



Meeting Minutes

COVID-19 Mitigation and Mangement Task Force

Attendance	DATE	August 27, 2020
	TIME	10:00 A.M.
	METHOD	Video-Teleconference
	RECORDER	Meagan Werth Ranson
Task Force Voting Member Attendance		
Member Name		Present
Caleb Cage		X
Richard Whitley		X
Terry Reynolds		X
Jaime Black		X
Justin Luna		X
Felicia Gonzales		X
Brett Compston		X
Meagan Werth Ranson		X
Chris Lake		X
Dagny Stapleton		X
Wesley Harper		X
Mark Pandori		X
Task Force Non-Voting Member Attendance		
Kyra Morgan		X
Lisa Sherych		X
Julia Peek		X
Melissa Peek-Bullock		X
Malinda Southard		X
Lesley Mohlenkamp		X

1. Call to Order and Roll Call

Chair Caleb Cage, Governor’s Office (GO), called the meeting to order. Roll call was performed by Meagan Werth Ranson, GO. Quorum was established for the meeting.

2. Public Comment

Chair Cage opened the discussion for public comment in all venues. No public comment was provided.

3. Approval of Minutes

Chair Cage called for a motion to amend or approve the draft minutes from the August 20, 2020 meeting. Jaime Black, Gaming Control Board, noted she was present at the last meeting and that should be reflected in the member attendance section of the minutes. Chris Lake, Nevada Hospital Association (NHA), noted on page nine, third sentence from the bottom before agenda item number six should correct “par” to “bar”. The sentence should read “Chris Lake asked if the Task Force could start looking at the differentiate between bars, and taverns. Phased in approach, or if this makes compliance and enforcement difficult. Richard Whitley, Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS), made a motion to approve the amended minutes and a second was provided by Brett Compston, NVNG. The motion passed unanimously.

5. Appointed Department Updates

a. Department of Business and Industry – Enforcement – Director, Terry Reynolds

Terry Reynolds spoke to work that is being done by B&I and the Division of Occupational Safety and Health (SCATS) regarding compliance visits. OSHA is starting to key in on specific industries. OSHA's acceptance in rural areas was mainly positive but there were certain areas where OSHA was viewed negatively. B&I visited 800 plus businesses and are holding calls with Clark County and cities in Southern Nevada and are scheduling a call with Washoe, Reno and Sparks next week to coordinate our enforcement activities. B&I is working directly with Washoe County and Clark County, they are going out and seeing things our inspectors can follow up on. This is a two-prong approach, which seems to be working well. Usually after a second visit compliance goes up to 90 plus percent. B&I did issue 5 citations in the state, visited 6,800 business this far and received another 3,500 calls for complaints through the hotline. This is just under 10,000 business complaints to date. There have been approximately 30 complaints concerning school districts in Nevada received through the hotline. B&I will follow up this week and do interviews regarding the concerns. Mr. Reynolds noted this was to be expected with the opening of the schools. This week, B&I published a dashboard on their on the B&I website that displays inspection information. The dashboard will show the number of in-person inspections, ratio of compliance, and the ability to drill-down on a specific industry to check compliance data for each business. The dashboard will be updated on a weekly basis. My Reynolds noted the dashboard is going to be useful and a good spot to search for data. Chair Cage thanked Mr. Reynolds and his team for the work that is being done. It is challenging and enforcement is a difficult and daunting task. The communities appreciate the work being done as well. Terry Reynolds stated there has been good cooperation on compliance from local entities and once we discuss with them what B&I is looking for specifically and there is engagement from both sides, it has gone well. SCATS has been working on various activities with a quick turnaround time. Lisa Sherych, Division of Public and Behavioral Health (DPBH), inquired on the medical facilities listed, B&I or SCATS loop back with DPBH with any facilities considered non-compliant as it falls into any entity that is licensed by DPBH. Terry Reynolds advised it would be possible to provide a breakdown and loop back. Caleb Cage agreed that this is a great opportunity for collaboration. Felicia Gonzalez, Nevada Department of Education (NDE), noted she is available if B&I or SCATS need coordination with reviewing concerns coming from the school districts and public charter schools in the state of Nevada. Ms. Gonzales noted she would be happy to work with B&I with ongoing trends that need to be addressed from the NDE level and communicating to the districts as they are opening. Terry Reynolds advised that SCATS will be working with various schools and working through the principals of the schools at this time.

