

Chronic Disease Prevention and Health Promotion (CDPHP) Section Updates

- CDPHP would like to welcome the following new staff
 - Kayla Samuels, CDPHP Office Manager
 - Oscar Fernandez, Contracted Evaluator
 - Nicole Dutra, MPH Contracted Youth Tobacco Prevention Coordinator
 - Chase Honeycutt, M.S., Contracted Youth Tobacco Prevention Evaluator
 - Taliman Afroz, PhD, Chronic Disease Prevention Evaluator
 - Ciara Picton, Contracted 1815 Program Coordinator
- CDPHP is currently applying for the CDC-RFA-DP21-2109 Community Health Workers for COVID Response and Resilient Communities (CCR) grant opportunity due May 24th in collaboration with the office of Minority Health and Equity and Health Communities Coalition
- Continuing Grant Applications have been submitted for the following grants:
 - Cancer Prevention and Control Programs (Women's Health Connection and Comprehensive Cancer Control)
 - National and State Tobacco Control Programs
 - Well-Integrated Screening and Evaluation for Women Across the Nation (WISEWOMAN)
 - Building our Largest Dementia (BOLD) Infrastructure Capacity
 - Improving the Health of Americans through the Prevention and Management of Diabetes and Heart and Stroke
 - Innovative State and Local Health Strategies to Prevent and Manager Diabetes and Heart Disease and Stroke
- CDPHP partnered with the Grants Management Unit to release the Tobacco Control and Food Security Requests for Applications for Funds for Healthy Nevada. Recommendations will be heard at the Grants Management Advisory Council in April
- CDPHP has collaborated with the Immunization Section and Immunize Nevada to provide messaging regarding the COVID-19 immunization and underlying/ co-morbid health conditions

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BOLD Program

- The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) awarded the *DP20-2004 BOLD (Building our Largest Dementia) infrastructure for Alzheimer's Core Capacity* grant to 11 States, including Nevada. The activities outlined in BOLD are designed to create a uniform national public health infrastructure focusing on issues such as increasing early detection and diagnosis, risk reduction, prevention of avoidable hospitalizations, and supporting dementia caregiving. It is designed to promote the implementation of CDC's [Healthy Brain Initiative State and Local Public Health Partnerships to Address Dementia: The 2018-2023 Road Map](#) and the [Healthy Brain Initiative Road Map for Indian Country](#).
- Nevada began building capacity to address Alzheimer's disease and related dementias (ADRDs) upon grant award and has partnered with the Alzheimer's Association, the

University of Nevada Reno (UNR) Dementia Engagement, Education and Research (DEER) program to begin outlining improvements of Alzheimer's supports across the State.

- The State has established, and the Governor's office has approved a full-time position within the CDPHP to coordinate the statewide efforts related to ADRDs; however, this position is yet to be filled.
- Since the award, the program has made substantial progress in light of an early partnership with the DEER program. The State has been working to build staff capacity to manage the grant, and the UNR DEER partnership has established a framework for providing education to care providers, a compilation of Nevada-specific resources, and established data and surveillance systems. The Nevada ADRD statewide plan was completed by the DHHS Task Force on Alzheimer's Disease earlier this year, and an ADRD-specific module (Module 19) is scheduled for implementation in the BRFSS in the 2021 survey.

Comprehensive Cancer Control Program

- At the close of February, the Nevada Comprehensive Cancer Control Program (NCCCP) submitted the Annual Progress Report/WorkplanYR5/Budgets to CDC as required. Addressing the cancer burden for disparate populations is an integral part of the upcoming workplan to meet identified needs and gaps facing health equity.
- In January, Cancer Preventions Awareness month brought the Cancer Prevention Task Force together. Topics discussed included:
 - Presentation on obesity data for Nevada students. School nurses addressed barriers they face when gathering student's height/weight. Addressed how 2021 Legislative session SB2 could remove collection requirements.
 - Planning for Sun Smart School in person visits to K-12 students as schools reopen.
 - The Nevada Cancer Coalition (NCC) and NCCCP initiated a partnership with Medicaid Managed Care Organizations (MCO) to strategically address evidence-based interventions to increase cancer screening rates for Medicaid MCO beneficiaries.
 - Thrive Nevada's (ThriveNV) website launched on March 1. ThriveNV offers tele-navigation services to rural survivors to provide social and emotional support and assist survivors in accessing resources. With anticipation of the program's expansion, referrals include survivors, caregivers, provider clinics, and community partners.
 - *Improving the Health and Wellness of Cancer Survivors in Rural Communities* pilot project will conclude in April. The project served as an opportunity to magnify health equity efforts for Nevada's rural communities and promote ThriveNV.

