



Carson City Health and Human Services Report 4th Quarter 2023 (October 1 – December 31)

Program Highlights and Requests

- ✓ **Tobacco Prevention and Control Funding** – (This has been intentionally restated from the last reporting .) Continued Youth Vaping Prevention funding was not approved during the 2023 Legislative Session. This is extremely disappointing given the fact that youth vaping is still an epidemic. With the funding, CCHHS staff developed presentations for youth to be conducted within the schools, as well as to teachers and parents. Social media campaigns were created and posted (i.e. – Head in the Clouds and Attracting Addictions). Some of the materials created will be re-used, translated, and continue to be posted; however, no new content will be developed since there is no funding for the project to continue. Currently, CCHHS' Tobacco Control and Prevention Program is still intact for now. This funding loss amounted to \$100,000/year.

The CDC Tobacco Prevention funding remained the same at approximately \$70,000. This results in decreases to the operating or program expenses to accommodate for increasing personnel wages due to cost-of-living adjustments and merit raises. The Nevada Clinical Services grant, formerly the Funds for Healthy Nevada, was reduced so grant deliverables had to be scaled back and adjusted.

- **Request** – Advocate for Youth Vaping Funding to be restored in the future. These funds should not be replaced by the SB118 funding since there is a 30% tax on the wholesale cost of all vaping products passed during the 2019 legislative session.



Chronic Disease Prevention and Health Promotion (CDPHP) Division

Suzie Ledezma Rubio has been promoted to the Division Manager. Some of you may know her since she has worked in the Tobacco program for a number of years. The position she was previously in has been posted on Carson City's Human Resource website, <https://www.governmentjobs.com/careers/carsoncity>.

Adolescent Health Education Program

Making Proud Choices, Comprehensive Sexual Education

- Statistics –
 - Total participants – 23
 - Total participants completing 75% of the curriculum – 21 (a requirement for completion of the program)
- CCHHS Adolescent Health staff conducted classes at the following locations:
 - December: Pioneer High School
 - October/November: Western Nevada Youth Regional Center (WNYRC)

Promoting Health Among Teens, Abstinence Only

- CCHHS Adolescent Health staff conducted classes at the following location:
 - October 2023 - Virginia City Middle School
- Statistics –
 - Total participants – 16
- Outreach events staff participated in during this quarter:
 - October 26: Carson City Boonanza
 - October 26: Empire Elementary School Fall Festival

Staff Trainings - Adolescent Health Staff

- Adolescent Health Staff reference a monthly publication, Journal of Adolescent Health
- SRAE Trauma Informed Care Training, <https://teenpregnancy.acf.hhs.gov/resources/integrating-youth-adult-partnerships-deliver-trauma-informed-programming-context>
- PREP Trauma Informed Care Training, <https://teenpregnancy.acf.hhs.gov/resources/building-strengths-young-people-relationship-focused-trauma-sensitive-approach-webinar>
- Internal staff orientation

Tobacco Control and Prevention Program

Program funding:

1. CDC's Tobacco Control and Prevention
 2. Nevada Clinical Services formerly the Funds for Healthy Nevada
 3. Health Disparities Grant through the Nevada Cancer Coalition
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- CCHHS Tobacco Control and Prevention Program staff continue to be members of the Nevada Tobacco Control and Smoke-free Coalition formally known as Nevada Tobacco Prevention Coalition.
 - Staff continue to assist in the development of educational materials for statewide partners to use on priority policies related to the Nevada Clean Indoor Air Act, Tobacco Prevention and Control Funding, Restricting Flavored Tobacco Products, and Addressing Youth Access via Tobacco Retailers
 - This quarter staff have participated in thirteen (13) outreach events and presentations:
 - October 4: Virginia City Community Resource Fair
 - October 4: Presentation to Partnership Douglas County General Membership
 - October 12: Carson City Employee Health Fair
 - October 12: Annual Minden Elementary Schools Health Fair
 - October 16, 17, 20, 23 presentations to Carson High School freshman students
 - October 26: Carson City Boonanza
 - October 26: Empire Elementary School Fall Festival
 - October 30: Presentation with Juvenile Probation- Parent Education Night
 - November 13: Presentation to the Nevada Statewide Coalition
 - December 6: Presentation to the Pa Wa Lu Middle School

Prevention Health and Health Services

An existing full-time employee has been recruited to work within the program part-time. This employee works between 3 programs at CCHHS. She will continue with the current scope of work. At all the outreach events she participates in for the other programs, she hands out information about Healthy Eating. Although this is not a grant deliverable, getting this information out to the public may help individuals live a healthier life.

- Staff is working towards CHW II certification to achieve by the end of 2024.
- New process in clinic EHR has been implemented so that reports can be ran on patients who are interested in receiving more information on healthier lifestyles.

Budget

- General Funds – None
- Grants – 100%

CCHHS Administration

3rd Community Health Improvement Plan

The contractor will begin work in February on this project and it should be completed by April 2023.