b. Division of Emergency Management – PPE Status – Incident Commander, Brett Compston

Brett Compston noted there was not a significant change from last to this week. In terms of Personal Protective Equipment (PPE), enough gloves and N95 masks have purchased to support the 120-day stockpile. The goal is to have this PPE in the warehouse by 1 October. In terms of coveralls, gowns, and face shields, these are currently in the purchase process. Mr. Compston noted the PAPR's may not need to be purchased as the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) may be able to provide this resource to the state.

c. Fiscal Update – COVID related Funding Coordination –Executive Budget Officer, Lesley Mohlenkamp

Lesley Mohlenkamp provided a brief update on COVID-related funding coordination. Ms. Mohlenkamp advised she has been working closely with the Nevada Department of Education (NDE) to move CARES Act funding to support various programs regarding the school districts. Ms. Mohlenkamp advised there will be a special Interim Finance Committee (IFC) meeting next week. Ms. Mohlenkamp and the Governor's Finance Office (GFO) will

continue to work with local governments to disburse CARES Act funding to assist with COVID-19 Mitigation and response efforts.

d. Nevada Department of Education (NDE) – School Opening Plans – Deputy Superintendent of Educator Effectiveness and Family Engagement, Felicia Gonzales

Felicia Gonzales provide an update on the reopening of schools in the State of Nevada. Since last week, some school districts around the state identified the need to push the start dates back. This includes the following: Churchill County School District will begin school on August 31, 2020 and Eureka County School District and Lyon County School District will begin school on September 1, 2020. Elko County, Humboldt County, Mineral County, and White Pine County have pushed the start dates to September 8, 2020. Ms. Gonzales also mentioned Elko county has chosen to go to distance learning for the first nine weeks of the school year. This is in addition to the Clark County School District. Various charter schools in Clark County have also chosen to go the route of distance learning for the first nine weeks. NDE is working with the Governor’s Finance Office (GFO) to provide funding to allow for all educators around the state to be tested for COVID-19. Chair Cage asked if there were any indicators that other school districts will move to a distance learning model for the first nine weeks of the school year. Ms. Gonzales noted most schools have chosen a hybrid model to lower the number of students on campus at a time. There are no other indicators as this time that more schools will choose to go to a pure distance learning model. Chair Cage acknowledged the complex challenges NDE has faced and will continue to face throughout the school year.

