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NEVADA HIV NEEDS ASSESSMENT IN MINORITY COMMUNITIES

Carson City, NV, April 7, 2017– The Nevada Office of HIV/AIDS, in partnership with the University of Nevada, Reno, School of Community Health Sciences, is proud to present a comprehensive, statewide *HIV in Minority Communities Needs Assessment Report*.

The Nevada Office of HIV/AIDS contracted with the Center for Program Evaluation within the School of Community Health Sciences at the University of Nevada, Reno to conduct statewide HIV/AIDS needs assessments. The purpose of this project was to focus on HIV prevention and care efforts in minority communities throughout the state of Nevada. The report analyzes the results from the needs assessment which respect to four racial/ethnic populations—African American, Asian Pacific Islander, Latino, and Native American. Information from this assessment was used in conjunction with the statewide HIV/AIDS needs assessment in developing the *Nevada Integrated HIV Prevention and Care Plan 2017-2021*, which was released in September of 2016.

“The Office of HIV/AIDS undertook this Minority needs assessment to evaluate and work to improve the quality of prevention and care services for minority individuals who are affected and effected with HIV/AIDS,” says Lyell Collins, MBA, Interim Manager of the Office of HIV/AIDS and Manager of the HIV Prevention Program. “Additionally, we saw this assessment as an opportunity to disseminate information and educate the community about HIV issues facing minority populations in Nevada.”

An internal working group will be established later this spring to review the monitoring plan and to request updates from the partnering agencies working on the goals and objectives outlined in the *Nevada Integrated HIV Prevention and Care Plan 2017-2021*.

The Nevada Office of HIV/AIDS and the Nevada Division of Public and Behavioral Health would like to thank Elizabeth Christiansen, Ph.D., and Kelly Morning, MPH, with the Center for Program Evaluation at the University of Nevada, Reno for their time and commitment to this comprehensive project.

The *HIV in Minority Communities Needs Assessment Report* and the *Nevada Integrated HIV Prevention and Care Plan 2017-2021* were developed in response to the guidance provided by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) and the Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA). Both documents can found on the State of Nevada [Ryan White Part B](#) and [HIV Prevention](#) webpages.

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