

Application Overview:

If you are interested in applying for membership on the Regional Opioid Task Force, please complete the application below. If you have any questions related to the Task Force or the application process, please email administrative.services@clarkcountynv.gov.

(Note: This document and accompanying materials become public record once it is received by Clark County.)

Please select the position you are apply for: Behavioral Health

Full name (First, Middle Initial, Last): Rickey R. Reich

Home Street Address: 6540 Bradley Rd

Home Address City/State/Zip Code: Las Vegas, Nevada 89131

Mailing Address: 6540 Bradley Rd

Mailing Address City/State/Zip Code: Las Vegas, Nevada 89131

Employer: Impact Exchange

Occupation: Executive Director

Email Address: [REDACTED]

Cell Phone: [REDACTED]

Best Daytime Contact Phone: [REDACTED]

Relevant Affiliations: Please list below any other committees you are currently serving on. Please list, if applicable, the jurisdiction and term of appointment. If you were appointed by an individual and not by a local jurisdiction, please include that information. If you need additional space, please attach an additional sheet of paper.

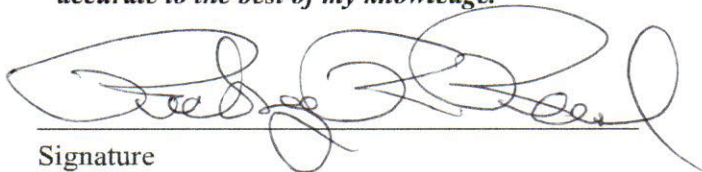
Co-Chair of the Southern Nevada Harm Reduction Alliance since 2018. This appointment is part of the requirement of a federal - Centers for Disease and Prevention Control - grant. This project is directly funded to the Southern Nevada Health District titled Overdose Data To Action (ODTA) which sub contracts harm reduction activities for prevention and surveillance to Impact Exchange. This grant has been renewed for another five years and Impact Exchange will serve as co-chair (s). Impact Exchange as a organization serves as a member of the International Overdose Awareness Day event at the end of each August. This year besides participation in the event we produced and supplied 30 bus stop shelters with Fentanyl Awareness Posters for community awareness.

Skills and Experience: Please provide a brief description of your qualifications for the seat; include any special skills, interests, experience, or training which you possess or have completed that would benefit the work of the Regional Opioid Task Force. If you need additional space, please attach an additional sheet of paper.

Qualifications for this Task Force encompass experience over a 46-year period beginning with 4 years as a CDC disease control public health advisor in Los Angeles, California; followed by 36 years as a SNHD employee in disease control ending in 2014 as Manager of HIV and STD programs of Prevention, Surveillance, and Care. Since 2018 served as Executive Director of Impact Exchange (known commonly in the community as TracB) which is the only Harm Reduction non-profit agency serving the injection drug community as a comprehensive program offering syringe exchange, disease testing, wound care, linkage to care, and share ride care transport (HIV, Hepatitis, Drug and Alcohol). The majority of work done in disease control involved sexual and drug using/sharing individuals with education, behavioral interview for activities-partners-locations-types of disease exposure-and ability to contact exposed individuals. This results in referral to appropriate mode of treatment (disease or prophylactic) of individuals. ADDITIONAL INFO ON ATTACHED SHEET

A resume and letter of interest is REQUIRED. Please attach it to this application.

I certify that the information provided in this application and supporting documentation is true and accurate to the best of my knowledge.



Signature

10/11/2023

Date

Rickey R Reich

Printed Name

You may submit this application and supporting documentation via:

Hand Deliver or Mail Application to:

Clark County
500 S. Grand Central Pkwy.
Las Vegas, NV 89155
Attn: Administrative Services
Lobby Hours: Monday through Thursday, 7:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.

