





# Carson City Health and Human Services Report December 1, 2023

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County	Carson City; some services provided in Douglas, Lyon, and Storey Counties

# Report Highlights and Requests

- ✓ Carson City Opioid Needs Assessment and Proposed Project Requests from CCHHS Carson City is currently working with Nevada Association of Counties and Mercer for technical assistance on Carson City's Opioid Needs Assessment. As part of the assessment, Carson City Departments, along with a stakeholder group, had conversations about where to use the funding coming from the Opioid Settlements. CCHHS has requested funding for prevention efforts, along with some other activities to be used throughout the city. This funding, if approved for prevention efforts, will be added to the existing Tobacco Control and Prevention Program. Staff have received requests from stakeholders to include opioids and other substances in addition to tobacco and vaping presentations.
- ✓ **Public Health Funding from the State of Nevada** A discussion is scheduled to take place with some of the health authorities about the money appropriated for public health by Senate Bill 118. The state legislature's desire is to have the counties collaborating and using the funds for priorities identified in their Community Health Needs Assessment (CHNA). Non-categorical funding is essential to responding to the needs of the community as outlined in the Community Health Needs Assessment.
  - <u>Request</u> Advocate for continued non-categorical public health funding during the interim Legislative Session.
- ✓ **Tobacco Control and Prevention Funding** (This has been intentionally restated from the last report.) 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. CCHHS

developed presentations for youth to be conducted within the schools, and 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 and continue to be posted; however, no new content will be developed. 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, funding was reduced so grant deliverables had to be scaled back and adjusted.

- <u>Request</u> Advocate for Youth Vaping Funding to be restored in the future. These funds should not be replaced by the funding from SB118.
- ✓ Public Health Workforce Infrastructure Funding On October 19, 2023, the Carson City Board of Supervisors approved accepting the Strengthening U.S. Public Health Infrastructure, Workforce, and Data Systems and the Workforce grants. The funding will last until December 31, 2026. With the acceptance of this grant, the following positions can be hired: (1) Chronic Disease Prevention and Health Promotion Division Manager, which has been vacant for 8 years due to lack of funding, (2) Assessment/Accreditation Coordinator, (3) Data Analyst, (4) additional Community Health Worker, (5) Administrative Assistant for Director and Deputy Director, (6) additional Environmental Health Specialist for plan reviews, (7) Public Health Communication Specialist, and (8) a Seasonal Vector Control Technician.

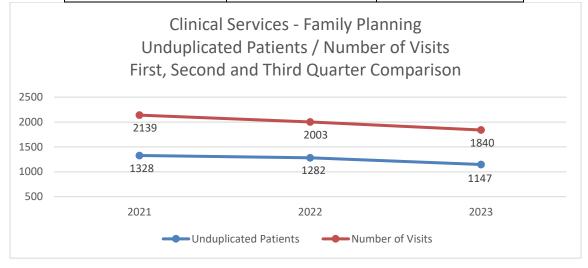
There are conversations happening at the national level concerning continuation of these types of funding opportunities. The National Association of County and City Health Officials (NACCHO) is advocating for local health departments and the need for continued support of the public health infrastructure funding.

## **Division Reports**

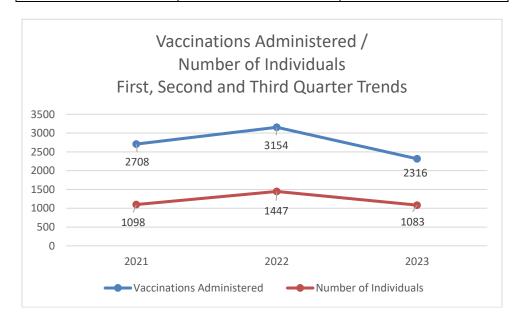
## Clinical Services Division

- Clinical Services Division Manager has resigned, position is currently posted.
- Back to School Vaccination Clinics were held August 7<sup>th</sup> 18<sup>th</sup>. Immunize Nevada assisted with accessing WebIZ records which helps in determining what vaccines individuals need.
- University of Nevada, Reno, Orvis School of Nursing students have been learning about public health within the clinic. The UNR Affiliation Agreement was approved by the Board of Supervisors on 8/3/23 (Item 9B).