WISEWOMAN

- The Division of Public and Behavioral Health (DPBH) was awarded the CDC-RFA-DP18-1816 Well-Integrated Screening and Evaluation for Women Across the Nation (WISEWOMAN) grant in October 2020. Efforts set forth in the grant are to improve cardiovascular health for women by offering screenings, referrals for treatment, and support for lifestyle change among participants. WISEWOMAN focuses on extending health services to the population served by the National Breast and Cervical Early Detection Program, Women's Health Connection (WHC), which include women 40-64 years of age who are low income and uninsured or underinsured.
- Nevada's established infrastructure with the WHC Program allows WISEWOMAN to be integrated with programmatic processes and clinic workflow. Internal partnerships with the Heart Disease and Stroke Prevention Program and Diabetes Prevention and Control Program play an integral role in linking women to lifestyle change programs.
- DPBH is working on building staff capacity to manage the grant. DPBH has recently onboarded a contract position for evaluation. Access to Healthcare Network (AHN) will be administering the activities outlined and a pilot with Northern Nevada HOPES is underway.

Nevada 1815 and 1817 Grants: Heart Disease and Stroke and Diabetes Prevention Programs

- The 1815 Year 4 (FY22) Continuation Grant was submitted to the CDC on March 3, 2021.
- The 1817 Year 4 (FY22) Continuation Grant has been routed to the appropriate individuals and will be submitted to the CDC on April 4, 2021.
- Many Heart Disease and Stroke prevention activities are on hold due to state and local mandates surrounding in-person screening events. Most Diabetes prevention and control programs have continued via virtual technologies (i.e. Zoom, Web-ex, telephonic exchanges, etc.).
- Efforts have continued in filling staff vacancies for both grants. Interviews have occurred and an individual has been identified to fill the Heart Disease and Stroke Coordinator position. There are still two (2) coordinator positions and one (1) evaluator position vacant.

Nevada Obesity Prevention and Control Program (OPCP)

- The OCP was awarded FY21 Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program Education (SNAP-Ed) funding continue promotion and education regarding Nevada Early Childhood Education efforts.
- The 2019 Annual Obesity Report was completed and submitted to the Director's Office
- CDPHP is collaborating with a UNR Intern to conduct research regarding obesity control programming in other states and opportunities for Nevada to expand obesity control efforts in the future

Preventive Health and Health Services Block Grant

- CDPHP is waiting for the Budget Allocation Table to be released by the CDC before work can begin in earnest on the continuing grant application
- Many subgrantee projects have been paused due to limited capacity and the need to focus on pandemic response
- CDPHP has purchased tableau licenses and training to begin data work on data integration and the development of data dissemination tools

Tobacco Control Program (TCP)

- Funds provided for vaping control will end June 29th, 2021. No new funding source has been identified to continue these efforts at this time.
- Updates are being made to the retailer education website <https://responsibletoconv.com>
- TCP partners continue to work with workplaces such as casinos, restaurants, etc. to continue implementing tobacco-free policies post-pandemic response.
- TCP has coordinated two projects with NJH to address racial equity in tobacco cessation and to increase providers' engagement for electronic referrals to NV quitline.

Women's Health Connection (WHC) Program

- WHC is now fully staffed.
- WHC has submitted the Annual Progress Report (APR) for year 4, year 5 workplan, and budget
- The Nevada Cancer Coalition has worked with WHC to establish a Northern and Southern Breast Cancer Collaborative that meets quarterly which serves as great opportunities for collaboration and partnerships.
- WHC holds monthly peer to peer calls with partners and shares ideas/strategies which has been very helpful for partners and for DPBH to better understand processes

- WHC continues to work with Nevada Health Centers, Northern Nevada HOPES, Hope Christian Health Center, Lutheran Social Services of Southern Nevada, and Volunteers in Medicine of Southern Nevada to implement health system changes and community clinical linkages to increase breast and cervical cancer screening services statewide.
- 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, receive funding and care coordination for breast and cervical cancer screening and diagnostic services.
- The following data accounts for state general funds appropriated for screenings services (\$500,000 per biennium) expended through February 2021.
 - 1,056 women screened
 - 12 clinical breast exams
 - 2 abnormal results
 - 1,047 mammograms
 - 235 abnormal results
 - 20 breast cancer cases, including:
 - 5 cases diagnosed Ductal Carcinoma In Situ, and
 - 15 cases of invasive breast cancer.
 - Referrals to treatment:
 - 9 of the patients diagnosed with breast cancer were successfully referred to Medicaid
- 5,357 women have received breast or cervical cancer screening services in FY21 (June 30, 2020 through June 30, 2021) through February 2021 with funding received from the CDC.
 - 3,356 Clinical Breast Exams
 - 1,395 Mammograms
 - 2,936 Pap Tests
 - 187 cases of breast or cervical cancer confirmed
 - 5 cases of ductal carcinoma in situ
 - 32 cases of invasive breast cancer
 - 150 cases of invasive cervical cancers or cases of premalignant cervical lesions

Office of Food Security

- The Office of Food Security has developed a report series on the impact of COVID-19 on local food insecurity in Nevada. The series has been an collaborative efforts with contributions from several cross-sector partners throughout the Nevada food insecurity network and includes projection data, population disparities, linkages between

unemployment and food security, and the response efforts of Nevada's food security network through the pandemic. The final reports will be released summer 2021, including data and updates from March 2020 to February 2021.