Email Scanned Copy to:

administrative.services@clarkcountynv.gov

Skills and Experience: attachment

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Since 2018, as Executive Director of Impact Exchange the shift has been toward the behaviors of one specific risk population – user of illicit drugs – working with needs of safe injection supplies, disease exposure, wound care, and linkage into care. This last part of linkage involved meeting individuals where possible – outreach to street, encampments, tunnels, participation with overdose admits in emergency departments, and individuals directly into store front exchange facility seeking treatment/information. Impact Exchange dispenses 35-55,000 syringes a month and disposes of 30-52,000 syringes per month, seeing between 15-40 individual per day. Currently as part of the operations Impact Exchange, through Trac-B Exchange LLC which has a sole source contract with the State of Nevada, to supply up to 1.8 million syringes a year for clean and safe injection usage.

Added to the above experience Rickey Reich is also the founder and executive director of Trac-B Exchange LLC. This is a private consulting company originally developed (2015) prior to inception of the nonprofit Impact Exchange, to gain and purchase supplies at low cost for injection drug users in Nevada working with and for various nonprofits in the community. This company currently works with Impact Exchange exclusively per an agreement with the Board of Directors of Impact Exchange - seeking low-cost supplies, servicing and stocking public health harm reduction vending machines, helping with coordination of supplies, and leasing spaces for activities for Impact Exchange.

In closing I would add that my educational background is a dual BA in Behavior Science and Psychology from California State University Dominguez Hills, located in Los Angeles County.



IMPACT EXCHANGE

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6114 W. CHARLESTON BLVD
LAS VEGAS, NEVADA 89146

October 11, 2023

Clark County Board of County Commissioners
Attn: Administrative Services
Clark County 500 S. Grand Central Pkwy.
Las Vegas, NV 89155

RE: Clark County Regional Opioid Task Force

Please allow this letter to serve as my interest in serving on the Regional Opioid Task Force appointed by the Clark County Board of County Commissioners. I am the Executive Director of Impact Exchange, a nonprofit that is the only Harm Reduction agency distributing safe illicit drug injection/usage supplies in Southern Nevada. In addition, our agency provides vending services of the same supplies through various community agencies in Nevada. These activities not only provide supplies but have routine contact – weekly to as often as twice a week with individuals engaged in addiction behavior. This affords the ability to interact with and help address the needs of individuals health and treatment options. I believe I can offer a wide range of information on the behavioral aspects of addiction and the daily life of individuals coping with the disease of addiction. Please consider my application for a member of the Task Force as a ***Behavioral Health*** specialist.

Thank you for taking the time to review my application and I hope the review will result in my appointment. I am willing to commit the time and energy necessary to complete the goals of this Task Force. I would be carrying forth to the task force the knowledge I've personally gained over the last 46 years interacting with individuals - information relating to harm reduction and substance abuse, along with disease processes. I have every confidence that this Opiate Task Force will be successful in identifying the gaps in our community services relating to opioids and developing additional plans to prevent opioid overdose fatalities. I would greatly appreciate the ability to participate and look forward to hearing that the application has been approved. Should you have any questions or need further information, please contact me at [REDACTED] or my office at [REDACTED] or my personal cell at [REDACTED]

Sincerely,



Rick R. Reich, Executive Director
IMPACT EXCHANGE

RICKEY R. REICH

OBJECTIVE Making a difference thru the incorporation of Harm Reduction practices and principles to assist the delivery of public health services for healthier communities

PROFESSIONAL ACHIEVEMENTS

DEVELOPED, MAINTAINED, AND IMPROVED THE FIRST HIV PROGRAMS FOR CLARK COUNTY NEVADA

The following achievements occurred:

1984 developed, maintained and improved over the course of 30 years the HIV/AIDS disease surveillance program; 1985 instituted first county wide HIV free testing, 1986 incorporated the first of many HIV prevention programs into the daily work activities of disease investigators; collaborated with UNLV School of Social Work to begin the first counseling support group in Clark Co.; brought Medical Case Management into the standard part of care referral and follow-up; began the first medical evaluation Public Health clinic for adults and children; combined the activities of care with the local Public Health Hospice program; 1990 joined colleagues in establishing the Clark Co. Coalition of HIV and AIDS Services Providers – becoming a non-profit in 1995; 1993 collaborated with the State of Nevada to induce HIV testing into all local drug and alcohol treatment sites locally; 1994 started the first of an on-going relationship with county and city jails for HIV testing and surveillance; 1995 introduce HIV specimen collection at various social and non-traditional venues; 1996 introduced free HIV T-Cell testing to aid the surveillance of HIV/AIDS in Clark Co; 1998 successfully became the fiftieth EMA under HRSA Ryan White adding 3.5 million dollars directly to Clark Co. to aid care of HIV/AIDS; 2001 introduced the first “one-stop” shopping site for Ryan White Services (discontinued 2003); 2005 assumed leadership and responsibilities for all SNHD Medical Case Management and STD activities; successfully lower the number of pediatric syphilis diagnoses after ranking No. One in the USA; in 2008 combined the HIV evaluation clinical services with STD clinical at a off-site Public Health location; and in 2013 developed the first SNHD Physician staffed HIV/STD clinical services program