e. Gaming Control Board (GCB) – Chief, Jaime Black

Jaime Black provided an update on our enforcement efforts from GCB. Since June 4, 2020 when gaming operations could resume, the GCB has conducted approximately 12,000 observations/compliance checks. As of August 25,2020, the GCB had a total of 185 regulatory cases or violations. Ms. Black also provided the group with a summary of the board’s disciplinary process. The GCB is not able to go into locations and issue citations, the GCB has a specific disciplinary process pursuant to statute, while it doesn’t allow for the GCB to issue citations and/or immediate fines, it does allow the GCB to hold licenses accountable for violations through an administrative hearing process. Based on courtroom processes and procedures. The GCB first determines if a licensee committed a violation, the GCB has the discretion on how to proceed. Options include issuing a violation letter to the licensee, issuing an order to show cause to the licensee, or filing a complaint with the Nevada Gaming Commission as provided by Nevada Revised Statute (NRS) 463.310. Depending on the action, the Attorney General’s Office provides various levels of support and advocacy under NRS 463.0199. Chair Cage thanked Ms. Black for the updated and reiterated the GCB has three options to include issue a violation, provide an order to show cause, or to file for a hearing. Ms. Black stated after filing a complaint, it moves towards and administrative hearing. Chair Cage noted the GBC and OSHA can work together but have different enforcement authority and processes. There is a procedural approach for the Gaming Control Board and their licensees. Lisa Sherych inquired as to the 185 regulatory cases have there been any trends identified. Ms. Black advised no trends in the data have been identified at this time. Richard Whitley noted Senate Bill (SB) 4 passed during the most recent special session, has a section in it on protection for workers in the resort industry. Mr. Whitley noted DHHS has a public workshop on the regulations related to SB4 for tomorrow at 9:00 a.m. The public may join by going on the Division of Public and Behavioral Health main website (www.dpbh.nv.gov). On the page, there is a link to the workshop and draft regulations. Mr. Whitley encouraged the public to participate and provide questions on the regulations being presented. Chair Cage advised it would be valuable to provide an overview of these regulations in the next few weeks to the Task Force for future opportunities.

f. Nevada Association of Counties – Executive Director, Dagny Stapleton

Dagny Stapleton provided an update for the Nevada Association of Counties. Ms. Stapleton is assisting the state with meetings for the counties who are meeting the elevated disease transmission criteria. Ms. Stapleton is also working closely with Lesley Mohlenkamp on the distribution of Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security (CARES) Act funding to rural counties and assisting with the development of spending plans.

g. Nevada League of Cities – Director, Wesley Harper

No current update to provide.

6. Current Situation Report

Kyra Morgan, DHHS, provided an overview of the current situation in Nevada as it relates to COVID to include the following (slides were also included in the meeting packet):

- 823,189 Molecular tests
- 66,666 Confirmed cases
- 1250 Total deaths
- 13.8 Tests per 1,000 per week
- 11.1% Daily positivity rate
- 10.6% Cumulative positivity rate
- 611 Confirmed hospitalizations
- 150 Suspected hospitalizations
- 211 Patients in intensive care units

Ms. Morgan provided the group with an update regarding the slides provided in the handouts showing the trends of COVID-19 in Nevada. Nevada has experienced a sustained decline since July 13, 2020 but death numbers are still coming in high. Nevada is still seeing a high number of deaths being reported daily. As far as testing turnaround times, there is not a significant change from last week. The average time between collection is down to two days. Quest remains to have the longest turnaround time but has cut the time down in half from the previous eight days to four days. Hospitalization data has been decreasing significantly for the last 22 days, however, still higher than in April and May. Test positivity rates have been decreasing since the end of July. Ms. Morgan spoke to results for county tracker criteria for the previous week comparatively to the current slide as of August 26, 2020. One big change is Churchill County is being flagged for second week due to a high case rate and high-test positivity rate. Lyon County is flagged for first time, for a low case rate due to low test numbers and a test positivity rate at 7.4%. Humboldt county is no longer flagged. Ms. Morgan researched Humboldt County's data in terms of Tribal trends. Most of the cases were from over a month ago. There was also an outbreak on Tribal land last week, but it appears to be under control.

Julia Peek, DHHs, spoke to the main changes from last weeks update concerning contact tracing. Most of the contact tracing staff has been hired through Deloitte. Some of the contact tracing staff will transition over to assist with disease case investigation as that is where the greatest need is currently. There has been significant growth from the University of Nevada Reno (UNR) to provide contact tracing assistance to Washoe County and the Quad County Region. Ms. Peek advised the two main goals are still current with trying to identify cases within in 24 hours and identify contacts within 24 hours. Clark County is working hard to reduce the backlog of cases by hiring an additional 200 individuals. This week DHHS launched its proximity-based app called COVID Trace. This app allows two devices that have the app download in a close proximity for an amount of time to be notified of a potential exposure. So far, there have been over 14,000 downloads. The app is only useful if downloaded in quantity. There are ten other states who have moved forward with a similar app. The app may be downloaded on Apple and Google.

