Memorandum

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To: Southern Nevada District Board of Health

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RE: **PUBLIC HEALTH & PREVENTIVE CARE BOARD OF HEALTH REPORT – October 2026**

The Public Health and Preventive Care (PPC) Division is dedicated to protecting and promoting the health of our community. Through a range of clinical services, programmatic initiatives, and community outreach efforts, PPC works to prevent disease, support wellness, and ensure access to essential resources for all residents. Our goal is to create a healthier, more equitable community by addressing public health needs with care, collaboration, and evidence-based practices.

I. Immunization Program

A. Immunization Program Activities

1. **Workplace/Community Vaccination and Screening Program:** The Immunization Clinic implemented the Workplace/Community Vaccination and Screening Program on July 7, 2026. The program provides low-cost occupational and community screening services, including QuantiFERON-TB Gold (QFT) and Tuberculin Skin Testing (TST), to support employers, employees, and community members in meeting tuberculosis screening requirements. Services continued throughout the Back-to-School season and remain available at the Main Public Health Center. To date, a total of **90 TSTs and 32 QFT tests** have been completed at the Main Public Health Center. The Mesquite Public Health Center continues to provide TST services to meet community needs, with **7 TSTs completed** to date.
   Since implementation, the program has completed a combined total of **129 tuberculosis screening tests** across both locations, reflecting continued utilization of these services.

2. **Immunization Clinic Services and Operations:** During the reporting period, a total of **1,373 clients** were seen across the Southern Nevada Health District's four public health centers, with **2,634 vaccines administered** to individuals throughout the Southern Nevada community.

   During this period, the clinics experienced a disruption in access to the Healow appointment scheduling system, resulting in a one-day outage across all public health centers. The **Decatur Main Public Health Center experienced a prolonged disruption beginning October 20, 2026, with appointment scheduling access unavailable for a total of seven days.** Despite these operational challenges, clinic staff continued to provide immunization services and accommodate clients to the extent possible, demonstrating their commitment to maintaining essential public health services throughout the disruption.

3. **Same-Day Appointment Accessibility:** The four public health centers (PHCs) continue to accommodate same-day appointments to promote timely access to immunization services and improve accessibility for community members. During the reporting period, a total of **314 same-day appointments** were provided across the four PHCs, representing 23% of total patients served and reflecting the clinics' ongoing commitment to providing flexible and responsive services to meet the needs of the Southern Nevada community.

4. **COVID-19 and Influenza Vaccination Activities**: During the reporting period, a total of 172 COVID-19 vaccines and 600 influenza vaccines were administered across the Southern Nevada Health District's public health centers. COVID-19 vaccination continues to reflect lower utilization compared to influenza vaccination, consistent with national vaccination trends reported by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC). During the 2025–2026 respiratory virus season, national estimates indicated that approximately 46.5% of adults received an influenza vaccine, compared to 17.5% who received an updated COVID-19 vaccine as of February 2026.

   Influenza vaccination activities continue to increase as the 2026–2027 influenza season progresses. The Immunization Program remains committed to maintaining vaccine availability, providing education, and promoting seasonal vaccination, particularly among individuals at increased risk for severe respiratory illness. Continued efforts focus on increasing community awareness, addressing vaccine hesitancy, and encouraging timely vaccination throughout the fall and winter months.

   Reference: Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC). *Respiratory Virus Vaccination Coverage.* National Immunization Survey—Adult COVID Module and influenza vaccination coverage estimates, 2025–2026 respiratory virus season.
   CDC Respiratory Illnesses Data Channel: https://www.cdc.gov/respiratory-viruses/data/vaccination-coverage.html

   Note: National estimates are from the 2025–2026 season and are provided for context; they do not represent finalized 2026–2027 vaccination coverage.

B. Immunization Outreach Activities

1. Immunization outreach clinics in October 2026 - 13 clinics, 432 vaccines were administered to 188 clients. The clinics were held at CCSD Family Support Center, Acceleration Academy, Somerset Academy, Mexican Consulate, ELV Community Center, HELP, Harm Reduction, NLV, Pride festival, Asian Lantern Festival, Chicanos, and Entourage.

