

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 – December 2025

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 health 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. PPC Administrative Updates

- A. The expanded use of the electronic health record system (eClinicalWorks) has improved patient access to online self-scheduling.
- B. Nurse Family Partnership TANF received a subgrant.
- C. The Division achieved most of the goals and objectives outlined in this year's PPC Strategic Plan, with two objectives continuing through mid-2026 for continuity.

II. Immunization Program

A. Immunization Program Activities

- 1. The Immunization Clinics have consistently provided vaccines in accordance with the guidelines set forth by the Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices (ACIP). During the reporting period, a total of 1,387 clients were seen across the four public health centers. In total, 2,969 vaccines were administered to individuals in the Southern Nevada community.
- 2. The four public health centers have successfully maintained the capacity to accommodate same-day appointments. A total of 140 same-day appointments were provided across the centers during this reporting period.
- 3. There have been recent updates and recommendations regarding the MMR vaccine issued by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) and the Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices (ACIP). In alignment with these guidelines, SNHD continues to follow CDC and ACIP recommendations and has made accommodations to administer the MMRV vaccine as separate antigens—MMR and varicella.

The CDC recommends two doses of a measles-containing vaccine for children, with the first dose administered at 12 through 15 months of age and the second dose at 4 through 6 years of age, prior to school entry. These doses may be administered as either the MMR or MMRV vaccine. The second dose of the MMR vaccine may be given earlier than 4 through 6 years, provided it is administered at least 28 days after the first dose. A second dose of the MMRV vaccine may be administered three months after the first dose, up to 12 years of age.

For children aged 12–47 months, the CDC recommends administering separate MMR and varicella vaccines for the first dose; however, MMRV may be used if a parent or caregiver expresses a preference.

B. Immunization Outreach Activities

1. Immunization outreach clinics in December - 8 clinics, 293 vaccines were administered to 128 clients. The clinics were held at CCSD Family Support Center, Mater Academy, Mexican Consulate, Harm Reduction, and Mpox clinics.

III. Community Health Nursing

A. Maternal Child Health

The Maternal Child Health (MCH) nurse received no newborn screening or lead referrals in the month of December. There are currently 10 active clients enrolled in the lead program. The MCH Nurse started on December 29th and is orienting to his new role.

B. Nurse Family Partnership (NFP)

The Southern Nevada Health District Nurse-Family Partnership (NFP) is an evidence-based community health nursing program that provides services to pregnant first-time mothers across the nation including Las Vegas. There are 129 families currently participating in the program. Sixty-two of those are enrolled in the Maternal, Infant and Early Childhood Home Visiting (MIECHV) Program, a grant from the Nevada Division of Public and Behavioral Health. In December, the team completed 139 in-person home visits, and five families completed the program. Nurses provide education, support, and resources during each visit to improve pregnancy outcomes, growth and development of children and economic self-sufficiency of the families.

C. Healthy Start Initiative- Enhanced

The Southern Nevada Health District's Healthy Start 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 85 families served in December. In-person program outreach was conducted at the Family First Fridays at West Henderson Hospital and a community Baby Shower at the Anthem Wellness Center and at 9 Department of Welfare and Supportive Services (DWSS) locations. The program participated in community events and outreach opportunities to recruit both qualified community members into the program and community partners who want to be part of our consortium.

D. Embracing Fatherhood

Embracing Fatherhood of Southern Nevada (EFSN) had a new family enroll into the program for the month of December. There is a total of 12 active families in the Embracing Fatherhood home visiting program. Our CHW was able to provide extra support to families in need in the month of December, by providing a Food Donation Box from Three Square, food donations provided by the Community Health Nurse (CHN) staff, and holiday gifts from Lullaby Connection.

IV. Sexual Health Outreach and Prevention Program (SHOPP)

- A. Express Testing (ET) is a program that conducts testing for sexually transmitted infections (STI's) without a provider exam for asymptomatic patients. ET provided 205 screening encounters for the month of December.
- 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 42 active clients and completed 2 educational community events.

- C. SHOPP houses Complex STI navigation services, including Neurosyphilis Emergent Onsite Navigation (NEON) program which aims to provide critical linkage services to patients suspected of neurosyphilis. There were no new referrals for complex STI services. The team was able to follow up with three previous clients to provide linkage to needed resources including accessing healthcare insurance coverage and CSCM services.
- D. The SHOPP *Rapid PREVENT* program has a total of 10 enrolled clients. CHW's for this initiative work collaboratively with Express Testing to assess and provide linkage to care services and community resources.
- E. 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 now has a total of 42 active clients.