The biggest challenge is with operating system. The user must have the most updated version of software. Ms. Peek continued with her overview by noting major themes related to the cases from case investigation. The findings remain to be from the following: social gatherings, familial social contacts, hotel/resort communities, correctional institutional settings, food establishments, and health care settings. Exposure location is not definitive. The exposure locations are useful for regulatory bodies so they can look to see if there are any potential mitigation issues that need to be addressed and to provide additional information as more cases are identified through contact tracing. Ms. Peek spoke the number of cases that have been identified through contact tracing now being around 19.2%, up from 17.4% last week. Chair Cage noted one of the recommendations from a county partner was to receive the county criteria sooner than Wednesday afternoon of each week. Chair Cage acknowledged this was a fair request and Ms. Morgan advised it would be possible to gather this data earlier in the week to be sent out. Chair Cage spoke to the significant work of contact tracing and the data above being proof that it works. Ms. Peek will prepare an additional slide that dives deeper into possible exposure locations for next week's Task Force meeting. It is expected to be used as a tool to determine where community spread may be occurring but again it is not definitive. Terry Reynolds inquired what it means if an exposure location is deemed to be a social gathering and if that includes events such as a baseball tournament or a wedding. Ms. Peek spoke to the data as being limited based on what the county collects. Once the move to the salesforce tool this data will be easier to retrieve. Mr. Reynolds this specific information would be helpful in terms of enforcement. Chair Cage spoke to this part of the agenda being for the review of the self-assessment and action plans that were submitted for the counties that were flagged for having met two or more of the established criteria:

Washoe County Self-Assessment and Action Plan

Kevin Dick provided an update on the plan submitted by Washoe County. The overall situation for the county remains the same. Washoe County is experiencing community spread transmission, outbreaks from family gatherings, and family household spread. Mr. Dick noted the type of businesses where the county is seeing transmission are not consistent with a certain business or industry. The number of people hospitalized is stable and has good capacity, PPE status is in a good status, regional PPE on hand is in a good status, and there is a sufficient supply for the health district. Washoe County continues to operate Point of Screening and Testing (POST) location at the Reno Sparks Livestock Event Center. Open for symptomatic priority, case contacts as well as asymptomatic individuals. Capacity of 525 per day, currently demand is at 308 per day, and still experiencing no shows. The Reno South Meadows drive through testing site is taking some demand off POST and St. Mary's is also doing testing. Washoe County is experiencing a decline in individuals seeking testing opportunities. The average through May is 833 tests per day in Washoe County. For the week ending August 25, 2020, seeing an average of 159.92 tests per day per 100,000 population. Washoe County is noticing issues with NBS report delays. Number of tests could be higher due to this. Washoe County has begun working with Charles River Labs and is now ramping up to assist for three days a week. Washoe County continues to work with Skilled Nursing Facilities to supply additional test collection kits. As far as contact tracing, there are 58 disease investigators on staff right now. The UNR training center has been a great partner in getting staff and working to bring on 16 additional disease investigators in September to reduce the backlog. Washoe County is aiming to contact all cases within 24 hours for self-isolation.

Washoe County is continuing to work on correctional facilities and jails along with the homeless population. There have been cases from family shelter facilities. There is a well care facility under contract with the county that can take those cases and move them out of the family shelter. Eric Brown spoke to the enforcement piece and concerns that were heard last week. Mr. Brown spoke to cities within the county stepping up enforcement activities beyond what we currently have. Reno is deploying officers in 'party cars' to address the private residence gatherings. Sparks committed Code Enforcement Officers to conduct investigations to assist as well. Regarding messaging, have engaged with an outside agency to help with public communication. Done research

