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Carson City Health and Human Services Report
March 11, 2016

Public Health Accreditation

Our site visit took place on February 9 – 10, 2016. The site visitors are in the process of writing the final report. The report will be submitted to our agency and the Public Health Accreditation Board (PHAB) and will be used to make the decision as to whether or not we get accredited or receive an action plan. I would like to thank Julia Peek for representing the Nevada DPBH at the community partner's session.

Community Health Assessments

We are partnering with Carson Valley Medical Center (CVMC) in Douglas County and Carson Tahoe Health (CTH) on their Community Health Needs Assessments. Four different assessments will be completed – 1) Community Themes and Strengths, 2) Local Public Health System Performance, 3) Community Health Status, and 4) Forces of Change. After completion of the assessments, we will be collaborating with partners in Carson City and Douglas County to coordinate data dissemination to all the partners and to the public.

Clinical Services

In 2015, 1,893 unduplicated patients were seen in Carson City of which 1,632 were females and 261 were male. In comparison to 2014, the female patients decreased by 1.3% and the male patients decreased by 5%. The majority of the female and male patients seen were in the 20-24 age group. Of all the patients seen,

- 71% were below 100% of federal poverty level (FPL)
- 17% were 101%-150% of FPL
- 6% were 151-200% of FPL
- 3% were 201-250% of FPL
- 3% were over 250% of FPL

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27% had Medicaid (a slight increase from 2015)
12% had private insurance (a 115% increase)
61% were uninsured (a 9% decrease)

At the Community Clinic in Douglas County, 870 unduplicated patients were seen of which 784 were females and 86 were male. In comparison to 2014, the female patients increased by 132% and the male patients 138%. The majority of the female and male patients seen were in the 20-24 age group. Of all the patients seen,

71% were below 100% of federal poverty level (FPL)
15% were 101%-150% of FPL
7% were 151-200% of FPL
2% were 201-250% of FPL
2% were over 250% of FPL

29% had Medicaid
13% had private insurance
59% were uninsured

Environmental Health

In 2015 the Environmental Health program received 27 complaints against food establishments. Of those 27 complaints, 12 (44%) were confirmed, 15 (55%) were unconfirmed and two (2) an official notice was issued. The top four complaints were improper food handling; foodborne illness; insects, rodents, animals; and contaminated foods. There was a 35% increase in overall complaints against food establishments compared to 2014. Of the complaints received in 2015, 37% were in the category of insects, rodents, animals vs. only 11% in 2014.

Public Health Preparedness

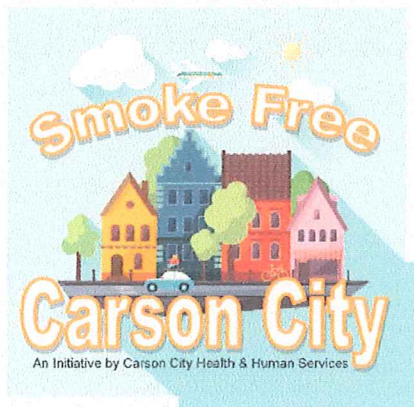
January and February 2016 activities included:

- Submitted grant application for budget period 5 for Public Health Emergency Preparedness and Hospital Preparedness grants (flat funding).
- Collaborating with stakeholders on West Region Medical Surge plan and Healthcare Evacuation Annex.
- Participating with Washoe County and Division of Public and Behavioral Health in development of Regional Isolation and Quarantine Plan and Bench Book.

- Practiced Volunteer Reception Center set-up with Washoe County MRC and State Emergency Registration of Volunteers program.
- Conducted Incident Action Plan training for staff.
- Participating on planning team for 5th Annual Rural Preparedness Summit in Fallon June 21-23, 2016.
- Working with UNR MPH student to develop a Concept of Operations Plan for Infectious Disease (Ebola funding).
- Finalizing Infectious Disease Control Plan for East Fork Fire EMS.
- Participated in Emergency Managers Workshop, local LEPC meetings, Crisis Standards of Care advisory group; Douglas County Coalition and Rural Healthcare Preparedness Partners meetings.

Chronic Disease Prevention and Health Promotion

Tobacco Program – We are continuing to work with Western Nevada College to move toward a smoke-free campus. CCHHS, Washoe County Health Department and the State of Nevada 's Tobacco Program have collaborated in an advertising campaign highlighting the health risks of secondhand smoke in multi-unit housing which aired on major television stations. Carson City has no smoke-free multi-housing units. All units have been contacted and upon initial contact none are interested in becoming a smoke-free facility. We are in the process of determining our next steps. Any ideas or suggestions would be appreciated.



Adolescent Health Education Program (AHEP) – There are two spring break education sessions scheduled at the Carson City Community Center. The Be Proud! Be Responsible! session is scheduled for March 28th – 29th, 8:30 am – Noon, for ages 13-18. The Promoting Health Among Teens session is scheduled for March 28th – 31st for ages 9-12. A marketing plan is being developed. Staff has attended a “Hanging Out or Hooking Up? teen relationship Train-the-Trainer event.

Safe Routes to School Program – March 16, 2016 is Nevada Moves Day. Various events are planned for walking and biking to school.

Human Services

The annual Point in Time Count was completed on January 28, 2016. The event was reorganized with the street count being conducted by Deacon Craig who is very familiar with the homeless camps in Carson City. In conjunction with the count, a resource center took place at the Carson City Community Center with 16 resource organizations. Following are the results of the count:

- Street Count – 46
- Interviews Conducted – 27
- School Count –
 - Doubled Up – 329
 - Motel – 36
 - Sheltered – 17
 - Unsheltered – 3
 - Unaccompanied Youth – 11

The most recent job fair hosted by CCHHS and the Carson City Chamber of Commerce took place on February 26th. Thirty-nine employers and 12 employment/education resources were available for attendees. There were 362 job seekers of which 40 were veterans.

Respectively submitted,

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