

**Chronic Disease Prevention and Health Promotion Section Report**  
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## Staffing Updates

We have the following staffing updates to share:

- Amanda Santos transferred from her position as the Colorectal Cancer Control Program Coordinator to the position of Diabetes Prevention and Control Program Coordinator.
- Zarmish Tariq has joined the Chronic Disease Prevention and Health Promotion Section (CDPHP) as the Tobacco Control Program Coordinator. She previously served in the same program as the Youth Tobacco Prevention Coordinator.

## Section Updates

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

- The Funding for SFY 21, was awarded through the continuation of Grant DP18-1815 cooperative agreement for the National Diabetes Prevention Program efforts.
- The DPCP continues to collaborate with following key partners for the management of diabetes: Access to Healthcare Network, Nye Community Coalition, Nevada Business Group on Health, Northern Nevada HOPES, Renown Health System, Southern Nevada Health District, Dignity Health dba St. Rose Dominican Hospitals, Nevada Health Centers, National Association of Chronic Disease Directors, and The Sanford Center for Aging at the University of Nevada, Reno (SCA at UNR).
- All activities were halted due to COVID-19 but are resuming through telehealth. CDC protocols and guidance to transition to telehealth were shared with partners.

### **Heart Disease & Stroke Prevention Program (HDSP)**

- Funding for DP18-1815 Cooperative Agreement in SFY 21 was awarded through a continuation grant for the heart disease and stroke prevention efforts.
- The HDSP will continue to collaborate with Nevada Health Centers, Southern Nevada Health District, Northern Nevada HOPES, Access to Healthcare Network, Renown Health System, and SCA at UNR through the 1815 Cooperative Agreement to prevent and manage heart disease and stroke.
- In third year of the grant, the HDSP Program continues to work with Access to Healthcare Network, Dignity Health, Nevada Health Centers, Dignity Health, SCA at UNR, and Renown Health System to implement and expand their Medication Therapy Management programs to assist patients in monitoring medication adherence through consultations with pharmacists.
- Funded by 1815 Cooperative Agreement, the HDSP program continues to collaborate with SNHD on the Barbershop Health Outreach Project (BSHOP).
- All activities were halted due to COVID-19 but are resuming through telehealth. CDC protocols and guidance to transition to telehealth were shared with partners.

### **Obesity Prevention and Control Program (OPCP)**

- The Early Childhood Obesity Prevention Resource Promotional Social Media Campaign started in May 2020 and will run through August 2020. A second campaign, the Early Childhood Obesity Prevention Awareness Month Campaign, will run throughout the month of September 2020 in recognition of National Childhood Obesity Awareness Month.
- The Child and Adult Care Food Program (CACFP) Early Care and Education (ECE) Factsheets are being developed in close collaboration with the Nevada Department of Agriculture. Factsheets will be topic-specific and relevant to addressing barriers identified in the 2018 CACFP ECE Gap Analysis.

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- COVID-19 has impacted Obesity Prevention and Control Program (OPCP) partners' outreach, education, and programming. The OPCP has worked with partners to discuss strategies to overcome COVID-19-related barriers, both for the remainder of FY19-20 as well as looking forward to FY 20-21 activities. Despite barriers due to COVID-19, the Early Childhood Obesity Prevention and Control Steering Committee continues to meet virtually and will work to revise and update the committee's guiding plan the Nevada Early Childhood Obesity Prevention Plan as needed.

**Nevada Colorectal Cancer Control Program (NCRCCP)**

- In June 2020, CDPHP learned the application submitted in March 2020 for CDC Application DP20-2002 *Public Health and Health Systems Partnerships to Increase Colorectal Cancer Screening in Clinical Settings* had been accepted but not funded. Due to a lack of funding, the NCRCCP has been put on hold.
- Colorectal Cancer Control activities will still be implemented as guided by the 2016-2020 and the 2021-2025 Nevada Comprehensive Cancer Control Plan through the Nevada Comprehensive Cancer Control Program in partnership with the Nevada Cancer Coalition.

