

**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 15, 2019**

**New Staff**

No new staff or staff changes to report.

**Section News**

Elko County meeting with Nevada Department of Health and Human Services. Participants include Elko County Health Officer, Bryce Putnam, DDS; Elko County Commissioner, Delmo Andreozi; Elko County Staff, Abby Wheeler and Amanda Osborne; Marina Works as an advisor. The DHHS included, Dr. Azzam, Margot Chappell, Julia Peek, Rural and Behavioral Health, Environmental Health, Epidemiology, Immunizations, Emergency Planning and others.

This meeting was extremely helpful in understanding why the county should, at least, be more deeply involved and attentive in public health activities the state is providing and, at most, to consider providing some public health services at the county level and possibly transition to a larger plan over a period of time. It also clarified the structure of the public health departments, which would allow the county to navigate the state level better and possibly use the structure as a model at a future time. The information gathered through this meeting, various research and discussions with colleagues will be used to complete the Community Health Improvement Plan.

Members of the internal public health committee and a fellow local doctor contributed to creating a Northeast Health Care Provider Directory. This is an extensive directory that will be available at a provider networking meeting held on 8/9/19. Over 400 invitations have been sent out. The directory will be available to all in attendance and published to Elko County's Board of Health website and to the PACE Coalition website.