Family Planning (Title X) Unduplicated Patients / Number of Visits First - Third Quarter Trends for Each Year (1/1/23 – 9/30/23)				
2021 2022 2023				
1328/2139 1282/2003 1147/1840				



Vaccinations Administered / Number of Individuals First - Third Quarter Trends for Each Year (1/1/23 – 9/30/23)				
2021 2022 2023				
2708/1098 3154/1447 2316/1083				



## Carson City Employment Drug Screening

CCHHS administers the City's drug screening for new employees.

Carson City Pre-employment Drug Screening First - Third Quarter Trends for Each Year (1/1/23 – 9/30/23)				
2021 2022 2023				
173 160 198				

#### Tuberculosis (TB) Screening

An intradermal TB test is a two-visit process. One visit to place the test and the second visit to assess the result. Some individuals are required to have two tests within 7 to 21 days of each other which requires 4 visits to complete both rounds of screening; those individuals have not had a TB test within the last 12 months. Some TB testing is completed via QuantiFERON blood testing which only requires one visit. TB testing includes services provided both at the clinic and at the inpatient drug and alcohol treatment center (Vitality).

Tuberculosis (TB) Screening / Number of Individuals First, Second, and Third Quarter Trends for Each Year (1/1/23 – 9/30/23)				
2021 2022 2023				
459/343 400/306 564/422				

#### **Staff Trainings**

- July 27: Staff attended a luncheon to review current immunization information, along with new and relevant updates
- September 12-13: 4 staff attended the virtual National Reproductive Health Conference
- August 4: Carson City Health and Human Services All Staff Development Day
- August 16: Staff attended an in-service required to participate in the Women's Health Connection, a program that helps cover the cost of some needed and preventative health issues for those women who qualify
- August 22: Staff attended a webinar to review additional features of the clinic's electronic
  health record not currently utilized to determine the feasibility and benefit of integrating new
  features to help with the Clinic's current QI project, which is looking at new ways to further
  decrease the current no-show rate of appointments
- August 30: Staff attended webinar Integrating Trauma-Informed Practices into Reproductive Health Service
- August 31: Staff attended a luncheon to review current immunization information, along with new and relevant updates
- September 6: Staff completed the Quality Improvement Success Series
- September 28: Staff attended a luncheon to review current immunization information, along with new and relevant updates



# Chronic Disease Prevention and Health Promotion (CDPHP) Division

## Adolescent Health Education Program

#### Making Proud Choices, Comprehensive Sexual Education

- Statistics
  - o Total participants 59
  - Total participants completing 75% of the curriculum 51, which is the requirement for completion of the program
- CCHHS Adolescent Health staff conducted classes at the following locations:
  - July 2023: Combination of in-person and hybrid training for Healthy Community Coalition
     Comstock Youth Summer Program
  - July/August 2023: Combination of in-person and hybrid training for Healthy Community
     Coalition Comstock Youth Program in Silver Springs and Fernley
  - July/August: China Springs/Aurora Pines in Douglas County, presented first to a male youth group and then followed with the same class presentations for a female youth group
- CCHHS has scheduled classes with a new partner, Pioneer High, to begin in December 2023

#### Promoting Health Among Teens, Abstinence Only

- CCHHS Adolescent Health staff conducted classes at the following location:
  - o August 2023 Virginia City Middle School
- Outreach events staff participated in during this quarter:
  - o August 3: 350 participants reached at Carson City Sheriff's Night Out
  - September 16 and 17: 460 participants reached at Dayton Valley Days
  - September 17: 80 participants reached at Sassabration
  - September 20: 135 participants reached at Empire Elementary Back to School Night
  - September 30: 26 participants reached at Carson City School District's Multilingual Fair

