



**DATE:** November 16, 2017

**TO:** Southern Nevada District Board of Health Members

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

**SUBJECT:** Chief Health Officer Report

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### Influenza Update

The Southern Nevada Health District began offering influenza vaccine to the public in September and continues to encourage everyone 6-months and older to get vaccinated. The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) estimates that flu vaccinations prevented 71,000 flu hospitalizations during the 2015-16 influenza season and that it will prevent 2.5 million flu-related medical visits and 5 million illnesses during this season.

As of week 43 of the current season (Oct. 28, 2017), there have been 13 cases reported to the Health District, with six of those being hospitalized. No deaths have been reported. The CDC is reporting that seasonal flu activity remains low overall in the United States. Up to date local flu information is available on the Health District's website at [www.southernnevadahealthdistrict.org/stats-reports/influenza-surveillance.php](http://www.southernnevadahealthdistrict.org/stats-reports/influenza-surveillance.php).

### Accreditation Update

The Mobile Health Collaborative held its second event on October 20 at Whitney Recreation Center. Partners included Health Plan of Nevada, Touro University, Three Square, UNLV, the Mexican Consulate/Ventanillas de Salud, and Dignity Health. Services offered at the event ranged from primary care, behavioral health and addiction information, immunizations, dental and vision screenings, Medicaid enrollment assistance, and housing information. More than 200 families received services at the event. The Mobile Health Collaborative is a direct result of the Community Health Improvement Plan's Access to Healthcare priority group, a key piece of the accreditation process.

Tamara Bannan has been selected as the Accreditation Consultant for the Health District. Ms. Bannan was the Accreditation Coordinator for San Diego County from 2009 to 2015 and continues to provide technical assistance to other health departments on the topic of public health accreditation. Also, she has served as a Public Health Accreditation Board site visitor. Ms. Bannan will work with Health District staff and its accreditation team to prepare for the submission of appropriate documents. Ms. Bannan will also review the process that the Health District is using as part of its accreditation efforts to help the Health District successfully achieve Public Health Accreditation. In her role as

Accreditation Consultant, she will provide the Health District with an action plan, if necessary, as the February 2018 submission date nears.

## **Community Meetings**

### Week of October 23

- Participated in the Big City Health Coalition conference call
- Met with Joey Smith, Public Health County Director, Montgomery County Health Department as a mentor
- Participated in Webinar: TB Vaccine Development: Where Are We and What Needs to be Done?, sponsored by the Southeastern National Tuberculosis Center
- Provided interview to Las Vegas Business Press regarding October 1 Mass Casualty Incident
- Participated in NACCHO Nominations Committee meeting

### Week of October 16

- Participated in the Big City Health Coalition conference call
- Participated in the Trauma Needs Assessment meeting
- Participated in the Regional Trauma Needs Assessment meeting
- Participated in the Regional Trauma Advisory Board meeting
- Met with Dr. Tracey Green, CMO, Aetna to discuss future collaborative efforts
- Participated in quarterly meeting with Clark County School District staff to discuss future and collaborative issues and current events

### Week of October 9

- Attended meeting sponsored by Jessica Conner, Health Facilities Inspector, DPBH, to discuss the logistics of making CPOs reportable statewide
- Participated in National Health and Nutrition Examination Survey (NHANES), Clark County, NV
- Met with Mike Pawlak, Clark County Social Services, to discuss current and future collaborative efforts
- Met with Ashlie Bloom, Touro University, to spearhead student leadership on the Immunization Roundtable
- Participated in Big Cities Health Coalition (BCHC) 2017 Monthly Call

### Week of October 2

- Established District presence in the Multi-Agency Coordination Center (MACC) and Joint Information Center (JIC) to assist with mass casualty incident (MCI) that occurred on October 1.
- Participated in Nevada Public Health Institute teleconference
- Held All Hands meetings to update staff on the District's role and efforts related to the MCI and offer resources if needed.
- Participated in Health Officers Association of California Board meeting
- Participated in Nevada Health Authority Conference Call