

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

October 17, 2019

New Staff in the Chronic Disease Prevention and Health Promotion

No new staff

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

- Toni Orr is 100% grant funded from the Tobacco CDC Core grant, Funds for Healthy Nevada grant and a Public Health Preparedness grant.
- Diabetes Funding – \$12,000/year (MOU from Dignity Health – Through DPBH) – Portion of part Time Public Health Nurse – Celeste Pierini.

Programming

Diabetes Prevention and Control Program – Celeste Pierini

- Carson Tahoe Hospital (CTH) previously extended an invitation to CCHHS to attend their inaugural Diabetes Advisory Committee meeting, which took place on May 2, 2019.
- Asset mapping was completed by first identifying the assets most important with regard to chronic diseases such as diabetes, heart disease, cardiovascular conditions, and other health states that may either co-occur with each other or may exasperate current conditions such as inadequate nutrition or mental health problems. Each county was researched either via facility website or by calling the organization. Services and payment methods of assets were of primary interest, as were health care providers who assist low socioeconomic clients.
- A Referral Resource Guide: Tri-County Community Programs and Resources (Carson City, Douglas and Lyon Counties) was created. Dignity Health will be printing.
- Staff met with Carson Medical Group (CMG) on May 2, 2019 to discuss the barriers they and their clients experience with in regards to access to CDC-recognized DSME/DPP courses and payment sources. Dan McCoy (Diabetes Coordinator Manager) stated that the biggest barriers he experiences is lack of payment from Medicaid for DPP and difficulties that their clients experience when they require blood glucose monitoring equipment, namely due to payment.
- CCHHS staff met with the Washoe Tribe Diabetes Coordinator to discuss their recently launched Diabetes Prevention Program (DPP). Discussion about how CCHHS can help promote their course to health care providers was discussed and a copy of their advertising flyer was emailed to CMG. Future Washoe Tribe sponsored diabetes related courses was also the topic of conversation.
- Met with Mark and Victoria from Dignity Health (Southern Nevada) at CCHHS and went on a driving tour of locations within CCHHS's jurisdiction. This was an important visit in that in visualizing the rural nature of the locations where our clients live, this will help our partners to understand some of the transportation or resource barriers we face.

Tobacco Prevention and Control Program – Toni Orr/Bailee Barber

- Bailee Barber resigned and her last day was October 4, 2019. Another contract Community Health Worker will be hired for the program.
- Youth tobacco presentations scheduled for Douglas High School next week.



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- Working with partnership and school districts to educate youth and parents about e-cigarette use.
- Staff attended National Conference on Tobacco or Health (NCTOH) attending sessions on reaching youth through social media, E-referral, Tobacco 21, smoke-free policy, and increasing support from local and national leaders, business and youth organization.
- Planning a media campaign with Nevada Health Authorities and other partners to announce SB263.
- Assisted Nevada Health Centers to use the link for the Quitline through their EMR.
- Quitline packages and discussion with Dental offices in the Carson City area of available services.
- Staff continues to participate on the WNC Healthy Campus and Environment Committee. This Committee was responsible keeping WNC 100% smoke free campuses.
- Actively participating on NTPC general, board and policy groups.
- Collaborated with partners from Nevada Cancer Coalitions and American Heart Association to provide education to the legislators and policy makers about Nevada's tobacco use facts; the dangers of smoking, vaping, and secondhand exposures; and the epidemic of tobacco use in our youth.

Other Programming within the Health Department Relating to Chronic Diseases

Community Health Worker (CHW) Program – Human Services

- A second Community Health Worker has been hired in Human Services to assist CCHHS' clients that have medical/social needs or other barriers that need to be overcome in order for the client to be successful.
- One of the CHWs continues to be a member of the Carson City's Forensic Assessment Services Triage Team (FASTT) and goes into the jail every Tuesday. The CHW inputs information into a database and follows up with individuals released from jail to help them get their medical and social needs met.

Comprehensive Cancer Control Program- Clinical Services

- The Title X Clinic conducts pap smears, breast exams, and colposcopies. The family planning clinic is open Monday – Wednesday and Friday. Women are also signed up with Women's Health Connection when eligible.

Other Health Department News

- The Health Department is preparing for re-accreditation which is due April 2021.
- The Health Department's Strategic Plan is nearly complete.
- The Community Health Improvement Plan (CHIP) priorities are:
 - Access to Healthcare,
 - Affordable Housing (A subcommittee of the Carson City Behavioral Health Task Force was in existence)



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- Behavioral Health and Substance Abuse (Carson City Behavioral Health Task Force was in existence; Tobacco Prevention and Control Program in existence at the Carson City Health and Human Services)
- General Workforce; and
- Nutrition – Food Insecurity and Access.

Each priority subcommittee continues to work on their objectives.

An evaluation mechanism is being developed to monitor progress on the CHIP objectives.