#### Staff Trainings - Adolescent Health Staff

- Adolescent Health Staff reference a monthly publication, Journal of Adolescent Health
- August 4: Carson City Health and Human Services All Staff Development Day
- August 21: Program Management and Administration Tips and Strategies from the Field found at <u>Program Management and Administration – Tips and Strategies from the Field | The Exchange (hhs.gov)</u>
- August 22: Reviewed Fidelity and Adaptation for the New Normal at https://teenpregnancy.acf.hhs.gov/resources/fidelity-and-adaptations-new-normal

September 20: Adolescent Health Initiative Connection Session: Intersections: Supporting
Youth, Their Identities, and Their Mental Health Needs Across Disciplines at <u>2023 Connection</u>
Session - Adolescent Health Initiative (umhs-adolescenthealth.org)

## 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
- 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
- Outreach events and presentations staff participated in included:
  - September 8-9: Douglas County Rodeo
  - o September 12: Juvenile Probation hosted Parent Education Night for the Spanish Speaker
  - September 16-17: Dayton Valley Days
  - o September 17: Sassabration
  - o September 20: Empire Elementary Open House
  - September 30: Great Outdoors Health Fair/30<sup>th</sup> Anniversary

#### Prevention Health and Health Services

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

#### Budget

- General Funds None
- Grants 100%

# Environmental Health (EH) Division



Permitted Establishments – Inspections Conducted First – Third Quarter Comparisons (1/1/23 – 9/30/23)				
Permitted Establishments	2021	2022	2023	
Food Establishments- Carson City	303	315	413	
Food Establishments— Douglas County	233	210	230	
Temporary Events – Carson City	37	52	92	
Temporary Events - Douglas County	27	40	62	
Childcare Facilities – Carson City	23	26	14*	
Public Pools, Spas, Aquatics - Carson City	23	53	15*	
Public Pools, Spas, Aquatics - Douglas County	7	7	29	
Septic Systems – Carson City	20	28	31	
Hotels/Motels – Carson City	17	17	10**	
Hotels/Motels – Douglas County	N/A	N/A	30	
Schools – Carson City	11	11	6***	

<sup>\*</sup>Childcare facilities inspections in Carson City are lower in 2023 compared to 2021 and 2022 due to staff turnover and some childcare facilities have closed due to internal business-related issues.

<sup>\*\*</sup>Hotel/motel inspections in Carson City are lower in 2023 compared to 2021 and 2022 due to 10 long term stays hotel/motels which are not inspected by Environmental Health (EH) (inspections are completed on clean hotel/motel rooms).

<sup>\*\*\*</sup>School inspections in Carson City are lower in 2023 compared to 2021 and 2022 due to staff turnover.

Permitted Establishments – Violations, Carson City Only First - Third Quarter Comparisons (1/1/23 – 9/30/23)				
Permitted Establishments	2021	2022	2023	
Food				
Critical	87	67	95*	
Non-critical	158	203	307	
Pools				
Critical	2	8	1	
Non-critical	23	53	3*	

<sup>\*</sup>The inspectors are observing more critical violations compared to the past since they are being further trained to observe and ensure facilities are following protocols and procedures. From 1/1/23 - 9/30/23, inspectors observed facilities with major critical issues such as having bare hand contact, lack of cleanliness and sanitation of food contact surfaces, and proper cold holding temperatures.

During the same time period, inspectors observed more facilities with non-critical issues such as employees without proper food safety knowledge, hand washing, food protected from environmental contamination, consumer advisory and issues with premises cleanliness.

