

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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Staffing Updates

- We are pleased to welcome Amanda Lamborn to her new position within the Cancer Unit as our new Program Officer 1. Ms. Lamborn has previous experience working for The Division of Welfare and Supportive Services and The Division of Healthcare Financing and Policy.
- Mark Ma has joined the Evaluation & Surveillance Team and will be working the evaluation of the 1815 & 1817 grants.
- We are currently recruiting for an Administrative Assistant 2 position as well as multiple contractor positions including the Community Health Worker position, a Fiscal Professional Trainee, and the Youth Tobacco Prevention. Candidates for Coordinator positions for the 1815 (Diabetes & Heart Disease and Stroke Prevention and Control) and 1817 (Heart Disease Prevention and Control) Programs have been identified and are in the hiring process.
- Jenni Bonk's last day as the Chronic Disease Section Manager was January 11th. She has transitioned to a position at the University of Nevada, Reno's School of Medicine.

Section Updates

Diabetes Prevention and Control Program (DPCP)

- The DPCP is assisting Dignity Health in hosting a Chronic Disease Summit in March 2019 in Reno, NV.
- The DPCP will present on the National Diabetes Prevention Program (DPP) during the next quarterly MCO Meeting at Nevada Medicaid.
- The DPCP presented the Implementation Plan to Scale and Sustain the National DPP at the Nevada Health Conference and at the QTAC Advisory Council meeting and will present at the next iDo (Improving Diabetes and Obesity Outcomes) quarterly meeting.
- DPCP continues to work with the partners to implement the activities funded by CDC 1815 Cooperative Agreement to prevent and manage diabetes in Nevada.

Heart Disease & Stroke Prevention Program (HDSP)

- In December 2018, the Interim Finance Committee approved the funding award for the CDC 1817 Innovative State and local Public Health Strategies to Prevent and Manage Diabetes and Heart Disease and Stroke which will fund the HDSP program to support implementation of innovative strategies addressing cardiovascular disease including Medication Therapy Management, two-way conversational text messaging to promote management of hypertension and high cholesterol, and the Southern Nevada Health District Beauty Salon Hypertension Outreach Program (BESHOP) to beauty salons serving predominantly African American women in Clark County.
- The HDSP continues to work with key partners (Nevada Health Centers and Northern Nevada HOPES) to implement and evaluate the Self-Monitoring Blood Pressure (SMBP) Program targeting the underserved populations in Nevada. The HDSP Program will start working with the Center for Surveys, Evaluation, and Statistics at University of Nevada, Reno to complete data analysis of SMBP Program.
- The HDSP Program is working with the Quality Technical Assistance Center at Dignity Health Systems on the first Nevada Chronic Disease Summit, scheduled for March 13-14, 2019 at the Whitney Peak Hotel in Reno. The statewide Chronic Disease Summit will focus on many aspects of Chronic Disease with a special emphasis on diabetes and cardiovascular disease.
- The Heart Disease and Stroke Prevention Taskforce will hold the next quarterly meeting in February 2019 with presentations and discussions including the current state of ST-segment elevation myocardial infarction (STEMI) in Nevada.

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Obesity Prevention and Control Program (OPCP)

- The Obesity Prevention and Control Program received SNAP-Ed funding in 2018 to conduct a Child and Adult Care Food Program (CACFP) Early Care and Education Gap Analysis to identify barriers to enrollment and offer recommendations for increasing CACFP ECE participation in Nevada. The final report will be completed and released in February 2019.

Women's Health Connection (WHC)

- WHC continues to work with Nevada Health Centers, Northern Nevada HOPES, Hope Christian Health Center, and Volunteers in Medicine of Southern Nevada to implement clinic-based Community Health Workers to increase breast and cervical cancer screening rates among women in Nevada.
- WHC continues to work with Access to Healthcare Network (AHN) to support uninsured and underinsured women living at or below 250% of the Federal Poverty Level in receiving funding and care coordination for breast and cervical cancer screening and diagnostic services.
- WHC continues to work with Lutheran Social Services of Southern Nevada to outreach to women in the community setting and connect them to clinical services to receive a breast and cervical cancer screening.
- 3,167 unique women have been screened in Fiscal Year 19 (June 30, 2018 through November 30, 2018) with funding received from the CDC.
- 554 unique women have been screened in the same period with state general funds that were appropriated under AB 388.
- Women's Health Connection is continuing to collaborate with the Comprehensive Cancer Control Program and the Nevada Central Cancer Registry to develop an action plan to support the Nevada 2017 – 2021 Cancer Plan.

