

**Elko County Health Board**  
**Chronic Disease Prevention and Health Promotion Section Report**  
**Advisory Council on the State Program for Wellness and the Prevention of Chronic Disease**

**August 16, 2018**

**New Staff**

Welcome to the team new staff:

- Amanda Osborne, HR Director, has been added to the County staff working with the initiatives of the Health Board. As the HR Director, she takes care of HR, County Social Services and the Public Guardian.

**Section News**

- Debbie Armuth, Elko County Comptroller, retired in June 2018.
- Bryce Putnam, DDS, joined the Elko County Health Board as the Chief Medical Officer. He is the dentist at Nevada Health Centers. He has a working and educational background in public health. He's a native Nevadan who returned to the rurals after completing school in the metropolitan areas. This is a big deal for us.
- Bre Taylor, RN, is the head nurse at Nevada Health Center, has been appointed as the Chairman of the PHITeam (Public Health Initiative Team), which is a community advocacy group focusing on public health.
- Elko Board of County Commissioners, the fiscal agent of the Elko County Board of Health, finalized a contract where they financially support Nevada Health Center. Nevada Health Center's mission includes medical access to people who are not insured, under-insured or at-risk population. This includes Medicaid, Medicare (there is a severe shortage of doctors who take these insurance options), no-insurance via sliding scale, federally supported immunization services and Title X.
- Elko Board of County Commissioners received the building on 14<sup>th</sup> Street from Lightpoint Network, a for-profit corporation that owns the Northeastern Nevada Regional Hospital located in Elko Nevada. The Commission, in turn, donated the building to Nevada Health Centers so they could complete much needed renovations and bring a Residency Program to Elko.
- Elko Board of County Commissioners approved the financial support for an internal medicine residency program hosted by the Northeastern Nevada Regional Hospital. The cost is split 50/50 by the county and the hospital.
- The PHITeam (Public Health Initiatives Team), is following the MAPP process to create a Community Health Improvement Plan. They are currently formulating goals and strategies around 8 strategic issues based on findings from the Community Needs Health Assessment.
- The County is setting up an internal subcommittee for the Elko County Health Board for the purpose of planning and completing the initiatives of the board and to have liaisons with community groups, such as the PHITeam and the Medicare Workgroup.
- The county dashboard is in process, but the website's secure host is transitioning to another host. So, the dashboard won't go live until after the transition is complete.
- The GET Active Elko program was completed. 10 classroom participated, 206 student participants. Prizes given out and 2 Award Ceremonies were held with the County Commission.