on target populations and messaging that will be most effective. Washoe County identified the Latino community which makes up over 40% of our positive case load, and the 20-40 age group. Creation of the messaging is under development. Lisa Sherych noted on page two it shows Renown is allocated a set amount of Remdesivir and inquired if the allocation was from the Federal Government. The document talks about potentially selling it other hospitals. Chris Lake, Nevada Hospital Association (NHA), noted the Remdesivir distributed was from the Federal Government to the State. It was not distributed for free but out of a set allocation. Hospitals can purchase Remdesivir for their pharmacies and keep on hand. Hospitals have not been purchasing 100% of the allocation that Nevada has been getting. Renown stated they have purchased the full allotment and can be sold to another hospital to help the other hospital and just reimburse the cost at no mark up. Chair Cage advised based on his reading of the document provided today, Washoe County is essentially requesting continuation of plan that was voted on and approved from last meeting. Task Force will take this plan under advisement and continue from last week.

Clark County Self- Assessment and Action Plan

Billy Samuels, Clark County, provided an overview of the plan submitted by Clark County. The plan has not changed from last week. The count is working on beefing up enforcement for a more targeted approach and working on refining that portion of plan. Mr. Samuels noted there was a correction on page one of the plan. The number noted should be 2.5% and not 3.5% for the Clark County Detention Center with only six positives. Mr. Samuels noted hospital rates are decreasing and staffing levels are fair. Contact Tracing investigations are being contacted within 24 hours. Mr. Samuels advised the numbers for Clark County are decreasing from last week. Clark County is still conducting testing at the following three sites: Texas Station, Sam Boyd and Fiesta Henderson. Chair Cage noted the test positivity rate continues to decline and is not an easy number to achieve as they fluctuate a lot. This is a signal of a good trend and speaks to the work being done by the county. As far as surge testing Monday, spoke with team yesterday, there is an aggressive plan for outreach. There will also be an enforcement discussion to be held moving forward. Lisa Sherych noted page five talks about protection of vulnerable populations, on the first bullet, staff have been to the facility and there has been a lot of rigorous work done on the prevention control at the skilled nursing facilities. Ms. Sherych would like to address concerns moving forward. Chair Cage will connect Billy Samuels and Lisa Sherych following the meeting. Plan approved as of last week, no vote to continually approve it.

Humboldt County Self- Assessment and Action Plan

Chair Cage provide an updated on the Humboldt County plan as submitted. Humboldt County provided a similar jurisdictional assessment as last week. Humboldt County is off the list this week, meaning the Task Force and the County enter a discussion phase. Humboldt County will still turn in an action plan discussing the different items the county is working on. The items updated in this plan were with respect to enforcement information, outreach measures and efforts, and ongoing work with the Fort McDermott Tribal Reservation. The plan is similar to the plan previously been approved. Chair Cage provide an overview of enforcement noting the State can assist if the county continues to be flagged for elevated disease transmission list. Chair Cage noted on page nine of the plan the county is hiring a Public Information Office (PIO) for community engagement and other tasks such as working with the Fort McDermitt Tribal Government. Chair Cage ended the overview by appreciating the fact that Humboldt Counties numbers are decreasing.

Nye County Self- Assessment and Action Plan

Scott Lewis provided an overview of the Nye County plan that was submitted for review. Nye county is seeking the continuation of this plan. Mr. Lewis advised there was a prudent approach with looking at Pahrump different. Nye County is seeing household breakouts as an exposure location. This will be addressed through additional measures with quarantining and sanitizing. Contact tracing efforts continue to be a challenge. Nye

County is having difficulty connecting with COVID-19 positive patients as there are concerns with the contact tracing efforts being related to scams. Enforcement efforts are improving across the county are having success in ensuring local businesses are taking proper precautions in interactions with customers. Nye County is continuing to provide PPE and testing kits to vulnerable populations. There is concern with the reopening of schools and Nye County is cautiously watching to see if the numbers will increase due to this. Nye County has worked closely with the school district in terms of discussions with parents and teachers to make sure the plan is being followed. The same is being done with law enforcement and jails within the county. Mr. Lewis spoke to the numbers in Nye County slightly improving. Chair Cage recognized the work the county has done to manage COVID-19 within the community. Chair Cage noted Clark County is doing a surge testing event and the intent is to test 60,000 individuals over a period of 12 days. It was noted as an area of concern in the last plan with individuals traveling from Nye County to Las Vegas for employment. This might be a benefit to the county to advertise this event. Mr. Lewis spoke to numerous concerns occurring within the county as far as results.

