

## **CHRONIC DISEASE PREVENTION AND HEALTH PROMOTION (CDPHP) SECTION UPDATES 10/26/2023**

### General Updates

- CDPHP would like to welcome the following new staff:
  - Desiree Wenzel was promoted to Bureau Office Manager, Administrative Assistant IV.
- Staff changes
  - Recruitment for the Health Program Specialist II position is in progress.
  - Taliman Afroz, PhD, joined as the Population Health and Wellness Manager in July, 2023.
  - Michelle Harden, MPA, is leaving state service to complete her PhD
  - Patricia Segura, MPH, has promoted to a Health Program Specialist II position with the Nevada SNAP-Ed Program

## **CDPHP PROGRAM UPDATES**

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### BOLD Program

The CDC DP20-2004 BOLD (Building our Largest Dementia) Infrastructure for Alzheimer's Core Capacity Project entered its final year and wrapped up on September 30, 2023. The BOLD team applied for and was awarded a new CDC grant, the DP23-0010 BOLD, in March 2023, which is anticipated to run for the next five years. Thanks to the awarding of the CDC DP23-0001 State Public Health Approach to Addressing Arthritis grant, Nevada will be able to bolster the Alzheimer's and Dementia infrastructure for another half-decade.

Since receiving these grants, Nevada has initiated plans to tackle Alzheimer's disease and related dementias (ADRDs). Key organizations including the Alzheimer's Support Association, the Dementia Engagement, Education and Research (DEER) program at the University of Nevada Reno (UNR), and the Aging and Disability Services Division (ADSD) have partnered to improve

Alzheimer's support on a statewide level. The BOLD program has also teamed up with the Cleveland Clinic Lou Ruvo for Brain Health and the Sanford Center for Aging on future projects for Grant Year 3.

One new partnership worth highlighting is with the Nevada Chapter of the Alzheimer's Association. This partnership is set to aid in streamlining efforts and resources, executing comprehensive plans, and further enhancing the quality of support and care for those living with Alzheimer's and dementia in Nevada.

The State made significant strides since acquiring the grant by expanding staff capacity to manage the grant. In collaboration with the DEER program, a public platform was established for providing education to care providers, compiling resources specific to Nevada, and implementing data and surveillance systems.

During the remainder of 2023, the BOLD program and DEER team have their sights set on reviving their eleven Community Coalition groups. They have already identified co-facilitators for each coalition and are organizing various events and workshops.

A huge stride is the upcoming release of the Nevada-specific toolkit for communities in an interactive online format. The Dementia Friendly Nevada information hub is also slated for an upgrade to enhance navigation and usability. In addition, the DEER training program launched in March 2023 continues to equip first responders with dementia-related knowledge. In addition, a joint messaging campaign with CDPHP, ADSD, the UNR DEER program, and the professional media company KPS3 is wrapping up and will be disseminated to the public by the UNR DEER Team.

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## **COMPREHENSIVE CANCER CONTROL PROGRAM**

- CDC held the National Comprehensive Cancer Control Program's 2023 Business Meeting and 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Commemoration Conference in September. The event, located in Atlanta, provided an opportunity to engage with experts and leaders in the field of cancer control. The series of workshops and critical topic sessions shared insight, knowledge, and experience that shed light on the latest breakthroughs and innovations driving efforts to shape cancer plan strategies and reduce the cancer burden at national, state, and local

levels.

- The annual Nevada Cancer Summit was held in September in Las Vegas. The conference successfully convened health care professionals from across the state and featured an array of topics ranging from clinical oncology and treatment innovation to best practices in prevention, early detection, advances in survivorship care, and cancer data reporting. Networking and fostering collaboration within the cancer control community furthered knowledge of cancer care and partner initiatives throughout the state.
- In recognition of a nationally claimed cancer awareness month, a proclamation was submitted to the Governor's office for Nevada to recognize October as Breast Cancer Awareness Month for 2023. Comprehensive Cancer Control partners are already planning activities to utilize both of Nevada Cancer Coalition's giant inflatable colons, (Colleen) in southern and (Collin) in northern Nevada, as resource tools to educate communities on the importance of finding colon cancer early through screening.
- The Evaluation Plan and Evaluation Report for Comprehensive Cancer Control were completed and submitted to CDC for review. The recorded performance measures for State Fiscal Year (SFY)23 indicated significant progress and target measures for SFY24 identified upcoming program implementation.