**Women's Health Connection (WHC)**

- The following data accounts for state general funds appropriated for screenings services (\$500,000 per biennium) expended through June 2020:
  - 1,738 women screened
    - 9 clinical breast exams
      - 6 abnormal results
    - 1,762 mammograms
      - 283 abnormal results
    - 21 breast cancer cases, including:
      - 6 cases diagnosed Ductal Carcinoma in Situ, and
      - 15 cases of invasive breast cancer
  - Referrals to treatment
    - 14 of the patients diagnosed with breast cancer were successfully referred to Nevada Medicaid
- WHC continues to work with Nevada Health Centers, Northern Nevada HOPES, Hope Christian Health Center, Lutheran Social Services of Southern Nevada, and Volunteers in Medicine of Southern Nevada to implement health system changes and community clinical linkages to increase breast and cervical cancer screening services statewide.
- WHC has also initiated Environmental Approach Strategies with the Nevada Cancer Coalition to increase breast and cervical cancer screenings statewide.
- 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, receive funding and care coordination for breast and cervical cancer screening and diagnostic services.
- During FY 20, 8,491 women received breast or cervical cancer screening services through federal funds granted through the continuation of grant DP17-1701. Services received include:
  - 5,288 Clinical Breast Exams
  - 2,281 Mammograms
  - 4,571 Pap Tests
  - 244 cases of breast or cervical cancer confirmed
    - 11 cases of ductal carcinoma in situ

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- 38 cases of invasive breast cancer
- 195 cases of cervical cancer or premalignant cervical lesions
- Women's Health Connection is continuing to collaborate with the Comprehensive Cancer Control Program and the Nevada Central Cancer Registry develop a new five-year statewide Cancer Control Plan.
- The COVID-19 Pandemic greatly impacted WHCs screening numbers for both state and federal funds. While screenings never ceased all together, numbers for March-July 2020 are significantly decreased compared to the same time period in 2019. Accordingly, WHC did not reach screening goals for SFY20 nor spend down all direct service dollars. This is a trend seen throughout the country and should be remembered when interpreting these end of year results.

**Nevada Comprehensive Cancer Control Program (NCCCP)**

- Funding for SFY 21 was awarded through continuation of Grant DP17-1701 for NCCCP efforts.
- Funded through both the NCCCP and WHC Grants and implemented by the Nevada Cancer Coalition (NCC) Thrive *Nevada* is a new program providing skilled patient navigation services to provide resources and support matters related to cancer care plans for cancer survivors and caretakers. The patient navigator will work with survivors to ensure informative decisions are considered for their care.
- COVID-19 Response has delayed the development of the 2021-2026 Nevada Comprehensive Cancer Control Plan, now slated for release in April 2021 at the Nevada Cancer Control Summit. The NCCCP continues to work closely with NCC to capture input from stakeholders, including providers and key leaders from the community and health organizations. The objectives and activities for prevention, early detection and screening, and cancer survivorship are prioritized to address cancer control needs in Nevada.

**Tobacco Control Program (TCP)**

- The TCP has been awarded funding from CDC to maintain federal funding through April 2025. This funding will be used to develop, implement, and evaluate evidence-based, comprehensive tobacco control efforts. It has two components replacing the Tobacco Core and the Quitline Capacity Cooperative Agreements
- In the new project period, which started on June 29, 2020, CDC funding will focus on eliminating health disparities among those with behavioral health disparities, LGBTQ+ populations, and other priority populations.
- Through an appropriation for state funding via Senate Bill SB263, in collaboration with community partners and Nevada Cancer Coalition, two media campaigns are being developed to prevent initiation of vaping products among youth and young adults.
- The COVID-19 impact to schools is projected to decrease the reach of prevention activities funded by CDC, Senate Bill 263, and the Fund for a Healthy Nevada. Partners are looking to conduct activities virtually and increase social media outreach efforts. The TCP shares ideas between partners to work around issues through monthly technical assistance calls.

**Community Health Workers (CHWs)**

- The CHW Program continues to fund the Healthy Communities Coalition (HCC), Nevada Community Health Worker Association (NvCHWA) through the Preventive Health and Human Services (PHHS) Block Grant. The Nevada CDPHP Section supports NvCHWA to prevent and manage chronic disease by using CHWs. The CHW Program and NvCHWA aim to build a sustainable CHW workforce in Nevada. As a result, PHHS funds will only be used to support a closeout project in the next grant year, as the NvCHWA transitions to a sustainable model. The closeout project supports the NvCHWA's capacity to conduct online trainings and was planned before COVID-19 so it is not significantly impacted by the current health crisis.
- The CDPHP Section no longer houses a CHW Program or coordinator position.

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**Office of Food Security (OFS)**

- At the July 30th Council on Food Security (CFS) meeting, statewide food security partners shared COVID-19 response efforts and barriers. The CFS will assess lessons learned and identify innovative strategies for addressing food insecurity in Nevada amid the COVID-19 pandemic.
- The OFS is working with Nutrition Unit leadership to develop a series of reports on food insecurity post-COVID-19. The series is being developed in response to recent reports identifying Nevada as one of the states with the highest projected food insecurity for 2020 compared to 2018. The first of the series will be released mid-August.