II. Community Health Nursing

A. Maternal Child Health

The Maternal Child Health (MCH) Nurse for Lead and Newborn screen received no referrals for elevated blood lead levels and one (1) newborn screen referral in the month of October. There are no new clients. Currently there are seven (7) active clients enrolled in the Lead program.

B. Nurse Family Partnership (NFP)

The Southern Nevada Health District Nurse-Family Partnership (NFP) has 138 active participants. Eighty-five (85) are participating in the Maternal Infant and early Childhood Home Visiting (MIECHV) Program. Thirty (30) are participating through the Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) funding. Both grants are from the Nevada Division of Public and Behavioral Health. October's priorities included building, renewing, and maintaining partnerships, and begin training to expand the ability to enroll and serve an expanded population that includes anyone who is pregnant. They can be enrolled at any point during their pregnancy, and this does not need to be their first baby. Staff are ready to begin enrolling this new population in November.

C. Healthy Start Initiative- Enhanced

The Southern Nevada Health District's Healthy Start (HS) Initiative Program is supported by the Health Resources and Service Administration (HRSA) of the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS). There were ninety-two (92) families served in October 2026. In-person program outreach was conducted at: The Lullaby Connection, Catholic Charities of Southern Nevada, The CARE Complex, The Courtyard Resource Center, The Center, Casa de Luz, Jewish Family Service Agency, Dream Center Las Vegas, CCSD Central Family Support Center, Planned Parenthood, Acelero Learning ZIP

codes: 89106, 89102, and 89107, Life Change Outreach Center, and Three-Square Food Bank. Healthy Start's Community Consortium Meeting was held 10/08/2026 where there were 42 attendees. Our Community Health Worker II (CHW) attended two community events: LVMPD National Night Out: Bob Price Park and Aviation health Fair: Harry Reid Airport. She also hosted a Healthy Start Community Health Fair with all five of Nevada's MCO's attending on 10/09/2026. This event fulfills grant deliverables for our Community Consortium Action Plan. SNHD's Healthy Start welcomed a new CHW to the team on 10/26/2026.

D. Embracing Fatherhood

Embracing Fatherhood (EF) home visiting program continues to support father's and father figures with children 0-3 years in the greater Las Vegas area. Home visits include education, community resources, support and screenings. Currently, there are eight (8) active families enrolled in the program. There were three referrals and one online inquiry, I the month of October. Embracing Fatherhood continues to work on promoting the program throughout the community. Embracing Fatherhood's CHW attended two events in the month of October: Clark County Department of Aviation Health Fair, at Harry Reid Airport and LVMPD National Night Out, at Bob Price Park. He also presented the program at a WIC staff meeting, at Dignity Health-Women's Care & Outreach Center. Other in-person program outreach was conducted at the following locations: Expertise Barber School, Kid's First Neighborhood Childcare, Maeve & Rayne Play Lounge, Desert Gymcats, Gymboree, Kinderland Indoor Play & Café, and My Gym.

III. Sexual Health Outreach and Prevention Program (SHOPP)

A. Express Testing (ET) is a program that conducts testing for sexually transmitted infections (STI's) for asymptomatic patients, without requiring a provider exam. ET completed 221 screening encounters for the month of October. Patients who test positive for STI results are guided to appropriate treatment, primarily to SNHD's Health Center or referred according to patient preference.

B. The **Congenital Syphilis Case Management Program** (CSCMP) is a program to address the high rate of congenital syphilis in the community. The CSCMP nurses, in coordination with perinatal Hep B and HIV programs, continue to meet monthly to plan future targeted education sessions to increase knowledge and awareness of these diseases and available resources. The team is currently serving 38 active clients and provided two community trainings in October.

C. SHOPP houses the **Complex STI Navigation services (C-STIN)** including the **Neurosyphilis Emergent Onsite Navigation (NEON)** program, which provides critical linkage services to patients suspected of neurosyphilis, and **Home Administered Treatment for STI's (HATS),** which delivers STI treatment in the field for patients who are unable to access clinic-based care. One client received navigation services for neurosyphilis in October. SHOPP CHN collaborated with SNHD ODS and immunizations teams to provide Mpox vaccine at two community events in October.