Plans Reviewed (Carson City and Douglas County) First – Third Quarter Comparisons (1/1/23 – 9/30/23)					
2021 2022 2023					
Number of Plan Reviews 56 22 291*					

<sup>\*</sup> During this time period, the EH Division Manager pulled information from Carson City's and Douglas County's building permit databases. There are more businesses aware of the need to submit applications for remodel, construction and installations resulting in an increase in plan reviews.

Mosquito Abatement First – Third Quarter Comparisons (1/1/23 – 9/30/23)				
2021 2022 2023				
Number of Hours by EH Staff	29	22	43	

Three aerial treatments were conducted in 2023 compared to 2021 and 2022 due to the wet winter.

#### Other News

- The Public Health Workforce Infrastructure Grant included a seasonal Vector Control Technician. This person needs to have specific qualifications. This position will be recruited in 2024.
- The Environmental Health Division continues to work on 4 standards towards Food and Drug Administration's (FDA) Retail Standardization. There are 9 standards in total. Within the Association of Food and Drug Officials (AFDO) grant received, the following standards are being worked on:
  - Standard 2 Trained Regulatory Staff
  - Standard 3 Inspection Program Based on Hazard Analysis Critical Control Point (HACCP) Principles
  - o Standard 5 Foodborne Illness and Food Defense Preparedness and Response
  - Standard 7 Industry and Community Relations
  - On June 20, 2023, the Environmental Health Division had the opportunity to have an on-site training and meeting with our mentor, Northern Nevada Public Health formerly Washoe County Health District, and are collaborating with them to ensure we are in conformance with our information for standardization.
  - One of the EH inspectors was able to attend a training on conducting the Retail Standardization Self-Assessment. The training and travel were a grant deliverable.
- Staff are attending outreach events to encourage food safety, pool safety, vector/mosquito safety and illness safety in our community. Outreach within this division is a new activity. The events attended this quarter include:
  - National Night Out
  - "Kids to Parks" Day event at Mills Park, 150 flyers were passed out with helpful information about some of the many services that Environmental Health offers for the community.
- Dustin Boothe has been certified as a non-private applicator to apply or supervise the application of restricted use pesticides for public health and aquatic pesticides.

#### **Staff Trainings**

- Internal trainings were provided to EH staff by the Division Manager on how to perform inspections for all programs inspected by EH Specialists.
- One of our Environmental Health Specialist Trainees, Sharon Montiel, successfully completed and passed the Certified Pool Operator Training and Test on 5/31/2023.
- August 4: Carson City Health and Human Services All Staff Development Day

## Challenges

The Environmental Health Division Manager has resigned. Interviews are in progress for a new Division Manager. Staffing is an ongoing challenge for Environmental Health. Currently, we have hired 2 Environmental Health Specialist Trainees for vacant positions in Douglas County. Interviews are currently being conducted for another vacancy.

EH staff will continue to strive to provide levels of customer service as a commitment to our constituents, partners and stakeholders.

# Budget

- General Funds 100%
- Grant \$25,000 for special project Environmental Health FDA Retail Standardization

# **Epidemiology Division**

Sexual Health Statistics (Carson City) First - Third Quarter Comparisons (1/1/23 – 9/30/23)					
2021 2022* 2023					
Chlamydia	151	174	129		
Gonorrhea 39 29 25					
Primary and Secondary 8 11 3 Syphilis					

<sup>\*</sup>Due to the reporting system change, the numbers of reported conditions should be considered preliminary and are subject to change.

Sexual Health Statistics (Douglas County) First - Third Quarter Comparisons (1/1/23 – 9/30/23)					
2021 2022* 2023					
Chlamydia	67	56	53		
Gonorrhea 21 10 13					
Primary and Secondary 2 2 2 2 Syphilis					

<sup>\*</sup>Due to the reporting system change, the numbers of reported conditions should be considered preliminary and are subject to change.