V. 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 Nurses conduct primary care visits. The program receives support from a Nurse supervisor. Two CHW's were recruited and hired to further expand the SM team and allow more focus on linkage to a medical home and psychosocial services.
- B. Community Engagement & Collaboration
The Street Medicine team in collaboration with Help of Southern Nevada and Shine A Light provided primary care to clients at multiple outreach events for the unhoused. In addition, the Street Medicine team met with the Henderson Homeless Response Team, Nevada Health Centers, and Henderson Family Health Center for introductions and discussion of collaborative efforts for providing services. The Street Medicine Team provided primary care services in collaboration with the Henderson Homeless Response Team.
- C. Approach & Intent
This primary care initiative embraces a harm-reduction and trauma-informed care model—focused on building trust through consistent outreach, nonjudgmental engagement, and accountability in meeting patients where they are. Community partnerships will play an instrumental role in both piloting and scaling the program effectively.
- D. Street Medicine completed 25 primary care visits in December.

VI. Tuberculosis (TB) Clinic

TB clinic has four (4) new adult TB active cases and zero (0) pediatric cases for the month of December 2025. Total of TB active cases for the year 2025 is fifty-two (52).

VII. Employee Health Nursing – December 2025

- A. There were zero (0) SNHD employees who tested positive for COVID-19. Zero (0) PCR tests were conducted. Zero (0) tests from outside entities.

- B. Employee New Hire and Annual Tuberculosis (TB) testing continues, and annual catch-up TB testing is ongoing. Ten (10) Tuberculosis tests were completed.
- C. Employee New Hire and Annual FIT Testing Medical Evaluations continue. Seven (7) medical clearances were completed.
- D. Vaccine Clinics
 - 1. December 1 – December 31, 2025
 - 2. Employees Total: 16 employees
 - a) 5 COVID-19 Updated booster.
 - b) 10 Influenza Vaccine
 - c) 6 other vaccines
 - d) 2 Hepatitis B vaccines- Immz Policy
 - 3. Total Vaccines Given: 23
- E. New Hire/Onboarding: One (1) new hire was onboarded
- F. Employee Health Nurse Accomplishments:
 - 1. Initiated BBP SOP which is in progress.
 - 2. Updated TB testing of workforce members is in progress.
 - 3. Updated TB education for SNHD Workforce members is in progress.
 - 4. Hosted annual flu clinic.
- G. Policies and procedures continue to be reviewed and updated.

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	874	280	196	37	0		4	55	69		1,515
Immunization Records Issued and Transcription	72	20	7	5	0						104
SHOPP Express Testing (ET)	148		5	0	16	22	14	0			205
TB Treatment & Control	1,097										1,097
CHN Home Visits ^	285										1,536
TOTAL	2,476	300	208	42	16	22	18	55	69		4,457

^ Data reporting began 7/1/2025

Client Encounters by Program						
Program	Dec 2024	Dec 2025		FY 24-25	FY 25-26	
Immunization Clinics and Outreach**	2,173	1,515	↓	18,878	14,239	↓
Immunization Records Issued and Transcription	221	104	↓	2,592	2,017	↓
SHOPP Express Testing	205	205	→	1,489	1,227	↓
TB Treatment & Control	1,453	1,097	↓	9,007	8,353	↓
CHN Home Visits^		285	↑		1,536	↑
TOTAL	4,052	3,206	↓	31,966	27,372	↓

^ 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 ***	1,916	683	341	29	0		10	88	175		3,242
*Includes Family centers, School clinics, and Immunization Outreach BTS clinics											
**Includes BTS encounters by clinic, outreach, and COVID teams											
*** New category added 07/01/2024											

Total Client Immunizations Administered by Locations						
Program	Dec 2024	Dec 2025		FY 24-25	FY 25-26	
Total Immunizations Administered ***	7,011	3,242	↓	44,419	31,229	↓

Immunization Clinic and Outreach Programs

Immunizations	Dec 2024	Dec 2025		FY 24-25	FY 25-26	
Flu Vaccine Given	885	499	↓	5,365	2,063	↓
COVID Vaccine Given	529	112	↓	2,107	534	↓
TB Skin Test *		13	↑		50	↑
Newborn Screening	0	3	↑	0	4	↑
Immunization Record Review and Release Only*		92	↑		1,858	↑
Transcription of Immunization Records Only*		12	↑		159	↑
Same Day Appts *		140	↑		3,653	↑
Referred to Civil Surgeon for Medical Assessment*		1	↑		26	↑
Vaccine Counseled **		30	↑		327	↑

*Started data collection 07/01/2025

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

Vaccines for Children (VFC)	Dec 2024	Dec 2025		FY 24-25	FY 25-26	
Number of VFC Compliance Visits	7	6	↓	34	34	→
Number of IQIP Visits	0	1	↑	0	3	↑
Number of Follow Up Contacts	37	12	↓	161	176	↑
Number of Annual Provider Training	7	6	↓	39	32	↓
Number of State Requested Visits	14	13	↓	105	70	↓

