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NV Wellness and the Prevention of Chronic Disease
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Dear Council Members:

I am submitting my CV for consideration for a position on the NV State Advisory Council on the Program for Wellness and the Prevention of Chronic Disease (CWCD). I am an Assistant Professor of Pediatrics and Chief of the Division of Gastroenterology, Hepatology and Nutrition at the University of Nevada School of Medicine, Las Vegas. In addition, I am in the process of obtaining a Masters of Public Health at UNLV.

Although it may sound cliché, I became a physician to help people. Physicians feel that they help the people they encounter and as a consequence they are helping the community. While I do feel that being a practicing physician accomplishes this, I have also felt a need to do more. I have done this by teaching medical students and residents. However, even this has not been enough so I decided to pursue a Master's Degree in Public Health. Through this I have met amazing people who are changing the health of our whole community. These organizations and people have shown me that I can do more. I have had the opportunity to work with the American Heart Association and the Southern Nevada Health District on various projects using my passion for health and my background as a physician to advocate for and advance public/community health. As a result I also share these experiences with my colleagues and students to display all that public health can accomplish. I do this in hopes that they will also see the benefit of becoming directly involved in community health.

I have the background to understand chronic disease from a scientific stand point but I also understand it at the population level. I think that making the community a healthier place should be first line of defense. Our community has the potential to become a role model of health for other communities and I hope to be a part of the process.

Thank you for your consideration. Please call me with any questions or if you need additional information.

Sincerely,



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