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TO: Southern Nevada District Board of Health Members

FROM: Joseph Iser, MD, DrPH, MSc, Chief Health Officer

SUBJECT: Chief Health Officer Report

Influenza Update

As of February 2, 2017 the Health District is reporting two deaths related to flu, both in people over the age of 65, and 367 confirmed flu cases in Clark County.

As of this reporting period, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) indicated that flu activity was continuing to increase in the United States. The Health District is reminding the public that it is not too late to receive a vaccine. Vaccination is especially important for those most at risk for complications from the flu. At-risk groups include pregnant women, people with underlying medical conditions, and people who care for infants younger than 6 months and their family members, as they are too young to receive the vaccine and vulnerable to the virus.

Legislative Update

The Health District is working closely with its legislative team to monitor BDRs as language becomes available during the current session. Issues of interest include bills that will potentially impact funding for EMS programs and infrastructure, the independence of the Southern Nevada Public Health Laboratory, the Nevada Clean Indoor Air Act, BMI tracking, the property tax cap, employee-management relations, and others that could have an effect from an operational, programmatic, or community-wide standpoint.

Accreditation Update

Document selection is one of the critical tasks for a public health agency seeking accreditation and Health District staff is actively working on this challenging process. SNHD recently completed the required online training through the e-PHAB system that allows us access to the document submission section of the system. All required documentation is uploaded through this site and will require final authorization prior to submission to the accreditation board.

The Health District has completed its Workforce Development Plan. The Workforce Development Plan is required for the accreditation process and its primary purpose it to ensure the agency's ability to support a sufficient number of well-trained staff members to meet the current and future public health needs of the community. Workforce development planning objectives were defined

in the Health District's 2016-2019 Strategic Plan and used to create this comprehensive plan. The Workforce Development Team, which includes representatives from each division, has developed training opportunities for all staff that will be rolled out later this year.

Community Health Improvement Plan (CHIP) priority group members will provide a progress report on Wednesday, March 15, 9 a.m. – 11 a.m. at the Southern Nevada Health District's 280 S. Decatur location. The CHIP serves as a template for addressing health disparities in Southern Nevada. Attendees are invited to learn more about the CHIP, and find out how they can be a part of this community collaboration.

Community Meetings

- Participated in the Public Health Commission meeting
- Participated in the Health Officers Association of California Board meeting
- Met with students at the annual Clark County School District Shadow Day event
- Participated in Desert Meadows Area Health Education Committee meeting
- Participated in Nevada Health Authority conference calls
- Participated in Nevada Public Health Association Advocacy meeting
- Participated in NACCHO Board Updates meeting
- Participated in Nevada Association of Local Health Officers meeting
- Met with Julia Peek, Nevada State Health Division, to discuss UNR Forecasting Project
- Meet with Gretchen Musicant, Minneapolis Public Health Director
- Participated in Board of Trustees and Past President meeting
- Participated in Nevada Public Health Association Advocacy and Policy meeting
- Met with Marcy Henson, Director, Air Quality Management, regarding issues related to SNHD
- Participated in NACCHO Board fact finding investigation meeting
- Met with Sandhya Wahi-Gururag, MD, MPH, UNSOM regarding direction of student rotations
- Participated in Clark County Medical Society Community Health & Public Relations (CHPR) Committee meeting