



NOTICE OF PUBLIC WORKSHOP

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Division of Public and Behavioral Health will hold a public workshop to consider amendments to Nevada Administrative Code (NAC) Chapter 228, Domestic Violence.

The workshop will be conducted virtually beginning at 9:00 AM on Wednesday, March 31, 2021.

In accordance with Governor Sisolak's Declaration of Emergency Directive 006, Subsection 1, the requirement contained in NRS 241.023 (1) (b) that there be a physical location designated for meetings of public bodies where members of the public are permitted to attend and participate is suspended.

To participate in the public workshop please join on your computer or mobile app, with a video conferencing device or by calling in using the information provided below.

Microsoft Teams meeting

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Video Conference ID: 114 889 785 9

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These workshops will be conducted in accordance with NRS 241.020, Nevada's Open Meeting Law.

AGENDA

1. Introduction of workshop process
2. Public comment on proposed amendments to Nevada Administrative Code (NAC) Chapter 228.
3. Public Comment

The proposed changes will revise NAC Chapter 228 of the Nevada Administrative Code and are being proposed in accordance with Nevada Revised Statutes (NRS) 439.258.

The proposed regulations bring the domestic violence treatment program regulations into compliance with NRS 439.258 which was amended during the 2019 legislative session. In addition, provisions have been added to help increase efficiencies in the certification process and to make the application process to become a provider or supervisor of treatment transparent. It also makes it easier for program participants in rural communities to

attend a certified domestic violence treatment program by removing the distance limitation in order to be able to attend program counseling sessions via electronic means. This also may increase the availability of programs available to participants throughout the state helping them find a program that best fits their needs.

The proposed regulations provide provisions for the following:

- Requires a supervisor of treatment or provider of treatment to be approved by the Division to work in his or her respective position.
- Establishes the application procedure for a person to obtain approval to work as a supervisor of treatment or provider of treatment when that person otherwise meets all of the standard qualifications required in the proposed regulations and revises the qualification process to require such a person to additionally submit the application described in the proposed regulations for approval to work as a supervisor of treatment.
- Excludes a person who is employed, or retained as an independent contractor, by a program in the position of supervisor of treatment or provider of treatment on the effective date of this regulation, from the requirement for approval to work in that position.
- Requires a person who has obtained approval to work as a supervisor of treatment or provider of treatment to renew the approval not later than 3 years after the effective date of the initial approval by the Division; and every 3 years thereafter.
- Establishes the application procedure for obtaining the renewal of the approval to work as a supervisor of treatment or provider of treatment.
- Requires a supervisor of treatment or provider of treatment to maintain proof of the content and completion of the required continuing education for at least 6 years after the completion of the 15 hours of continuing education. Authorizes the Division to audit a supervisor of treatment or provider of treatment to verify compliance with the requirements for continuing education and authorizes the Division to revoke the approval to work of a supervisor of treatment or provider of treatment who is found to not be in compliance with the continuing education requirements; and a supervisor of treatment or provider of treatment to reapply for an approval to work in that position if their approval as a supervisor of treatment or provider of treatment has been revoked by the Division due to their noncompliance with the requirements for continuing education.
- Removes the 70-mile limitation and instead authorizes any offender to attend counseling sessions or other meetings electronically if the program has implemented a mechanism to ensure that the person attending electronically is actually the offender; and the provider of treatment verifies the identity of the offender at each meeting by utilizing the mechanism.
- In addition to meeting the existing standards of treatment, requires a program to be based on evidence-based best practices and furthermore requires each written plan of treatment for an offender to be based on the assessment of the offender by a supervisor of treatment or provider of treatment.
- In addition to including the existing topics, requires the curriculum and instructional materials of a program to include a module specific to victim safety.

Members of the public may make oral comments at this meeting. Persons wishing to submit written testimony or documentary evidence may submit the material to Leticia Metherell, Health Program Manager at the following address:

Division of Public and Behavioral Health
727 Fairview Drive, Suite E
Carson City, NV 89701
775-684-1073 (FAX)
Email: lmetherell@health.nv.gov

Members of the public who require special accommodations at the workshops are required to notify Leticia Metherell in writing to the Division of Public and Behavioral Health, 727 Fairview Drive, Suite E, Carson City, NV 89701, via email at lmetherell@health.nv.gov or by calling 775-684-1045 at least five (5) working days prior to the date of the public workshop. Note: There will be no onsite location for this public workshop.

You may contact Leticia Metherell by calling 775-684-1045 or via email at lmetherell@health.nv.gov for further information on the proposed regulations or how to obtain copies of the supporting documents.

A copy of the notice and the proposed regulations are on file for inspection and/or may be copied at the following locations during normal business hours:

Division of Public and Behavioral Health
727 Fairview Drive, Suite E
Carson City, NV

Division of Public and Behavioral Health
4220 S. Maryland Parkway, Suite 100, Bldg A
Las Vegas, NV

A copy of the regulations and small business impact statement can be found on the Division of Public and Behavioral Health's web page:

http://dpbh.nv.gov/Reg/HealthFacilities/State_of_Nevada_Health_Facility_Regulation_Public_Workshops/

A copy of the public workshop notice can also be found at Nevada Legislature's web page:

<https://www.leg.state.nv.us/App/Notice/A/>

A copy of this notice has been posted at the following location:

Division of Public and Behavioral Health, 4150 Technology Way, First Floor Lobby, Carson City

Copies may be obtained by emailing Leticia Metherell at lmetherell@health.nv.gov or by calling the Division of Public and Behavioral Health at (775) 684-1030 in Carson City or (702) 486-6515 in Las Vegas.

Per NRS 233B.064(2), upon adoption of any regulations, the agency, if requested to do so by an interested person, either prior to adoption or within 30 days thereafter, shall issue a concise statement of the principal reasons for and against its adoption, and incorporate therein its reason for overruling the consideration urged against its adoption.