Sexual Health Statistics (Lyon County) First - Third Quarter Comparisons (1/1/23 – 9/30/23)					
2021 2022* 2023					
Chlamydia	137	115	123		
Gonorrhea 29 26 15					
Primary and Secondary 10 5 2 Syphilis					

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Vector Borne Disease-Carson City, Douglas, and Lyon Counties First - Third Quarter Comparisons (1/1/23 – 9/30/23)					
	2021	2022*	2023		
West Nile Virus	1	0	0		

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Since January 2023, there were 23 facility outbreaks reported to CCHHS. The outbreaks reported included: (1) Gastrointestinal illness of an unknown origin; (2) COVID; (3) Hand, Foot, and Mouth Disease; and (4)

Sapovirus (very similar to Norovirus). These outbreaks occurred in state licensed facilities, such as Long-Term Care/Childcare facilities, public schools and food establishments. CCHHS worked with facility staff and state staff on mitigation efforts, such as exclusion/isolation of residents and staff. CCHHS also provided guidance on appropriate environmental measures, such as cleaning frequency and sanitizing vs. disinfection of high touch areas.

During the third quarter, Epidemiology staff conducted trainings on school reporting with nursing staff at Carson City, Douglas, Lyon and Storey school districts. Staff also introduced a new and simpler weekly reporting tool for all illnesses reported to the nursing staff.

Other Disease Investigations – Carson City, Douglas, and Lyon Counties First - Third Quarter Comparisons (1/1/23 – 9/30/23)					
	2021	2022*	2023*		
Campylobacteriosis**	13	11	20		
Facility Outbreaks (Childcare, Long-Term Care, etc.)	0	0	23		
Rabies, Animal (Bat)	0	1	2		
Salmonellosis**	12	7	15		

<sup>\*</sup>Due to the reporting system change, the numbers of reported conditions should be considered preliminary and are subject to change.

RSV and Influenza 2023-2024 season started on October 1, 2023 (MMWR Week 40)

Influenza and RSV Hospitalizations – Carson City, Douglas and Lyon Counties First - Third Quarter Comparisons (1/1/23 – 9/30/23)					
	2021	2022*	2023		
Influenza	2	65	5		
RSV	Data not available	Data not available	28		
Adults	Data not available	Data not available	13		
Pediatric	Data not available	Data not available	15		

<sup>\*</sup>Due to the reporting system change, the RSV data is not available for 2021 and 2022 currently.

#### Staff Training

During the third quarter of 2023, the Epidemiology Division staff attended several trainings totaling over 120 hours. Some of the trainings include:

- Culturally Driven Strategies: Tailoring Health Communications to Build Understanding and Trust
- Diagnosing and Treating Congenital Syphilis
- Integrating Trauma-Informed Practices into Reproductive Health Services

<sup>\*\*</sup> Common causes of foodborne illness

- Respiratory Syncytial Virus (RSV): Burden of Disease in All Infants and Potential Prevention Strategies
- Shelters and TB

## Budget

- General Funds None
- Grants 100%

#### Challenges

The Federal Debt Ceiling agreement had impacts on the Epidemiology Division's funding. The loss of funding will occur in 2024. The Epidemiology Division will work with the CCHHS Director and the NV Division of Public and Behavioral Health to identify additional funding sources to support foundational public health services, such as case reporting, contact tracing, and public education/outreach.



## **Human Services**

#### **Activities**

- July 14, 2023: Human Services hosted a Volunteer Fair at the Marv Teixeira Pavilion. This is the first Volunteer Fair conducted and was in response to a shortage of volunteers within our community agencies.
- June 14, 2023: Human Services invited residents of the Stewart Street Inn Motel for coffee and donuts in the Ormsby Room at the Carson City Sheriff's Office. This was outreach to residents being evicted due to renovations at the motel. Staff assisted residents with apartment applications and resources.
- September 8, 2023: Human Services Division hosted the Carson City Job Fair at the Carson City Community Center. The attendance was 45 employers and 144 jobseekers.

