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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 second 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 eight 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.

“Nationally and in Nevada, public health professional staff are reaching retirement age with few college graduates pursuing public health careers,” said Alex Haartz, Administrator, Nevada State Health Division. “This group of scholars undertook the development of a long-term project to support the Schools of Public Health at the University of Nevada, Reno and Las Vegas with the goal of promoting the importance of public health and encouraging college students to pursue a rewarding career in public service. The group of scholars began developing new educational opportunities for public health agency staff and students of public health at the universities and community colleges in Nevada.”

The important leadership project will be continued by the third group of scholars during the 2006-2007 Leadership Institute.

Graduating scholars from the Health Division are:

- Kyle Devine, Bureau of Family Health Services
- Pam Graham, Bureau of Licensure and Certification
- Allan Mandell, Bureau of Early Intervention Services
- Stan Marshall, Bureau of Health Protection Services
- Deborah McBride, Bureau of Community Health

Scholars selected for the Leadership Institute in 2006-2007 include:

Karen Beckley, Bureau of Health Protection Services; William Kirby, Bureau of Community Health; Lisa Jones, Bureau of Licensure and Certification; Stephanie Pacheco, Administration; and Bonnie Valen, Public Health Preparedness.



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