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TO: State Board of Health Members

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SUBJECT: District Health Officer Report

Accreditation Update

- New submission guidelines have been finalized by the Public Health Accreditation Board (PHAB). The new guidelines state that upon submission of the Community Health Assessment (CHA), the Community Health Improvement Plan (CHIP), and the Strategic Plan, a health department director must provide assurance that the Emergency Operations Plan, Workforce Development Plan, Performance Management System, Organizational Branding Strategy, and a Quality Improvement Plan are substantially complete.
- The internal Quality Improvement and Training subcommittee is developing a Workforce Development Plan and Quality Improvement Plan. The 2015 Nevada Public Health Workforce Development survey data analysis will inform both plans.
- Television monitors were installed at the Valley View, East, and Henderson Public Health Centers. The monitors are located in staff areas and will feature accreditation information and program updates.
- The Community Health Improvement Plan subcommittee developed implementation teams to address the three priority areas identified in the Community Health Assessment. The priority areas are (1) access to health care; (2) chronic disease, and (3) public health policy and funding.
- Accreditation partner, Dignity Health – St. Rose Dominican has adopted the Community Health Improvement plan priorities identified by the Health District. Dignity Health will be restricting their community benefits program in the next cycle to align with the Community Health Improvement Plan priorities.
- The College of Southern Nevada (CSN) and Summerlin Hospital requested a copy of the Community Health Assessment draft. CSN would like to use the Community Health Assessment to assist in the development of a community paramedicine curriculum. Summerlin Hospital is interested in using the assessment as a guide for the cancer care center.

Tobacco Control Program

The Health District's Tobacco Control Program launched a new website for students – www.BreakDownRiseUp.com. The website features current events and information about the

dangers and myths surrounding hookah and electronic cigarettes. The website is also home to an online training module designed to educate and empower students to promote tobacco-free lifestyles. More than 800 youth completed the online module this summer and will use their training to educate other youth about the hidden dangers of electronic cigarettes and hookah.

Tobacco Control Program staff members have also been invited to participate in the American Legacy Foundation's Brief Intervention/Head Start steering committee. Legacy will provide statewide training for Nevada's Head Start programs on the delivery of brief tobacco use interventions among their client base. Participants will learn how to efficiently and effectively influence their clients to seek tobacco cessation assistance.

Teen Pregnancy Prevention Forum

The Health District hosted a Teen Pregnancy Prevention Forum on July 29, 2015, at the Springs Preserve. The forum was designed to highlight the Teen Pregnancy Prevention Program's activities and accomplishments of the last five years. The program promotes safer sex and reproductive health practices to reduce unplanned pregnancy and sexually transmitted infections in adolescents 13-19 years of age. Featured speakers included Katherine Suellentrop, Director of State Support for the National Campaign to Prevent Teen and Unplanned Pregnancy and Phyllida Burlingame, Policy Director for Reproductive Justice for the American Civil Liberties Union of North Carolina.

The Health District's Teen Pregnancy Prevention Program recently received a new grant award and will be working with targeted communities in identified high-risk zip codes in Las Vegas and North Las Vegas with teen pregnancy rates higher than that national average. The program was one of 60 to receive an award out of 400 applicants nationwide.

Road to Diabetes Prevention Program

The Health District launched its newest online program, the Road to Diabetes Prevention, a free six-week program to reduce the risk of developing type 2 diabetes. The program is self-paced and includes optional activities and available resources in the community. The program is open to anyone but is intended for people who do not have diabetes, but have pre-diabetes. The Road to Diabetes Prevention is based on the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention's (CDC) Road to Health toolkit and includes healthy eating and physical activity educational information to help individuals reduce their risk of developing type 2 diabetes. Participants can learn about their own risk factors and how to make simple lifestyle changes to reduce their risks. More information about the Health District's program is available at: www.GetHealthyClarkCounty.org/training/diabetes.

Restaurant Grades Southern NV

The Health District has launched its restaurant inspection grade app, Restaurant Grades Southern NV, for smart phones. The mobile app can be downloaded through the Apple Store for IOS devices: <http://apple.co/1HtUdZV> or from Google Play for Android by visiting: <http://bit.ly/1FUa69Y>. The app allows users to review current inspection information for Southern Nevada restaurants as well as past inspections. Users can bookmark their favorite establishments, find information and search for all restaurants in their area, search for grade

card by restaurant name, and even view Yelp restaurant ratings. Additional restaurant inspection information is available on the health district inspection page at: www.SNHD.info/restaurants/inspections.php. Additional information on all Health District apps is available at www.SNHD.info/apps.