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Medicaid Reinvestment Advisory Committee (MRAC) Draft Meeting Minutes

Date and Time of Meeting: November 13, 2025 – 1:00PM
Name of Organization: Nevada Health Authority – Division of Nevada Medicaid
Place of Meeting: Teams Meeting

Council Members' Present:

Jamie Sorenson, Chair
Fuilala Riley

Absent Member's:

Ann Jensen, Medicaid Administrator
Hayley Jarolimek
Erika Washington
Robert Thompson

1. Call to Order

Chair Sorenson called this meeting to order at 1:04 pm.

2. Roll Call

Chair Sorenson conducted roll call. A quorum was not established.

3. Conflicts of Interest

Chair Sorenson asked for members to disclose any conflicts of interest during this time. Committee member Fuilala Riley disclosed that she does have financial relationships with some Managed Care Organizations (MCOs) through her affiliation of HELP of Southern Nevada.

4. Public Comment

Public comment made by Monica Schiffer with the Nevada Health Authority, “As a result of the governor calling for a special session that started today, committee member, Nevada Medicaid Administrator, Ann Jensen and committee member Division of Social Services Administrator Robert Thompson, will not be here today due to those priorities coming up.”

Public comment made by Andrea Gregg, CEO of High Sierra Area Health Education Center, “My name is Andrea Gregg, and I am the CEO of High Sierra Area Health Education Center, also known as AHEC. AHECs have a long-standing history in Nevada, addressing healthcare workforce shortages, particularly in rural and underserved communities. For over two decades our network has aimed to recruit, train, and place healthcare professionals where they are needed most, improving access to care and advancing health equity. Across the state, AHECs work together: Desert Meadows AHEC serves Southern Nevada, Frontier AHEC serves Elko and rural communities, and High Sierra AHEC serves Northern Nevada. By collaborating, we ensure all regions benefit from workforce development and training programs. As you consider recommendations for Medicaid reinvestment, I urge you to prioritize funding for AHECs. Investing in AHECs ensures that these community reinvestment dollars are used to:

- Expand healthcare career pathways for students and emerging professionals.
- Provide continuing education and upskilling for frontline healthcare workers.
- Promote culturally competent care and reduce disparities in healthcare access.

I would also be happy to serve as a resource for MCOs to connect with AHECs across Nevada, helping ensure these investments have the greatest impact statewide. Investing in AHECs strengthens Nevada’s healthcare workforce and ensures a healthier, more equitable future for our communities. I respectfully ask the committee to make AHECs a priority in next year’s reinvestment strategy. Thank you for your time and consideration.”

5. Discussion and Approval of Meeting Minutes from December 2024 & June 2025

The committee discussed the meeting minutes from December 2024 and June 2025. However, due to quorum not being met, no votes were taken to approve the minutes. This agenda item will be carried forward to the first meeting held in 2026.

6. Review of the MRAC Bylaws

Following the 2025 83rd Legislative Session, the Department of Health and Human Services was partly restructured into the Nevada Health Authority (NVHA). In response to these changes, a review of the committee bylaws was conducted to ensure alignment with the updates. Due to quorum not being met, the updated bylaws will instead be distributed to members closer to the first meeting in 2026 for review and discussed during the first meeting held in 2026.

7. Review Annual Report

The Medicaid Reinvestment Advisory Committee (MRAC) Annual Report highlights ongoing efforts to address key priorities, including housing support and services, maternal and infant health, social determinants of health, and several targeted programs. These programs include the University of Nevada Reno, Reno Psychiatry Program, direct employment training for individuals experiencing homelessness, funding to upgrade equipment at the Fallon Tribal Health Center, and various family engagement events held across the state.

Chair Sorenson noted that these remain priority areas for the committee and expressed appreciation for the progress made, as reflected in the report. No further discussion was held on this matter.

8. 2026 Reinvestment Suggestions

Chair Sorenson emphasized that workforce development continues to be a top priority for the committee. He also highlighted housing and related supportive services as another critical focus area, stressing the importance of helping individuals experiencing homelessness into more stable, permanent living situations.

Committee member Fuilala echoed Chair Sorenson's comments and added that, considering the current Notice of Funding Opportunity (NOFO) for the Community of Care funding, it is essential to support programs that promote permanent housing solutions as those funds will not be permitted to be used for permanent supportive housing.

Chair Sorenson also identified maternal and infant health as a potential area of focus, particularly in specific zip codes in Southern Nevada. He expressed concerns over preventable negative outcomes such as infant mortality and morbidity, which are often linked to lack of access to continuous prenatal care, absence of STD testing, and

substance abuse. These issues disproportionately affect pregnant women who struggle to access consistent care.

Committee member Fuilala further stated her support for maintaining all last year's priorities while also highlighting the need to monitor areas that may be impacted by potential federal Medicaid cuts. She also emphasized the importance of continuing workforce development with the Department of Employment, Training and Rehabilitation (DETR) and local workforce connections boards.

Chair Sorenson concluded by encouraging the committee to continue monitoring federal-level developments, including executive orders, policy changes, and funding shifts, particularly where restrictions may limit the use of funds for services that have traditionally been supported.

9. 2026 Meeting Dates

MRAC Support Staff member Jonathan Figueroa will send out a poll for potential meetings dates in 2026, one meeting in the spring and another meeting in the fall. If emerging information relating to changes at the federal level were to arise, Chair Sorenson may call an additional meeting if deemed necessary.

10. Public Comment

No public comments were made during this time.

11. Adjournment

Chair Sorenson adjourned this meeting at 1:34 pm.