

**Carson City Health and Human Services**  
**Chronic Disease Prevention and Health Promotion Division Report**  
**Advisory Council on the State Program for Wellness and the Prevention of Chronic Disease**

**August 13, 2020**

**New Staff in the Chronic Disease Prevention and Health Promotion**

- Azucena “Suzie” Ledezma Rubio has been hired as the full time Tobacco Coordinator in the Tobacco Control and Prevention Program.
- Toni Orr is now part time as she has taken a position at Carson Valley Medical Center and has been assisting with the COVID-19 response.
- Leah Walters has also joined the Tobacco Control and Prevention Program team as a contract worker.

**Staffing Matrix for Chronic Disease Prevention and Health Promotion - CCHHS**

- Sarah Johnson, FT, and Vicky Chandler, PT, are funded with grants received from Sexual Risk Avoidance Education (SRAE) Program and Personal Responsibility Education Program (PREP) through DPBH.
- Both Suzie Ledezma Rubio and Leah Walters are 100% grant funded from the Tobacco CDC Core grant, Funds for Healthy Nevada grant and SB263.
- Toni Orr is funded by the tobacco grants, along with the Public Health Preparedness COVID-19 grants
- Diabetes Funding – \$13,000/year (MOU from Dignity Health – through DPBH) – Since Celeste Pierini is very involved in the COVID-10 response, Sarah Johnson will be transitioned into this grant starting October 2019, when the SRAE and PREP grants renew.
- Frances Ashley is 100% grant funded through the Ryan White – Retention in Care Project, which is grant funded from the Ryan White HIV/AIDS Program – Part B Program.

**Programming**

**Adolescent Health – Sarah Johnson - FT/Vicky Chandler – PT**

- Staff started presenting classes to WYNRCK on July 13<sup>th</sup> and China Springs in August.
- Starting in August, staff has PREP classes scheduled for the Virginia Middle School Girls.
- Staff during the COVID-19 attended webinars as requested by the State of Nevada’s Program Coordinators.
- Staff contacted previous partners about the option of providing presentation through Zoom and in-person.
- Zoom equipment has been purchased to provide Zoom presentations as needed.
- Staff continue to look at options “outside of the box” to education the youth on abstinence and comprehensive sexual education.

**Diabetes Prevention and Control Program**

- Celeste Pierini is very involved with the COVID-19 response and is one of the lead disease investigators, so she is no longer able to continue working with this program.
- Sarah Johnson will be taking over this program in October. Her current grants with adolescent health will be re-negotiated in September.
- Activities have been deferred due to COVID-19.



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**Ryan White Retention in Care Project – Frances Ashley**

- Received the Ryan White grant for 2020-2022.
- Staff continue to work with the lists provided by the state of individuals out of HIV care. The goal of the Retention in Care Counselor is to contact the individuals, assess the barriers, and work to get the individual back into care.
- Staff participated in CCHHS Performance Management Team which includes Quality Improvement.

**Tobacco Prevention and Control Program – Suzie Ledezma Rubio, Leah Walters, and Toni Orr**

- Staff and Director have spent down the 2019/2020 grants.
- Staff and Director have provided SOWs and budget for all the Tobacco grants.
- RESQ surveyed youth as to their vaping use.
- Staff worked with KPS3 to develop videos for use in the “Do Not Vape” campaign. The “Head in the Clouds” campaign has been developed and will be featured in the near future.
- Staff is actively participating on NTPC general, board and policy groups.

**Other Programming within the Health Department Relating to Chronic Diseases**

**Community Health Worker (CHW) Program – Human Services**

- The second CHW has been assisting with the COVID-19 Call Center as needed.
- The second CHW has been assisting with COVID-19 related requests that have come through the Monitoring section of the COVID-19 response. Various requests have been made and fulfilled.
- The other CHWs continues to be a member of the Carson City’s Forensic Assessment Services Triage Team (FASTT) and recently was able to return to the jail every Tuesday. The CHW inputs information into a database and follows up with individuals released from jail to assist them get their medical and social needs met.
- A presentation was given to the Board of Health on 7/26/20 about the FASTT program and was available to answer questions. This program may not be able to be funded by the Department of Public and Behavioral Health in the future which was communicated to Carson City’s Board of Health.

**Comprehensive Cancer Control Program- Clinical Services**

- The Title X Clinic conducts pap smears, breast exams, and colposcopies. The family planning clinic is open Monday – Wednesday and Friday. Women are also signed up with Women’s Health Connection when eligible.

**Other Health Department News**

- The Health Department continues to prepare for re-accreditation which is due April 2021.



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- The Health Department's Strategic Plan will be taken to a Carson City Board of Supervisors meeting as soon as possible.
- The Community Health Improvement Plan (CHIP) priorities are:
  - Access to Healthcare;
  - Behavioral Health -
    - Affordable Housing/Transitional Housing
      - CCSHARE is a collaboration with the Carson City Courts to provide transition housing for individuals within the Court system
    - Triage
      - An algorithm is in process of being developed and approved
    - Case Management/Discharge Planning
      - Use of CMIS (Case Management Information System – a Human Services database) to input information into concerning services that homeless or potentially homeless are receiving.
      - This database is viewable from Social Services across the state.
    - Youth
      - A chronic absenteeism pilot project was being conducted at an area elementary school
    - Criminal Justice Collaboration
      - CCHARES
    - Public Awareness;
      - A resource card was developed, printed, and distributed. The printing was paid by Partnership Carson City. This card is currently being revised.
  - General Workforce; and
  - Nutrition – Food Insecurity and Access.

Each priority subcommittee continues to work on objectives set by the committee.

An evaluation mechanism is being evaluated to monitor progress on the CHIP objectives.