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## **WISEWOMAN**

DP23-0003 - Well-Integrated Screening and Evaluation for Women Across the Nation (WISEWOMAN)

### **WISEWOMAN Updates**

- The WISEWOMAN Year 5 grant started September 29, 2022 and ended September 29, 2023.
- The WISEWOMAN DP23-0003 new 5-year cycle started September 29, 2023 and ends September 29, 2028.
- Current WISEWOMAN numbers December 2021 – August 2023:
  - Total number of women screened: 401
  - Follow-up screenings: 90

- Re-screenings: 1
- Referrals to HBSS: 340
- Number of women with at least 1 completed HBSS session: 240
- Number of women completed HBSS: 153

## **PURPOSE**

WISEWOMAN was created to help women understand and reduce their risk for heart disease and stroke by providing services to promote lasting heart-healthy lifestyles.

## **ELIGIBILITY**

- Women 35 – 64 years of age
- Low-income (below or at 250 percent of the Federal Poverty Level)
- Underinsured or uninsured
- Enrolled with the National Breast and Cervical Cancer Early Detection Program (NBCCEDP) – WHC Program

## **NEVADA 1815 AND 1817 GRANTS: DIABETES, HEART DISEASE, AND STROKE PREVENTION PROGRAMS**

### Heart Disease

- The Heart Disease and Stroke Prevention (HDSP) program adopted a name change to the Cardiovascular Health (CVH) Program to better align with funding sources and CDPHP strategic plan.
- The CVH program and evaluation team have successfully completed end of grant period close-out reporting to the Centers for Prevention and Disease Control (CDC). In addition to year-end performance reviews, the program compiled and submitted a five (5) year impact statement, which detailed longitudinal (2018-2023) successes, barriers, and community impacts of the CDC DP18-1815 award.
- The CDC awarded the CVH program with the five (5)-year National Cardiovascular Health grant, CDC DP-23-0004, which commenced 6/30/23 and replaces the CDC-DP18-1815 Category B award. The

program was also awarded The Innovative Cardiovascular Health grant, CDC DP-23-0005, which replaces the CDC DP-18-1817.

- The Nevada statewide Heart Disease and Stroke Prevention Taskforce (Taskforce) will be reconfigured for the next five (5)-year grant period. The Taskforce will become the Nevada Statewide Cardiovascular Health Learning Collaborative (LC). The purpose of the LC is to strengthen efforts to expand team-based care outside the clinical environment to increase coordination, communication, and follow-up care among identified communities and populations. For additional information please contact, Troy Lovick @ [Tlovick@health.nv.gov](mailto:Tlovick@health.nv.gov).

#### Diabetes

- The Diabetes Prevention and Control Program (DPCP) received their Notice of Award (NOA) for CDC DP-23-0020: A Strategic Approach to Advancing Health Equity for Priority Populations with or at Risk for Diabetes (2320), which replaces the CDC DP-18-1815 Category A grant. The period of performance starts 06/30/2023 and ends 06/29/2028.
- DPCP has curated the following partnerships to collaborate on the new 2320 grant: (1) University of Nevada, Reno – Sanford Center for Aging, (2) the Nevada Business Group on Health, and (3) Roseman University of Health Sciences.
- DPCP has completed closeout documents for the CDC DP-18-1815 grant, which includes Health Impact Statements, an Annual Progress Report, a Final Performance Summary Report, and a Performance Measure Report. All deliverables were submitted 09/29/2023.