D. SHOPP's **Pathways to Better Health *(*PBH)** program serves pregnant/postpartum mothers and follows until the infant turns one year of age. The Community Health Workers support, educate and provide linkages and referrals with the goal of improving health outcomes during and after pregnancy for both moms and babies. This program has 48 active clients.

IV. Street Medicine (SM) – Introduction of New Program

A. Program Launch & Staffing

The Street and Medicine program continues to deliver essential primary care services directly to unhoused individuals- meeting them where they are, in line with the recognized philosophy of street medicine: going to the people and centering their needs. The APRN and Senior Community Health Nurse conduct primary care visits with the added support of CHWs who focus on engagement and

linkage to identified community resources, including housing, insurance, and psychosocial services. One new CHW and one new CHN joined the team and began orientation. An existing SNHD team CHW has been assigned partial time to support the SM team outreach efforts.

B. Street Medicine team engaged **121** clients by providing resources including education and items related to heat mitigation. SM completed **42** primary care visits in **October.**

C. Community Engagement & Collaboration
The Street Medicine team in collaboration with **Help of Southern Nevada, City of Henderson/ Salvation Army, Whitney Library, Clark Library, Clark County CARE Outreach, Friends Helping Friends at St. Timothy's, and Goodness Gracious Outreach at Sunset Park** to provide primary care to clients at multiple outreach events for the unhoused. The Street Medicine team also attended **City of North Las Vegas ParkTober Pop Up Event** for the second year in a row and began engaging new clients near **Catholic Charities**.

D. Approach & Intent
This primary care initiative embraces a harm-reduction and trauma-informed care model-focused on building trust through consistent outreach, nonjudgemental engagement, and accountability in meeting patients where they are. Community partnerships play an instrumental role in both piloting and scaling the program effectively.

V. Tuberculosis (TB) Clinic

TB clinic has eight (8) new adult TB active cases and zero (0) pediatric cases for the month of October 2026.
Thirty-five (35) clients completed LTBI treatment in the month of October.

VI. Employee Health Nursing – October 2026

A. Employee New Hire and Annual Tuberculosis (TB) testing continues, and annual catchup TB testing is ongoing. Nineteen (19) Tuberculosis tests were completed.

B. Employee New Hire and Annual FIT Testing Medical Evaluations continue. Seventeen (17) medical clearances were completed.

C. Vaccine Administration
1. Employees Total: 139
2. Total vaccines given: 220
    a) Flu/Fluad – 130
    b) COVID-19 – 75
    c) Hepatitis B employee vaccine – 3
    d) Other vaccines - 12

D. New Hire/Onboarding: Two (2) new hires were onboarded.

E. Employee Health Nurse Accomplishments:
1. Three (3) TB/Immunizations confirmations completed.
2. Hosted 4 Flu Clinics at Main
3. Hosted 1 Flu Clinic at SNPHL
4. Updated TB Testing for Workforce members

F. Policies and procedures continue to be reviewed and updated.

VII. PPC Administration

A. Continued integrating Quality Improvement (QI) into all division activities, programs, and services to improve efficiency and service delivery. Improvements include patient scheduling and check-in processes in the electronic health record, validated program reports, improved clinical documentation and data collection for patient care and billing, and more efficient workflows.

B. Continued providing support and collaboration across all departments and divisions through operational coordination, technical assistance, and resource sharing to improve processes and overall departmental operations

Client Encounters by Locations

Location	DECATUR PHC	Bonanza PHC	Henderson PHC	Mesquite PHC	Fremont PHC	UNLV	Homeless Outreach	Other Outreach	School Based Outreach	Mobile Clinic	TOTAL
Immunization Clinics and Outreach	778	312	240	43	0		10	113	65		1,561
Immunization Records Issued and Transcription	105	36	7	4	0						152
QFT/TST Test	122	0	0	7	0						129
SHOPP Express Testing (ET)	147		5	1	22	23	23	0			221
TB Treatment & Control	1,156										1,156
CHN Home Visits ^	268										268
TOTAL	2,576	348	252	55	22	23	33	113	65	0	3,487

