

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

April 9, 2019

New Staff

No new staff or staff changes to report.

Section News

- **Epidemiology progress:** Since the last CWCD meeting, Dr. Azzam helped put the wheels in motion to connect Elko County Staff with a State Epidemiologist who would provide the latest quarterly reporting for the board. That connection has been established and successful.
- **Internal Public Health Subcommittee:** An internal subcommittee to the Elko County Health Board met in March 2019. The attendees included State Epidemiology, State Rural Public and Behavioral Health, Elko County Health Officer, County Staff and a County Commissioner.
 - The meeting focused on providing education for those in attendance by the State Epidemiologist. She explained the nuts and bolts of how the Epi Department is notified of contagious disease and other public health incidents. She used the latest outbreak to explain how all the pieces come together.
 - The goals of the subcommittee are to create matrices of contacts, services, systems and funding resources available to public health. We would like to develop a plan to partner with the state in such in public health incidents.
 - Other goals include: adopting the CHIP developed by the PHITeam, with the priorities identified in the CNHA. The CHIP would include infrastructure components being developed by the internal subcommittee. Develop a Public Health Alert System.
- **Website/Dashboard:** The County was planning to develop a website with a public health dashboard. However, Julia Peek shared one the state maintains in all the County's behalf. This was extremely helpful to the work being conducted.
<http://elko.nv.networkofcare.org/ph/HealthIndicatorsDashboard.aspx>

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- **Elko County Emergency Management:** The Elko County Emergency Manager is required to develop 15 Emergency Response Plans, one of which is specifically for public health. She will be using the infrastructure information from the internal subcommittee to develop her plan. This plan will be adopted by Elko Board of County Commissioners.
- **PHITeam (Public Health Initiatives Team),** has met twice in the last quarter. They have worked on logic models and an inventory of providers based on the priorities outlined in the Community Needs Assessment.
- **Medicare Group (Community Action Group):** March 29, 2019 hosted a Health Provider Appreciation Event. The PHITeam helped the Medicare group inventory and contact the health providers in the Northeastern part of the state, not just Elko County. They invited 150 providers and had 81 in attendance.