### **NEVADA WELLNESS AND PREVENTION PROGRAM**

- PHHS funded Activities: The Wellness and Prevention Program (WPP) continues to implement NRS 392.420, which is related to the height and weight data collection among school-aged youth in Nevada. In collaboration with Washoe County School District (WCSD), Clark County School District (CCSD), and the Nevada Institute for Children's Research & Policy (NICRP), the WPP is working to identify strategies to support school nurses in conducting height and weight data collection. PHHS-Federal Fiscal Year (FFY)24 scope of work post-

award amendments to secure implementation of Senate Bill 2 for the school year 2023-2024 are completed. The Standard Operating Procedures (SOP) for Collecting and Reporting Students' Height and Weight in Nevada Schools is finished and approved, including the translation from English to Spanish of implementing and follow-up resources is completed.

- SNAP-Ed funded Activities for FFY23: The WPP worked with childhood obesity prevention partners to increase Child and Adult Care Food Program (CACFP) participation in Early Care and Education (ECE) setting in Nevada. The WPP and partners met with CDC Division of Nutrition, Physical Activity, and Obesity team and identified guidelines to advance unmet and partially met national standards Caring for Our Children (CFOC). The WPP facilitated four policy review sessions and prepared policy review summaries for ECE partners. Action items for the FFY23 are completed.
  - Activity 1: SNAP-Ed/GIS-map development is complete and disseminated. The GIS-map is a collaborative project between the Nevada Department of Agriculture (NDA), Children's Cabinet, DPBH, and UNR-Ex.
  - Activity 2: Food Safety Policy Review: is completed and its dissemination is on track for completion. The WPP worked with Strategic Progress as a policy contractor to guide the project.
- ARPA funded Activities for SFY24: The WPP is working with statewide partners to support healthcare providers implement a NV 5210 program in their practices. The statewide partners consist of Southern Nevada Health District (SNHD), Northern Nevada Public Health (NNPH), Carson City Health and Human Services (CCHHS), and Carson Tahoe Health (CTH). Partners have shown commitment to the initiative, enthusiasm to promote the materials, and effectiveness in recruiting healthcare providers interested in NV 5210.
- Other funded Activities: The WPP is still coordinating a statewide cohesive initiative around Healthy Eating and Active Living (HEAL) behaviors and a statewide program named NV 5210. The initiative aims to support key community members to facilitate environments for the community to adopt HEAL behaviors. Past and current partners consist of WCHD, SNHD, CCHHS, Carson Tahoe Hospital, the CDPHP Diabetes Prevention and Control Program and the CDPHP BOLD (Building our Largest Dementia) Infrastructure for Alzheimer's

Core Capacity Program.

- The WPP finished the 2022-Nevada Obesity Report with state and county level data in March. The report was approved and is currently available to the public. In accordance with the WPP activities calendar, the WPP is preparing the 2023-Nevada Obesity Report and the School H&W data collection activities, as per NRS 392.420.

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## **PREVENTIVE HEALTH AND HEALTH SERVICES (PHHS) BLOCK GRANT**

- The PHHS coordinator is preparing the final annual progress report (APR) due December 2023
- Subgrantees are actively working on their programs and projects.
- Subgrantee reporting and technical assistance calls are ongoing.
- Central Nevada Health District (CNHD), is a new partner and will gather health data for the PHHS Block Grant
- New scopes of work for PHHS BG subrecipients were finalized and new subawards went in effect on 10/1/2023.

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## **TOBACCO CONTROL PROGRAM (TCP)**

- The Tobacco Control Program is collaborating with the Nevada Cancer Coalition to finalize the Nevada Tobacco Plan to guide activities from 2023-2028. TCP is collaborating with partners to finalize year 4 activities and begin the final program evaluation report FY23. There are several Bills under legislative review, including AB53, SB
- Youth Prevention / Synar (Retail) TCP staff is finalizing the Synar Strategic Plan to incorporate the collaborative efforts of TCP, Substance Abuse Prevention and Treatment Agency (SAPTA), the Office of the Attorney General (OAG) and the entire State Synar team. Recent Synar inspections show a Retail Violation Rate (RVR) under 10% for the months of January, April, and June. This is exciting and has brought down the cumulative RVR for the Oct 2022 – Sept 2023 inspection period to be within compliance under 20% for the Synar Amendment. The program is currently consolidating, updating, and redesigning the Responsible Tobacco NV website to educate