Nevada Colorectal Cancer Control Program (NCRCCP)

- Nevada's Colorectal Cancer Control Program (CRCCP) is currently in year 4 of the 5-year CDC grant, *Organized Approaches to Increase Colorectal Cancer Screening*. The CRCCP is currently funding eight Community Health Workers (CHWs) throughout Nevada. All CHWs assist clients with health system navigation following an abnormal result or cancer diagnosis, screening and prevention education, and assistance with barriers. The CRCCP is committed to reduce disparities, and to reduce overall colorectal cancer incidence and mortality by increasing CRC screening rates in Nevada. As of December 31, 2018, a total of 439 screenings had been completed statewide. This includes 396 take home Fecal Immunochemical tests (FITs) and 42 screening colonoscopies.

Nevada Comprehensive Cancer Control Program (NCCCP)

- The NCCCP has partnered with Immunize Nevada, the State of Nevada Immunization Program, and the American Cancer Society to increase HPV vaccination series initiation and completion in Nevada.
- The NCCCP Coordinator and Nevada Cancer Coalition Executive Director have been invited to participate in a Community Advisory Board hosted by the Huntsman Institute for Cancer to address disparities in cancer control and survivorship in rural communities.
- The NCCCP, Women's Health Connection Program, Colorectal Cancer Control Program, and Nevada Cancer Registry are working to renew and submit grants for funding in FY20. The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention are expanding support for survivorship efforts, which aligns with current NCCCP efforts. NCCCP

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and the Nevada Cancer Coalition will be focusing on expanding survivor engagement and survivorship capacity throughout the next year.

Tobacco Control and Prevention and Tobacco Cessation Programs

- Since launching the online tobacco merchant training in October 2018, over 200 clerks and store managers have earned a certificate to demonstrate their knowledge and understanding of the consequences of selling tobacco to minors. The website was built to address youth tobacco sales. This site is a new resource to help merchants ensure proper staff training regarding tobacco sales. The training program provides an overview of federal and state laws, how to properly check IDs, and how to deal with challenging customer interactions. The website is: <https://responsibletoabacconv.com>.
- The program completed grant writing for the fifth year of the Tobacco Core Grant. This continuation is expected to provide funding through March 28, 2020.
- Tobacco Cessation Coordinator presented on available tobacco cessation services to the Division of Welfare and Supportive Services (DWSS) in Las Vegas. The goal is to increase referrals to the Quitline. DWSS has been a strong partner for referrals in the past as they reach a segment of the population that tends to have a higher rate of tobacco use.
- Two more health system connections have been established for direct e-referrals to the Nevada Tobacco Quitline. One health system includes 17 federally qualified health centers throughout Nevada, including rural areas. A total of eight different health systems are either connected or in process of connecting to the state's quitline to be able to electronically refer patients.

Community Health Worker (CHW) Program

- The new grant period for PHHS began on October 1, 2018. Healthy Communities Coalition, will submit its first quarterly report on progress related to training CHWs in Nevada, sustainability efforts of the Nevada CHW Association (NvCHWA), and evaluation efforts.
- The CHW Program's pilot project with Healthy Communities Coalition and Nye Communities Coalition continues. This project is designed to demonstrate a model for CHW billing of Nevada Medicaid for case management services. This pilot kicked off in September and runs through the end of June 2019.

Office of Food Security

- The Governor's Council on Food Security (GCFS) has approved a menu of policy recommendations for the 2019 Nevada Legislature. An executive summary of the recommendations is currently being finalized. Recommendations include: 1) establishing the GCFS as a permanent advisory committee, board, or commission in Nevada; 2) increasing meal reimbursement rates to create parity between child and senior meal programs; and 3) establishing a food rescue state bill. Upon approval, this summary will be shared with stakeholders and legislators.
- The Office of Food Security (OFS) hosted a Food Security Summit in November 2018. The Summit, *Improving Connections and Collaborations*, brought together about 50 food security stakeholders to develop an action plan to enhance collaboration and connectivity throughout Nevada's Food Security network. Following the Summit, the OFS will work to develop a summary and a Collaborations Recommendations Report which will include the recommendations and action items identified throughout the Summit. The Collaborations Report will be finalized in 2019 and will be used by the GCFS and OFS to enhance collaboration of food security partners and initiatives throughout Nevada.