Nye County is not being made aware when a Nye county resident is being tested in Las Vegas. The majority of those identified as positive cases were in the construction industry. There is potential value in advertising this surge testing event but there needs to be work done to have actual value out of this event. Julia Peek notices there are challenges in lab reporting. Typically, the lab information is based off where the specimen is collected. In this example, the results would go to Las Vegas for reporting not Nye County. Results are usually attributed to where the specimen was collected. Kyra Morgan spoke to seeing an increase in address completeness to help assist with this exact issue. This field is now up to 80% complete. This is on the radar to try to increase. Mr. Lewis advised notification of hospitalizations is becoming an issue. There have been cases in which Nye County residents go to a Las Vegas hospital, but the county does not know of those positives until they come back into the county. There is a lack of communication and a clear delay in information as well. Ms. Peek spoke to DHHS putting out a technical bulletin regarding completeness of phone number and will be reaching out to labs to remind them completeness of forms matter, especially when we are using that data for county decisions. It is important that it is attributed to the person's residence and not the county in which the specimen was collected. Mr. Lewis expressed concerns on the record with the type of testing methodology that is being used, specifically the type of PCR swabbing. Chair Cage inquired if the county has seen any concerning outcomes from the reopening of the bars outside of Pahrump. Mr. Lewis spoke to no adverse impacts seen yet but also do not suspect the county will. Tim Sutton, Nye County, expressed abounding gratitude from bar owners and patrons for the reopening of the bars outside of Pahrump. This was watched carefully and much appreciated. Chair Cage advised the continuation of plan as previously approved.

Lander County Self-Assessment and Action Plan

Chair Cage spoke to the plan submitted from Lander County. There are no real changes to the plan from last week. Chair Cage noted there are no requests to the state at this time. The plan will continue as is for the remainder of the week with a re-evaluation at next week's Task Force meeting. Chair Cage did request an update in the plan regarding the August 31, 2020 community-based testing event.

Churchill County Self-Assessment and Action Plan

County Manager Jim Barbee provided an overview of the Churchill County Self-Assessment and Action Plan as submitted. This is first time making the double red list and is surprised with test positivity rate being at 8.7% due to the data collection on re-testing. Churchill County discovered that each time a positive person is re-tested, the State is counting it as a "new positive." Mr. Barbee is asking for consideration from the task force to not count the duplicate tests against the county. The return to work policy no longer requires duplicating testing as of yesterday. The county has been notified that it will remain in the red for this week and again next week, due to the same issue with duplicated tests. This conflict will be seen for the next couple of weeks due to this practice but will be addressed in numbers moving forward. Kyra Morgan spoke to there being confusion around