^ Data reporting began 7/1/2025

Client Encounters by Program

Program	Oct 2025	Oct 2026		FY 25-26	FY 26-27	
Immunization Clinics and Outreach**	1,876	1,561	↓	11,740	10,148	↓
Immunization Records Issued and Transcription	199	152	↓	1,803	3,392	↑
SHOPP Express Testing	217	221	↑	883	985	↑
TB Treatment & Control	1,401	1,156	↓	6,305	5,058	↓
CHN Home Visits^	282	268	↓	964	1,330	↑
TOTAL	3,975	3,358	↓	21,695	20,913	↓

^ Data reporting began 7/1/2025

Total Client Immunizations Administered by Locations

Location	DECATUR PHC	Bonanza PHC	Henderson PHC	Mesquite PHC	Fremont PHC	UNLV	Homeless Outreach	Other Immunization Outreach	School Based Outreach	Mobile Clinic	TOTAL
Total Immunizations Administered	1,532	648	389	65	0		26	256	150		3,066

*Includes Family centers, School clinics, and Immunization Outreach BTS clinics

**Includes BTS encounters by clinic, outreach, and COVID teams

Total Client Immunizations Administered by Locations

Program	Oct 2025	Oct 2026		FY 25-26	FY 26-27	
Total Immunizations Administered	4,163	3,066	↓	25,856	20,875	↓

Immunization Clinic and Outreach Programs

Immunizations	Oct 2025	Oct 2026		FY 25-26	FY 26-27	
Flu Vaccine Given	735	600	↓	1,035	1,033	↓
COVID Vaccine Given	193	172	↓	309	234	↓
TB Skin Test	10	97	↑	33	284	↑
QFT Test *		32	↑		91	↑
Newborn Screening	0	0	→	2	3	↑
Immunization Record Review and Release Only*	179	143	↓	1,669	1,795	↑
Transcription of Immunization Records Only*	20	9	↓	134	111	↓
Same Day Appts *	287	314	↑	3,345	3,054	↓
Referred to Civil Surgeon for Medical Assessment*	1	0	↓	17	0	↓
Vaccine Counseled **	49	47	↓	278	290	↑

*Started data collection 07/01/2026

**Counseled related to travel or routine vaccinations; no vaccine provided at appointment.

Vaccines for Children (VFC)	Oct 2025	Oct 2026		FY 25-26	FY 26-27	
Number of VFC Compliance Visits	8	11	↑	21	28	↑
Number of IQIP Visits	0	12	↑	0	26	↑
Number of Follow Up Contacts	39	25	↓	39	116	↑
Number of Annual Provider Training	8	11	↑	8	27	↑
Number of State Requested Visits	11	7	↓	11	73	↑

Perinatal Hepatitis B^^	Oct 2025	Oct 2026		FY 25-26	FY 26-27	
# of Newly Identified Pregnant Women		3	↑		11	↑
# of Infants Delivered - Established		1	↑		4	↑
# of Infants Not Previously Identified		0	→		2	↑
# of Closed Infant Cases- Goals Met		2	↑		10	↑

^^*Data reporting started 07/01/2026*

Childcare Program	Oct 2025	Oct 2026		FY 25-26	FY 26-27	
Childcare Audits	12	4	↓	31	18	↓
Baseline Immunization Rate	80%	79%	↓	88%	84%	↓
# of Final Audits	12	4	↓	31	18	↓
Final Immunization Rate	97%	99%	↑	96%	99%	↑
# of Records Reviewed	790	321	↓	1970	1025	↓

Community Health Program

Nursing Field Services	Oct 2025	Oct 2026		FY 25-26	FY 26-27	
MCH Team Home Visit Encounters	1	14	↑	40	41	↑

NFP (Team 1)	Oct 2025	Oct 2026		FY 25-26	FY 26-27	
Referrals	12	5	↓	56	48	↓
Enrolled	10	6	↓	32	39	↑
Active	145	138	↓			

NFP (Expansion Team)**	Oct 2025	Oct 2026		FY 25-26	FY 26-27	
Referrals	0	6	↑	0	31	↑
Enrolled	0	4	↑	0	14	↑
Active	0	30	↑			