## Individuals Assisted

#### During July 1 - September 30, 2023:

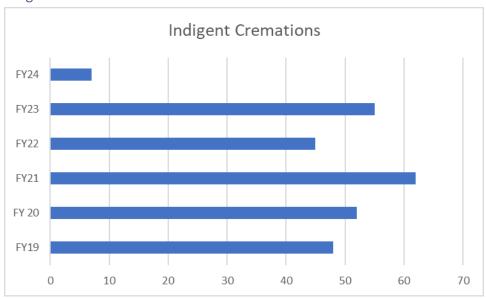
- An on-going housing program, Shelter Plus Care, assisted **7 households** that were previously chronically homeless.
- Homeless prevention programs through the Emergency Solutions Grant Homeless Prevention and the Account for Affordable Housing Tax Fund (AAHTF) assisted 25 households.
- Welfare Set-Aside funds assisted **11 households** with security deposits.

- Welfare Set-Aside funds assisted **5 household** with a one-time rental assistance.
- **Five individuals** were housed in the CCSHARES Program, which is the housing partnership between CCHHS and the Carson City Specialty Courts. CCHHS is the funding source.

#### **CARSON CITY HOUSING PLAN:**

- Twelve residents were housed in a location, secured by CCHHS, who did not have a place to isolate or quarantine due to COVID-19 or were at high risk due to medical needs. Average length of stay was **76 days** to transition out of emergency sheltering.
- The Group Living Program utilizes the shared living model, which is non-family members living within 1 unit. CCHHS has re-housed **7 individuals** using the group living program.





#### Women, Infants, and Children (WIC)

#### For Calendar Year 2023:

- The Carson City clinic has seen a total of **480 unduplicated participants**: **43**% of women receiving benefits were pregnant women, **17**% of the women receiving benefits were fully breastfeeding, **8%** partially breastfeeding, and **32**% not breastfeeding.
- The Gardnerville clinic has seen a total of **237 unduplicated participants**: **31%** of women receiving benefits were pregnant women, **34%** of the women receiving benefits fully breastfeeding, **8%** partially breastfeeding, and **27%** are not breastfeeding.
- The program received 2 awards within the rural WIC agencies: Most Participants who exclusively breastfed for 6 months in FY23 and Most participants who ever breastfed in FY23.

#### Carson City Behavioral Health Task Force Update

The Taskforce continues to work on a strategic plan addressing some of the highest needs from the Community Health Needs Assessment.

The Taskforce will be pushing a strategy forward to the Northern Nevada Regional Behavioral Health Policy Board to collaborate with neighboring counties on returning residents to their counties of origin after behavioral health treatment.

#### **Staff Training**

- August 4: Carson City Health and Human Services All Staff Development Day
- August 13 17: Two case managers attended the International Crisis Intervention Training Annual Conference
- September 19 21: Region IX Community Action Convening
- September 25 28: Nevada Association of County Officials Annual Conference

## Budget

- General Funds 29%
- Grants 71%\*
   \*Includes the Indigent Accident Funds



## **Public Health Preparedness**

## **Emergency & Disaster Preparation**

- Quad-County Public Health Preparedness (PHP) staff assisted Lyon County with their Spring Thaw After-Action Report.
- PHP staff attended two Integrated Preparedness Planning Workshops (IPPW). The Nevada Public Health Preparedness IPPW hosted by the Division of Public and Behavioral Health's Public Health Preparedness Program in July and the Carson City IPPW hosted by Carson City Emergency Management in September.
- PHP staff collaborated with numerous partners across the region to complete the creation, revision, or update of several public health preparedness plans. Some of these plans have been finalized and others will be finalized with emergency management leaders in the near future.
- PHP staff represented CCHHS in the beta testing of the new Tabletop Exercise Simulation Tool (TEST), exercise board games, developed by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC). Staff were able to beta test the Points of Dispensing (PODs) game and the Community Reception Center game in September.

