

**Chronic Disease Prevention and Health Promotion Section Report**  
**Advisory Council on the State Program for Wellness and the Prevention of Chronic Disease**  
**April 18, 2019**

## **Staffing Updates**

- We are pleased to welcome Becky Follmer and Mallory Otto to their new positions, both as Administrative Assistant 2.
- Anastasia (Tasha) Martel recently joined the Health Systems Unit as our new 1815 Coordinator.
- Zarmish Tariq recently joined the Policy, Systems and Environmental Change Unit as the new Youth Tobacco Prevention Coordinator.
- Kristi Robusto recently promoted and is the new Chronic Disease Section Manager.
- A candidate has been identified for the new Population Health Services Manager position. This position provides general oversight, coordination, and management in the operation of all cancer related programs within the Chronic Disease Prevention and Health Promotion Section (CDPHP), including CRCCP and the Women's Health Connection (WHC) Program.
- We are currently recruiting for the Women's Health Connection Program Coordinator position, and the Quality Improvement Manager position. A candidate for Coordinator position for the Community Health Worker Program has been identified and is in the hiring process.

## **Section Updates**

### **Diabetes Prevention and Control Program (DPCP)**

- The DPCP funded Dignity Health to host the Chronic Disease Summit on March 13-14, 2019 in Reno, NV.
- The DPCP presented on the National Diabetes Prevention Program (DPP) during the January 2019 quarterly MCO Meeting at Nevada Medicaid.
- DPCP presented the Implementation Plan to Scale and Sustain the National DPP at the January 2019 iDo (improving diabetes and obesity outcomes) quarterly meeting.
- DPCP attended the CDC DP18-1815/DP18-1817 Recipient Meeting March 25-28, 2019 in Atlanta, GA.
- 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)**

- The HDSP continues to work with key partners (Nevada Health Centers, Southern Nevada Health District, Northern Nevada HOPES) to implement and evaluate the Self-Monitoring Blood Pressure (SMBP) Program targeting the underserved populations in Nevada.
- The HDSP presented on the 2018-2023 Strategic Plan at the statewide Chronic Disease Summit, March 23-24 in Reno.
- The HDSP attended the Centers for Disease Control combined 1815 Cooperative Agreement and 1817 Innovative Award Recipient Meeting in Atlanta, Georgia, March 25-28, 2019.
- The Heart Disease and Stroke Prevention Taskforce will hold its quarterly webinar meeting on May 9th with presentations including the CDC Cardiovascular Atlas, the current state of ST-segment elevation myocardial infarction (STEMI) in Nevada, and EMS in Nevada.

### **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 has been

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finalized and can be found on the Nevada Division of Public and Behavioral Health Obesity Prevention and Control Program page.

**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.
- 6,258 unique women have been screened in Fiscal Year 19 (June 30, 2018 through March 31, 2019) with funding received from the CDC.
- 1,551 unique women have been screened in Fiscal Year 19 (June 30, 2018 through January 31, 2019) 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)**

- CRCCP submitted the continuation grant application for year 5 of the 5-year CDC grant, *NU58DP006090-01-00 Organized Approaches to Increase Colorectal Cancer Screening*. This grant mandates work with individual clinics or payers to implement the 4 recommended colorectal cancer screening evidenced based interventions, (EBI) which include provider reminders, client reminders, reduction of structural barriers and provider assessments and feedback.
- CRCCP continues to work with partners to successfully implement all activities funded by the CRCCP grant to reduce disparities, and to reduce overall colorectal cancer incidence and mortality by increasing CRC screening rates in Nevada.
- As of March 31, a total of 719 screenings have been completed statewide. This includes 719 take home Fecal Immunochemical tests (FITs) and 29 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 and the Nevada Cancer Coalition will be focusing on expanding survivor engagement and survivorship capacity throughout the next year.
- The NCCCP has begun to outline renewal of the statewide Cancer Control Grant. Efforts to update the plan will begin in June 2019 with expected publication in September 2020.

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**Tobacco Control and Prevention and Tobacco Cessation Programs**

- An annual partner meeting was held in early March. Organizations such as the American Lung Association, the Tobacco Control Legal Consortium, and the Preventing Tobacco Addiction Foundation presented and lead discussion on tobacco control issues. The meeting was held in Carson City and was attended by funded partners, program staff, and staff from the Maternal Child Adolescent Health Section and the Bureau of Behavior Health Wellness and Prevention.
- The program received its Notice of Award for the fifth year of the Tobacco Core Grant. This continuation is expected to provide funding until April 28, 2020.
- Grant writing for Quitline Capacity Grant is underway. The final year of the grant is for an additional nine (9) months of funding.
- Currently, three health system connections are established for direct e-referrals to the Nevada Tobacco Quitline. The February monthly quitline report, which is the most recent at the time of this update, reflected over 90 e-referrals to the quitline from providers within a thirty-day period.

**Community Health Worker (CHW) Program**

- The new grant period for PHHS began on October 1, 2018. Healthy Communities Coalition, will submit its second quarterly report on progress related to training CHWs in Nevada, sustainability efforts of the Nevada CHW Association (NvCHWA), and evaluation efforts in April.
- 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) approved a menu of policy recommendations for the 2019 Nevada Legislature. An executive summary of the recommendations has been 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.