Staff recruitment in process 2026

MCH	Oct 2025	Oct 2026		FY 25-26	FY 26-27	
# of Referrals Received	3	6	↑	17	17	→
# from CPS	2	5	↑	10	5	↓
# of Lead Referrals	1	0	↓	5	2	↓
# of Total Admissions	1	4	↑	11	7	↓

Thrive by 0 - 3	Oct 2025	Oct 2026		FY 25-26	FY 26-27	
Referrals	40	22	↓	204	159	↓
One-Time Home Visits	4	0	↓	10	27	↑
Enrolled	1	2	↑	11	11	→
Active	14	6	↓			

Healthy Start	Oct 2025	Oct 2026		FY 25-26	FY 26-27	
Referrals	33	23	↓	121	126	↑
Enrolled	8	11	↑	31	36	↑
Active	84	92	↑			

Embracing Fatherhood	Oct 2025	Oct 2026		FY 25-26	FY 26-27	
Referrals	0	3	↑	8	10	↑
Enrolled	1	0	↑	5	4	↓
Active	14	8	↓			

Tuberculosis Program

Tuberculosis	Oct 2025	Oct 2026		FY 25-26	FY 26-27	
Number of Case Manager Encounters^	132	190	↑	371	650	↑
Number of Unduplicated Clients Seen by a Provider^	48	28	↓	231	129	↓
Number of Clients encounters by TB Clinic Nurse^(duplicated patients)	436	216	↓	1752	1,107	↓
Number of Monthly Electronic Disease Notifications Clinic Clients (Class B)	84	20	↓	423	194	↓
New Active Clients^	5	8	↑	13	24	↑
Number of Clients Receiving LTBI Treatment^	287	176	↓			→
Outreach Activities during the Month - Presentations, Physician Visits, Correctional Visits, etc.	8	1	↓	27	18	↓
Directly Observed Therapy (DOT) Field, clinic and televideo encounters	1,353	722	↓	5,924	3,873	↓

Sexual Health Outreach and Prevention Program (SHOPP)						
SHOPP - Express Testing (Asymptomatic Patients)	**Oct 2025**	**Oct 2026**		**FY 25-26**	**FY 26-27**	
# of Screening encounters	217	221	↑	883	1,025	↑
# of Clients Screened	216	221	↑	882	985	↑
# of Clients with positive STI identified	27	30	↑	89	94	↑
STI Positivity Rate %*	12%	14%	↑	10%	10%	→
SHOPP All CHW Resources/ Linkages	**Oct 2025**	**Oct 2026**		**FY 25-26**	**FY 26-27**	
# of clients referred to Resources	13	11	↓	80	36	↓
# of clients linked to care	13	11	↓	80	36	↓
SHOPP- Congenital Syphilis Case Management Program (CSCMP)	**Oct 2025**	**Oct 2026**		**FY 25-26**	**FY 26-27**	
# of Referrals (pregnant, post-partum, infants)	8	6	↓	30	27	↓
# of Clients enrolled in CM	6	0	↓	19	12	↓
# of Active pregnant/ postpartum clients (current caseload)	40	38	↓			
# of Infants being followed	11	18	↑			
# of Provider/ Community trainings	2	2	→	20	6	↓
SHOPP -Services for Unhoused Patients with Resources and Engagement in core (SURE)	**Oct 2025**	**Oct 2026**		**FY 25-26**	**FY 26-27**	
# of Outreach events	10	11	↑	33	48	↑
SHOPP- Complex STI Navigation	**Oct 2025**	**Oct 2026**		**FY 25-26**	**FY 26-27**	
# of Clients referred	3	1	↓	25	8	↓
# of Clients navigated	3	1	↓	24	7	↓
# of Home administrered treatment of STI (HATS)*	4	0	↓	5	2	↓
Non- cumulative						

*completed by CSCMP

Street Medicine Program						
Street Medicine	**Oct 2025**	**Oct 2026**		**FY 24-25**	**FY 25-26**	
Number of Clients Engaged^		121	↑		595	↑
Number of Primary Care Service Initial Visits^		22	↑		77	↑
Number of Primary Care Service Follow Up Visits^		20	↑		76	↑
Number of Referrals / Linkage to Resources^		58	↑		206	↑

^ No data available; data reporting started 1/1/2026