 PHP staff met with the new Carson City Deputy Coroner to discuss emergency planning for mass fatality incidents, funeral home capacity, and family reunification and assistance planning in Carson City. PHP Manager met with the new Carson City Deputy Emergency Manager to discuss current projects and future strategic planning.

#### Heath Care Emergency & Disaster Preparation

- PHP staff submitted their final presentation to the National Healthcare Coalition Conference which will be presented in Las Vegas, NV in November 2023.
- The Quad-County Healthcare Readiness and Response Coordinators (RRCs) delivered evacuation and communications training to one long-term care facility, one assisted living facility, and one hospital in the region.
- The Healthcare Coalition conducted the annual Medical Response and Surge Exercise (MRSE) with multiple partners including fire/EMS, healthcare, and public health. The PHP team also wrote the After-Action Report and Improvement Plan (AAR/IP) for the exercise.

#### Community Vaccinations

 This quarter, PHP staff conducted the public flu vaccination events around the Quad-County Region. These events started on September 26 and concluded in November. Events are scheduled in the late afternoon and early evening hours so access to the flu shot is brought to the public where they are and at times that have been identified as most convenient for the public.

## Staff Training

- During this quarter, a PHP staff member completed Grants Management training.
- A PHP staff member attended the second class in the Planning Practitioner Program at the Emergency Management Institute.
- In total, PHP staff completed more than 80 hours of training this quarter.

## Staffing Challenges

• The search for a new Public Health Preparedness Division Manager began in September 2022 and ended in September 2023 when the new Division Manager was hired from within the program.

#### Budget

- General Funds None
- Grants 100%

# CCHHS Administrative/Fiscal

## Staff Report

Employees - Number of employees - 49

- 40 FT City Employees 82%
- 8 PT City Employees 16%
- 1 Contract Employees [Marathon] 2%
- 3 Contracted (1) Health Officer, 2) Family Planning Medical Director, and 3) Pharmacist (not included in the percentages)

#### Challenges

Due to staffing shortages and Division Manager resignations, it has been a challenge to start the Community Health Improvement Plan (CHIP) project. Due to the constraints, leadership has been facing, it has been decided to hire a contractor to assist with the development of plan. The same contractor that conducted the Community Health Needs Assessment (CHNA).

#### Budget

General Funds – 100%

• Two of the part-time fiscal staff (2 PT) are partially grant funded and are included within the appropriate division statistics.

#### Accreditation

- A virtual site visit was conducted on June 13, 2023.
- PHAB has requested additional documentation.

#### 3<sup>rd</sup> Community Health Needs Assessment (CHNA) Update

Executive Summary and entire assessment are located on www.gethealthycarsoncity.org.

### 3<sup>rd</sup> Community Health Improvement Plan

Next step is to draft the plan with the assistance of a contractor. Within the CDC's Public Health Infrastructure grant, an Assessment/Accreditation Coordinator has been approved and will be hired to assist with this project and many other projects involving assessments and accreditation activities.

## CCHHS Strategic Plan

Will be drafted after the Community Health Improvement Plan is completed. Within the CDC's Public Health Infrastructure grant, an Assessment/Accreditation Coordinator is budgeted to assist with this project.

## **Staff Training**

The CCHHS Director and Environmental Health Division Manager attended the National Association of County and City Health Officials (NACCHO) conference, July 10-13 in Denver. There were a record 2,500 attendees, along with virtual attendees. The theme of the conference was "Elevating Public Health Practice for Today and Tomorrow". Plenary sessions, expert-led panel discussions, and breakout sessions focused on "how the local public health workforce and its stakeholders can move forward amid an ongoing crisis while implementing traditional and innovative approaches to protect the health of communities nationwide".

Prior to the conference, the Director attended a State Association of County and City Health Officials (SACCHO) meeting. This meeting had the largest attendance since the SACCHOS started meeting. This meeting allowed for discussions about issues and successes for local public health.