tobacco retailers on tobacco sales to minors and the health risks associated with smoking. AB 53 passed this legislative session which will remove the warnings and increase fines for retail tobacco licensees for sales to minors. This will be effective Jan. 1, 2024. Youth Vaping Funds allocated to specifically address youth vaping prevention throughout the State were discontinued during this legislative session. The team applied for a highly competitive grant that will address the burden of menthol and other flavored commercial tobacco products. Contributions promoting a diverse array of Quitline cessation resources included select continuing medical education offerings to health care providers, contextual marketing toolkits, partner site visits, and strategic outreach to newly interested health care sites attracted to program offerings and willing to support tobacco cessation efforts.

- The Tobacco Cessation website is slated for deployment, and the commitment to provide direct support to aligned stakeholders is meeting intended goals and efforts to sustain working interstate and regional relationships.

## **WOMEN'S HEALTH CONNECTION (WHC) PROGRAM**

- 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, so they can receive funding and care coordination for breast and cervical cancer screening and diagnostic services.
- The WHC program is working towards adding a new funded community partner whose focus will be on increasing screening rates for Black/African American women. The program has met with several organizations to recruit a partner with the access and trust within the Black/African American community to make significant changes to increasing screening rates.
- Nevada Health Centers has added two new clinics: Martin Luther King Family Health Center (NVHC) and Eastern (NVHC).

The following data accounts for state general funds appropriated for screening services (\$500,000 per biennium) expended from Jun. 30, 2023, through October 04, 2023:



- 767 Women Served
- 40 Clinical breast exams, 8 abnormal results
- 687 Mammograms, 79 abnormal results
- 6 Breast cancer cases, including: 4 cases of invasive breast cancer, 6 cases of invasive cervical cancer and 2 cases of ductal carcinoma in situ

Referrals to treatment: Two (2) patients diagnosed were referred to Medicaid

The following data accounts for CDC federal funds appropriated for breast and cervical cancer screening and diagnostic services expended from Jun. 30, 2023, through October 04, 2023:

- 1,662 Women served with 1,393 clinical breast exams, 19 mammograms, and 976 pap tests provided
- 12 Cases of breast or cervical cancer, including: 2 cases of ductal carcinoma in situ, 4 cases of invasive breast cancer, and 6 cases of invasive cervical cancers or cases of premalignant cervical lesions

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## **OFFICE OF FOOD SECURITY (OFS)**

1. State Partnerships Improving Nutrition and Equity (SPINE) Program
  - a. The State of Nevada was awarded funding from the National Association of Chronic Disease Directors (NACDD) to participate in the State Partnerships Improving Nutrition and Equity (SPINE) Program. The Office of Food Security is partnering with Catholic Charities of Northern Nevada (CCNN) for this program to improve access to nutrient-dense and culturally appropriate foods throughout Nevada. The OFS is developing the SPINE Food Security Action Plan (see item 2 below).

Updates:

    - Year 1 activities have been completed for SPINE and only the breastfeeding activities had a no cost extension. We are currently in the third quarter (Q3) of year two (Y2) SPINE activities that go until December 2023.
    - Q3 Progress: SPINE Summit to Advance Healthy

Communities occurred August 28-August 29, 2023 and two (2) CCNN workers and the OFS Manager attended.