how this issue could be affecting the data. DHHS is counting every test result both in the numerator and denominator. When calculating if an individual tested positive five times, they would be counted five times in the numerator and five times in the denominator, which would cancel each other out mathematically. If you are using county numbers in the numerator but State numbers for the denominator, you are inflating the county numbers. DHHS has done a thorough analysis on test positivity rates. Julia Peek mentioned if a person continues to test for their job and tests negative, they will be counted multiple times as a negative in the denominator, the methodology did change. Mr. Barbee noted if you count them on both sides, that accounts for 100%. For a smaller county this is driving the test positivity rates up and not reflecting the county correctly. Ms. Morgan acknowledged Mr. Barbee's concerns. When DHHS did an analysis on calculating the numbers on unique people versus the specimens, in general it drives the positivity rates a little bit lower as it seems to be more common that we have people repeat test negative instead of repeat positive tests. It is important to remember that every time a person is tested, they are counted. That reduces duplication because the duplicates are equal in positives and negatives. Ms. Morgan will follow up with the specific way the numbers would play out if we did unique people. Mr. Barbee noted the county is excessively testing our positives and we agree. Ms. Peek understands that this is identifying some county policies and procedures and it is an opportunity to work with those counties better. Chair Cage spoke to one benefit of this process is to focus and get the context on what is occurring at the county level. With respect to the plan presented, it appears to be similar to Humboldt County and Lander County. Chair Cage made a motion to approve Churchill County's plan with a provision that Julia Peek, Kyra Morgan, Meagan Werth Ranson, and himself meet with the county again before next Wednesday and continue to report moving forward. Terry Reynolds provided a second. Motion passed unanimously.

Elko County Self-Assessment and Action Plan

Amanda Osborne provided an overview of the plan submitted by Elko County. Ms. Osborne thanked Chair Cage for meeting with the county over the last couple of weeks and helping the county put together a more comprehensive plan. Currently hospital capacity is in a good status with only one case hospitalized. This case comes to higher level of care and there is not a burden placed on the local hospital. Some cities like Jackpot and West Wendover utilize out of state hospitals. Elko County is becoming more involved in the process for alternative care facility planning. PPE is in a good status and the county continues to purchase PPE for the stockpile. Distribution priorities remain the same as DEM. Elko county would like to have more conversations on testing. The current strategy is based on symptomatic individual and close contacts but are interested in testing asymptomatic individuals. There is a concern with lab turnaround times. Ms. Osborne wanted to note on the record there are significant challenges to community-based testing that must be mitigated. Elko County School District has gone to distance education for the first nine weeks. Ms. Osborne also noted an outbreak in a skilled nursing facility and the county is working with resources from the state, help them get the resources they need for increased testing. Ms. Osborn noted challenges with residents in Wendover. There are individuals who work in Utah but reside in West Wendover. Being able to trace the cases from Wendover would be extremely helpful. The county has been doing case investigations and contact tracing in Elko, 40% of the County's confirmed cases have been identified through familial relationship and contact tracing. High risk areas, the county has identified a specific workforce or workplace exposure and have mitigation plans, including re-enforcing masks, and implementing policies for staff not wearing masks.

Elko County has been relying on Environmental Health Services and the Gaming Control Board for increases in testing compliance effort and are ready to act in the event there is an area of concern. So far this has not been the case. OSHA completed site visits last week with 88% compliance for first visit and after the second visit 100%. Ms. Osborne spoke to city levels of compliance: City of Elko, Elko Police Department is responsible for initial contact and issuing verbal warnings if a business appears to be out of compliance. Failure to comply results in a "Notice of Violation." To date, twenty-five NOV's have been issued to businesses within the City. Carlin is relying on State resources to assist with enforcement and compliance efforts. City of West Wendover