2014 retired from public service and began Trac-B Exchange LLC a consulting business to assist in promoting positive public health outcomes; 2017 opened the first needle exchange program in Clark Co. providing free harm reduction supplies, HIV and Hep C rapid testing; 2018 helped develop IMPACT EXCHANGE a non-profit corporation to assist community harm reduction partnerships.

HIGH LITES / MILESTONES:

- INVESTIGATED AND DOCUMENTED ONE OF THE FIRST SEVEN TRANSFUSION RELATED HIV CASES FOLLOWING THE INTRODUCTION OF ROUTINE TESTING FOR HIV IN THE BLOOD AND PLASMA INDUSTRY IN 1986

- CO-AUTHORED ARTICLE HTLV-III AND PROSTITUTES USA 1986
- CO-AUTHORED ARTICLE HTLV-II IN PROSTITUTES 1988
- INVESTIGATED AND DOCUMENTED THE FIRST RECORDED "FAT TRANSPLANT" CASE IN THE USA 1990
- LEAD INVESTIGATION LOCAL CLARK CO. OUTBEACH OF CRYPTOSPORIDIUM IN 1993-4
- SERVED ON CDC ADVISORY COMMITTEE FOR WATER STANDARDS 1994
- CO-AUTHORED ARTICLE CRYPTOSPORIDIUM OUTBREAK LAS VEGAS 1995
- SERVED AS EX-OFFICIAL NEVADA STATE AIDS TASK FORCE 1990 – 2003
- SERVED AS CHAIR OF NEVADA STATE AIDS TASK FORCE 2005-6
- SERVED AS CONSULTANT FOR STATE OF NEVADA TO DEVELOP STANDARDS FOR DISEASE INVESTIGATORS 2015-6
- SERVED AS EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR IMPACT EXCHANGE 2018 - Current
- SERVE AS CO-CHAIR SOUTHERN NEVADA HARM REDUCTION ALLIANCE 2018-current

SKILLS 40 years of communicable disease investigations
 25 years of program leadership
 20 years of program management
 Licensed Laboratory Tech
 Normal computer use
 Epi analysis

WORK HISTORY **PUBLIC HEALTH ADVISOR - THE CENTERS FOR DISEASE CONTROL AND PREVENTION; LOS ANGELES, CA**
 1974 – 1978

STD COUNSELOR – CLARK CO. HEALTH DISTRICT (CHANGED TO SO. NV HEALTH DISTRICT 2001) LAS VEGAS, NV
 1978 - 1984

HIV/AIDS COUNSELOR – CLARK CO. HEALTH DISTRICT
 1984-1989

PROGRAM COORDINATOR, OFFICE OF HIV/AIDS – CLARK CO. HEALTH DISTRICT
 1989 – 1998

PROGRAM SUPERVISOR, OFFICE OF HIV/AIDS – SO. NV. HEALTH DISTRICT
 1998 – 2010

MANAGER, OFFICE OF HIV/AIDS/STD - SO. NV. HEALTH DISTRICT
 2010 – 2014

DIRECTOR, Trac-B EXCHANGE LLC
 2014 – CURRENT

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR, IMPACT EXCHANGE
 2018 - CURRENT

EDUCATION

BA PSYCHOLOGY AND BEHAVIOR SCIENCE 1973

CALIF STATE UNIV DOMINGUEZ HILLS, CA
