

Carson City Health and Human Services
Chronic Disease Prevention and Health Promotion Section Report
Advisory Council on the State Program for Wellness and the Prevention of Chronic Disease

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New Staff

Heather Kerwin has been hired part time to assist us with the Community Health Improvement Plan.

Other Health Department News

The Community Health Needs Assessment (CHNA) is being finalized. Our next step is the Community Health Improvement Plan.

Staffing Matrix for Chronic Disease from State of Nevada Department of Public and Behavioral Health

- 55% of 1 FTE (Public Health Nurse) - Tobacco Core Funding
- 30% of 1 FTE (Public Health Nurse) - FHN Funds
- Diabetes Funding – \$11,000/year (MOU from Dignity Health – Through DPBH) Part Time Public Health Nurse

Programming

Diabetes Prevention and Control Program

- Diabetes prevention and control efforts continue with staff continuing to meet with providers and discuss toolkit and barriers to referrals. We are combining efforts to provide education on several chronic disease initiatives in one visit. Providers have verbalized that they appreciate us not trying to make several appointments and value their time.

Tobacco Prevention and Control Program

- WNC has implementing their 100% Tobacco Free policy; however, the final sign off was to be Oct 11, 2017 from the College Council. Presented to Faculty Senate and they were concerned with enforcement language that has been in policy since Nov. 2015 without changes. They also wanted to stay with designated smoking areas and their suggestions would be made to administration. Administration states they will continue to support the 100% tobacco free campus.
- Tobacco Merchant Assessment: Completed and many stated they have corporate training for employees. Others state they would like training to be combined with alcohol training. Completed a reward and remind opportunity to the tobacco merchants with educational bags on carding and guides for employees. In addition, had a thank you letter to the merchants printed in two local papers.
- Have met with local providers in quad county to educate on opiate crisis, provide resources, and ask about barriers to prescribing and using the prescription drug-monitoring program. During these visits of over 20 providers, we included education and resources for Tobacco and Diabetes.
- We are researching and meeting with pharmaceutical reps for Chantix to see if we can collaborate to provide education to providers on cessation.



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- Nevada Tobacco Prevention Coalition: Continued work of implementing the strategic plan is in effect with updates by committees at Board meetings. Collaborating with State Tobacco Program to work on 5-year Statewide Strategic plan, which would be supported by NTPC.
- Continued work with Carson Tahoe Health System to work on direct referrals in the electronic record system to Nevada Quitline (National Jewish Health Hospital). This electronic system upgrade would create a pop-up alert to staff when smoking assessment completed to refer patient to the Quitline for cessation. This referral system will utilize the connection of the Nevada Health Information Exchange.
- Smoke-free Carson City efforts continue with collaboration with the Carson City Parks and Rec. Dept. to create smoke free parks and discuss possible ordinance in Carson City. These efforts are also part of a Regional effort for Northern Nevada which includes Washoe County, City of Reno, and City of Sparks

Some Other Programming Within the Health Department Assisting With Chronic Diseases

Comprehensive Cancer Control Program

- Pap smears and breast exams are performed at our Title X clinic Monday – Wednesday and Friday. When indicated, colposcopies are performed in our Carson City clinic.

Community Health Worker Program

- Within CCHHS Human Services Division, a Community Health Worker program is funded through our CSBG grant to work with CCHHS' housing clients that have medical/social needs. This program is going very well.
- Recently, the CHW has been asked to assist Carson City's FASTT program and will join the team that goes into the jail every Tuesday. The CHW will input data into the CMIS system and follow up with individuals recently released to help them get their medical and social needs met.
- This Community Health Worker also works with Tobacco Merchant Education (see above).

Heart and Stroke Prevention and Control

- Strategic planning session will be in Las Vegas and we will not be able to attend in person.