- b. The OFS partnered with the WIC Program and the Maternal, Child, and Adolescent Health (MCAH) Section and received supplemental breastfeeding funding from SPINE to augment existing efforts around supportive breastfeeding strategies to advance health equity.
    - OFS partnered with Nevada Statewide Breastfeeding Coalition and KPS3 to provide appropriate website updates that highlight and improve the ability to find breastfeeding friendly childcare centers. The breastfeeding education webinar was updated to make it appealing and representative to increase learning capabilities of the intended audience.
2. REPORTS: SFY23 FHN Annual Report is pending updated information from partners and the SFY22 Chart will be updated to ensure adequate data. The 2023 Council on Food Security (CFS) Annual Report is in draft and due to the Legislative Council Bureau (LCB) by January 31, 2024 following CFS approval in October 2023. The Food for People Not for Landfill (FPPNL) report is due to LCB Annually per Calendar year.
3. 2023 Food Security Strategic [Plan](#)  
The Division of Public & Behavioral Health (DPBH), within the Nevada Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS), contracted with The Blueprint Collaborative (TBC) and Guinn Center in collaboration with the CFS to refine the objectives and goals of the 2013 strategic plan and establish the 2023 Nevada Food Security Strategic Plan. OFS partnered with UNR in the development of the Food Security Area of the State Health Improvement Plan (SHIP) and aligned a few strategies in the 2023 Food Security Strategic Plan with the SHIP per CFS recommendation.
4. SFY24 and SFY25 Funds for Health Nevada Hunger Funds
  - a. Executed Contracts are pending for 3 agencies.
5. SPAN and REACH Grant: Did not receive

6. PHAP Program: Max Moskowitz and Elleni Riojas each completed their PHAP program in October. A new PHAP worker will begin working with the program in November.
7. PHA Member Service: The program applied for two service members with the CDC and have completed a draft job description. Pending feedback from CDC, the program will route to DPBH leadership.

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## Health Disparity Grant/STRETCH Grant

- The DHHS Health Equity Unit (HEU) received Quarterly reports and Technical Assistance calls are currently being conducted with the following partners.
  - Bureau of Behavioral Health Wellness and Promotion, MOU 5335
  - Nevada Office of Minority Health and Equity, MOU 5333
  - Healthy Community Coalition, specifically with expanded partnership with the Nevada Community Health Workers Association, SG 25378
  - Nevada Cancer Coalition, SG 25301
  - Southern Nevada Health District, SG 25393
  - Grants Management Unit, Director's Office, MOU 5334
  - Washoe County Health District, SG 25456
  - Office of Rural Health, University of Nevada Reno, SG 25299
  - Maternal Child and Adolescent Health, MOU 5360
  - Division of Child and Family Services, SG 25300
  - Xquisite, SG 25686
  - Truckee Meadow Community College, SG 25737
- The programs will continue until the end of May 2024.
- Hootsuite's MOU C17975 is renewed for the entire year to continue to conduct social media posts for CFCW.
- HEU with the Nevada Office of Minority Health and Equity (NOHME) have been conducting the Black, Indigenous, and People of Color (BIPOC) + Allies support groups weekly. Esmeralda Chavez, who was a facilitator, will step down as she has taken on coordinator duties for the entire Health Disparity Grant.
- HEU has completed the Stretch 1.0 grant and has worked with

NOHME to identify the Nevada Minority Health and Equity Coalition to be part of the STRETCH 2.0 initiative.

- HEU is working with SNHD's Health Equity Grant quarterly to ensure there are no duplications to the work being done in Nevada. The quarterly meeting was completed in October 2023.
- HEU has changed from a newsletter format to posting social media posts monthly on topics in Health Equity. A flyer about the Health Equity Unit has been produced and a registry is being completed to include the organizations associated with Health Equity. Success stories will be translated to the OT21-2103 Success Story Page.
- HEU is also assigned as the DPBH language access coordinator to develop a Language Access Plan (LAP) as required by NRS 232.0081. The plan was submitted in October and is awaiting further guidance of any potential funding to continue the Language Access Plan. A survey is being repurposed to better identify needs for Language Access in DPBH.
- HEU has been working with Christina Boyles from the Office of Public Health Investigations and Epidemiology (OPHIE) to work as Tribal Liaison's for the DPBH. The Unit turned in the yearly report due from DPBH for Tribal Liaison's for the year. HEU has also worked with the tribes to obtain and disseminate information about programs of the DPBH.
- HEU has been tasked to work with NOHME to improve outreach and reporting from clinical trials for DPBH with a report to be developed to meet the requirements.
- A site visit was conducted with the organizations involved with the Health Disparity Grant. The site visit was deemed a success by the project officers.