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## **NEVADA STATE HEALTH DIVISION NEWS RELEASE**

### **Nevada State Health Division Announces Recent Graduation of Public Health Professionals from the Great Basin Public Health Leadership Institute**

*Carson City* – The Nevada State Health Division is proud to announce the recent graduation of the first class of scholars attending the Great Basin Public Health Leadership Institute, a collaborative effort involving Nevada's State Health Division, Utah's Department of Health, the Nevada Public Health Foundation and the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC).

Thirty seven public health professionals from Utah and Nevada committed to the year-long institute, whose mission is to develop and strengthen leadership to enhance the public's health. Integrated curriculum priorities throughout the year comprised of many topics including: leadership styles, emerging public health crises, strategic planning, building community collaborations, negotiation techniques and media training.

On behalf of Governor Kenny C. Guinn, Nevada State Health Division Administrator Alex Haartz presented a letter of recognition from the governor to the Nevada graduates.

"I am proud of the commitment the scholars have shown throughout this process," said Alex Haartz. "The dedication of these public health professionals will help to strengthen Nevada's public health system and shape its future."

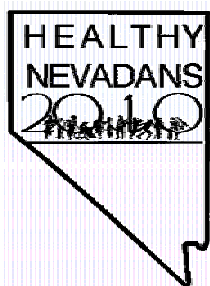
Graduating scholars from the Health Division are:

- Laura Cooper, Bureau of Community Health
- Martha Framsted, Health Division Administration
- Janelle Mulvenon, Bureau of Early Intervention Services
- Amy Roukie, Health Division Administration

Also graduating in the first group of scholars were Nevada public health professionals from Clark County Health District, Washoe County District Health Department, Carson City Health Department, Nevada Public Health Foundation, Washoe Tribal Health Center, and the Office of Rural Health.

Scholars selected for the Leadership Institute in 2005-2006 include Kyle Devine, Bureau of Family Health Services; Pam Graham, Bureau of Licensure and Certification; Allan Mandel, Bureau of Early Intervention Services; Stan Marshall, Bureau of Health Protection Services; Deborah McBride, Bureau of Community Health.

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