focused on education for businesses and individuals to follow public health guidance and emergency directives. Combined efforts include all cities working together to make sure the county is working toward a mitigation plan. Ms. Osborne spoke to a request in the plan regarding special events such as a car show, county fair, a livestock show, and a bull riding event. Chair Cage advised this Task Force is not empowered to approve special events and will follow up with County and Local Empowerment Advisory Panel (LEAP) folks. Terry Reynolds noted the process for this request would be to send the requests to the LEAP, the LEAP will review the events with the OSHA/SCATS team for compliance with the guidelines, and then SCATS/OSHA will redistribute the plan within two days back to LEAP for consideration. Matt Peterson, Elko County, part of including this request in the plan was to provide an example to the show the county is including mitigation efforts to show movement towards a way forward. Chair Cage noted the county has clearly put a lot of time into assessment and it is excellent. This is a model in many respects as far as different components. Thank you and I acknowledge the great work that went into this. The plan provided speaks to the seriousness in which you are taking this. Chair Cage noted the length in time for lab turnaround time is a state and local challenge. Regarding reopening of the bars in several cities, Chair Cage expressed concern in the level of enforcement in the plan as it currently stands. The enforcement piece is not as developed as it should be given the population in some of those areas. Chair Cage spoke to measures of Directive 27, expiring on August 20, 2020 at 11:59 p.m. Last week based on discussion with the county, looking to extend the plan for this week. Continue provisions of Directive 27 through 11:59 tonight to continue Directive 027. Terry Reynolds, LEAP group, along with OSHA, attempted to clarify the guidelines as to seating within bars, bar tops, if food could be served and how that would be done. Currently reviewing guidelines, will be available shortly. New guidelines to review by next week. Terry Reynolds, concern with the enforcement piece, it is a large county and have outlying areas, rely on outside agencies, covered a lot of ground with OSHA. The county does not have the same business license ability in the county, as they do in the city. Enforcement needs to be stepped up, there needs to be a little more work done in that area before overall approval. OSHA will go back out to assist in enforcement. Dagny Stapleton, Nevada Association of Counties, noted it needs to be considered if the county is seeing community spread, does it make sense to reopen bars. Richard Whitley, I agree, the outbreak in the skilled nursing facility there needs to be additional context. Lisa Sherych noted there are further details on this, it appears it could be tied to specific population industry, but it is still under review currently. Kyra Morgan, speaking from data, Elko does have the highest case rate, highest positivity rate, and they are flagged for insufficient testing. There is concern on reopening places. There is something going on at the county level. Richard Whitley noted the Skilled Nursing Facility outbreak would have been from outside the facility, we need to finish work before making decisions. It is not wise to push to fast to get to a problem identification that is not the problem. Julia Peek noted some counties have made policy decisions and Elko has chosen to primarily focus only symptomatic folks not necessarily asymptomatic testing. Elko County and Great Basin College has done a great job with contact tracing and have some of the highest numbers. EPI team did pull some data, generally looking if a business was names by multiple cases, in Elko's case we are not seeing huge trend in possible exposure locations. It is primarily workplace or household exposure.

County Commissioner Delmo Andreozzi noted a lot of the county's positive cases are at a house level, not community level. It is important to take this into consideration. Most of the commercial activity is in the City of Elko and looking at the enforcement side, enforcement level is more robust than the rest of the county. Not a lot of commercial activity outside of the City of Elko. Lisa Sherych noted that when LEAP is looking at these special events would it be possible when decisions are being made, to loop back with DBPH as Environmental Health Services does permit food and concessions. Terry Reynolds, certainly we would. Chair Cage advised the request from Elko county to open bars in city of Elko, Carlin, Wells, West Wendover. Chair Cage, where I see challenges is the increased positivity rate in the county by 2 percent this week, the ongoing investigation in a skilled nursing facility, we need more information on community spread, we need to address testing turnaround time, and a comprehensive enforcement plan throughout the community. The concern in opening bars with increased positivity rates are issues of concern. Chair Cage made a motion to continue to work with Elko County over next two weeks with regards to the skilled nursing facility, the status of community spread, testing

turnaround time, and a more comprehensive enforcement plan. Terry Reynolds made a second. Motion passed unanimously. Continue closures as they stand for the next two weeks.

8.Action Items for next Week

Chair Cage noted that there was a list of follow up items produced from this meeting that would occur offline to include conversations with the local partners in each county along with a conversation between DEM, NVNG, and DHHS.

9.Public Comment

Chair Cage opened the discussion for public comment. No public comment was provided.

10.Adjourn

Chair Cage called for a motion to adjourn the meeting. A motion to adjourn was presented by Terry Reynolds, and a second was provided by Richard Whitely. The motion passed unanimously. Meeting adjourned.