behavioral health, and workforce development initiatives statewide.

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

In 2023, United Healthcare, Health Plan of Nevada focused on access to care, behavioral health, maternal child health, workforce development, health equity, social drivers of health, and health literacy. United Healthcare partnered with over 80 community organizations and exceeded the required amount for community reinvestments by far with over 10 million going back into their communities. The plan listed out a few of the investments under each of the categories of focus to give the committee members an idea of how they reinvested in their communities in 2023.

*2024 Community Reinvestment Plan:* Focus will continue to be on housing supports, access to care, health equity, and social drivers of health. An additional

focus will be to look for investments to increase the health care workforce in Nevada and develop programs with health equity as the backbone of these programs.

- c. **Molina** – Presentation by Kimberly Gahagan, (Presentation can be found at [dhcfp.nv.gov](http://dhcfp.nv.gov))

Molinas’s priorities and dedication in 2023 are reflected in five categories:

1. Increase access to care.
2. Expand behavioral health.
3. Increase access to maternal health.
4. Address social determinants of health (SDOH).
5. Bolster workforce and Provider training.

*2024 Community Reinvestment Plan:* Already this year, Molina has provided grants to *Good Shepherd’s Clothes Closet* to purchase a truck and trailer for transporting clothing donations to microsites across Washoe County, to *REACH*, in Las Vegas, to hire a Community Health Worker (CHW) focused on engaging the Hispanic Community, and to *Discovery Museum* to fund the Mental Health: Mind Matter Exhibit. Molina is and will continue to be committed to Nevada.

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

In 2023, 125 organizations received \$4.1 million from Silver Summit. An investment totaling \$2,184,005 was given to the priority areas below:

1. Housing Services - \$1,062,978
2. Increase Access to Healthcare Services - \$199,027
3. Maternal Child Health Services - \$150,000
4. Access and Utilization of Preventative Care Services - \$175,000
5. Youth Services - \$75,000
6. Workforce Development Services - \$147,000
7. Justice Involved Community Reentry - \$375,000

*2024 Community Reinvestment Plan:* Funding provided in 2023 to operate in 2024. A few suggestions for improvement from the community that will be addressed include: more transparency regarding scoring criteria, provision of training sessions prior to the deadline, and ensuring the process for receiving technical assistance is clearly visible on their website.

7. **Discussion: Work Plan for 2024** By: MRAC Committee Members on items the committee members would like to see addressed this year.

Fuilala Riley comments that she would like to see more capacity building for smaller non-profit organizations that have not entered Medicaid Billing. Member Riley suggests a plan

to educate non-profit providers on Medicaid billing and continued focus on housing and homelessness. Robert Thompson adds that homelessness and housing are in fact the number one issues heard in Social Services. Homelessness is the number one barrier when it comes to the services that the Welfare Division offers such as food stamps, TANF, child support and childcare, and energy assistance. Hayley Jarolimek further comments that the committee needs to start planning for the senior population, not only by preventing homelessness for those that are on a fixed income, but also by providing services such as home healthcare, support for those suffering from dementia and Alzheimer's, and improving access to healthcare services. Chair Sorenson agrees that the elderly population with fixed incomes is an emerging need. Additionally, Chair Sorenson states it would be helpful to have more resources for small repairs to help the elderly remain safely in their homes. Chair Sorenson would like to see housing problem infrastructure to focus on prevention and diversion and housing resources that are specific to the needs of older youth between the ages of 18-24 as well as more vulnerable youth who are exiting child welfare and juvenile justice systems. Member Jarolimek added she would like to see an increase in access to providers for behavioral health and an effort to educate people that housing is healthcare through public service announcements.

Proposed agenda items for next meeting:

- a. Organize the suggestions above into categories and look them over to determine what are the priorities of the committee members.
- b. Move agenda item 8 of finalizing 2024 Work Plan to the next meeting.
- c. Gather comments from MCO's as to what they think and what they are seeing.

Monica Schiffer will organize the suggestions discussed into a formatted document and send it out to the committee members prior to the next meeting.

Lisa Jolly comments that **Health Plan of Nevada** submitted a report to the state that lists all the investments and asks if this would help with coordination. Hayley Jarolimek suggests that a high-level overview of these investments from the MCO's might be helpful. Monica Schiffer will work with the Managed Care unit at Medicaid to see what they can put together for this.

**8. For Possible Action: Finalizing 2024 Work Plan By: MRAC Committee Members**

(This agenda item is being moved to the next meeting)

**9. Discussion of 2024 Meeting Dates By: MRAC Committee Members**

Confirmed meeting dates:

- a. July 10<sup>th</sup>, 2024
- b. September 10<sup>th</sup>, 2024
- c. December 11<sup>th</sup>, 2024

Daisy Lopez will send calendar meeting invites for the dates above.

**10. Public Comment**

Morgan Biaselli, with Silver State Government Regulations (SSGR), comments that she is attending the meeting on behalf of the Nevada Opioid Treatment Association (NODA) and would like to thank the presenters and the committee members for all the work being done. In 2020, Medicaid paid out 52% of the opioid related emergency department encounters and 45% of the opioid related inpatient admissions. She mentions that housing is a need that they see in their patients as well and they look forward to the opportunity to engage with Nevada's MCO's in addressing the State's opioid crisis.

**11. Adjournment**

Chair Sorenson closes the meeting at 2:39 pm.