Perinatal Hepatitis B	Dec 2024	Dec 2025		FY 24-25	FY 25-26	
# of Expectant Women	11	13	↑	13	11	↓
# of Infants	69	51	↓	65	53	↓
Total # of Infants Delivered	0	3	↑	20	17	↓
New Cases	5	6	↑	23	23	→
Closed Cases	1	1	→	41	26	↓

Childcare Program	Dec 2024	Dec 2025		FY 24-25	FY 25-26	
Childcare Audits	6	5	↓	31	41	↑
Baseline Immunization Rate	75%	71%	↓	81%	83%	↑
# of Final Audits	6	5	↓	31	41	↑
Final Immunization Rate	89%	98%	↑	93%	96%	↑
# of Records Reviewed	890	396	↓	2991	2938	↓

Nursing Field Services	Dec 2024	Dec 2025		FY 24-25	FY 25-26	
MCH Team Home Visit Encounters	9	21	↑	82	78	↓
NFP (Team 1)	Dec 2024	Dec 2025		FY 24-25	FY 25-26	
Referrals	15	9	↓	87	76	↓
Enrolled	7	4	↓	38	43	↑
Active	107	129	↑			
NFP (Expansion Team)**	Dec 2024	Dec 2025		FY 24-25	FY 25-26	
Referrals	0	0	→	22	0	↓
Enrolled	1	0	↓	13	0	↓
Active	54	0	↓			
** Pending receipt of NOA**						
MCH	Dec 2024	Dec 2025		FY 24-25	FY 25-26	
# of Referrals Received	6	7	↑	27	32	↑
# from CPS	5	7	↑	19	22	↑
# of Lead Referrals	0	0	→	6	6	→
# of Total Admissions	4	5	↑	24	22	↓
Thrive by 0 - 3	Dec 2024	Dec 2025		FY 24-25	FY 25-26	
Referrals	43	39	↓	216	289	↑
One-Time Home Visits	7	1	↓	24	39	↑
Enrolled	3	1	↓	18	13	↓
Active	26	10	↓			
Healthy Start**	Dec 2024	Dec 2025		FY 24-25	FY 25-26	
Referrals	9	30	↑	88	177	↑
Enrolled	6	5	↓	35	41	↑
Active	43	80	↑			
Embracing Fatherhood***	Dec 2024	Dec 2025		FY 24-25	FY 25-26	
Referrals ***	n/a	0		n/a	9	↓
Enrolled ***	n/a	1		n/a	6	↓
Active	n/a	12				

***New program as of 1/2025

Tuberculosis Program

Tuberculosis	Dec 2024	Dec 2025		FY 24-25	FY 25-26	
Number of Case Manager Encounters^		85	↑		519	↑
Number of Unduplicated Clients Seen by a Provider^		62	↑		346	↑
Number of Clients encounters by TB Clinic Nurse^(duplicated patients)		365	↑		2480	↑
Number of Monthly Electronic Disease Notifications Clinic Clients (Class B)	51	90	↑	408	447	↑
New Active Clients^		4	↑		20	↑
Number of Clients Receiving LTBI Treatment^		253	↑		1647	↑
Outreach Activities during the Month - Presentations, Physician Visits, Correctional Visits, etc.	5	7	↑	34	40	↑
Directly Observed Therapy (DOT) Field, clinic and televideo encounters	1,229	1,097	↓	7,818	7,919	↑

^ No data available; data reporting started 7/1/2025

Sexual Health Outreach and Prevention Program (SHOPP)

SHOPP - Express Testing (Asymptomatic Patients)	Dec 2024	Dec 2025		FY 24-25	FY 25-26	
# of Screening encounters	190	205	↑	1,328	1,027	↓
# of Clients Screened	189	204	↑	1,325	1,025	↓
# of Clients with positive STI identified	19	18	↓	120	118	↓
STI Positivity Rate*		9	↑		11	↑
SHOPP All CHW Linkages	Dec 2024	Dec 2025		FY 24-25	FY 25-26	
# of clients referred to Linkage	16	12	↓	121	99	↓
# of clients linked to care	16	12	↓	117	99	↓
SHOPP- Congenital Syphilis Case Management Program (CSCMP)	Dec 2024	Dec 2025		FY 24-25	FY 25-26	
# of Referrals (pregnant, post-partum, infants)	6	10	↑	51	45	↓
# of Clients enrolled in CM	3	6	↑	34	28	↓
# of Active pregnant/ postpartum clients	42	42	→			
# of Infants being followed	24	14	↓			
# of Provider/ Community trainings	3	0	↓	19	23	↑
SHOPP -Services for Unhoused Patients with Resources and Engagement in core (SURE)	Dec 2024	Dec 2025		FY 24-25	FY 25-26	
# of Outreach events	6	3	↓	30	40	↑
SHOPP- Complex STI Navigation	Dec 2024	Dec 2025		FY 24-25	FY 25-26	
# of Clients referred	3	4	↑	27	35	↑
# of Clients navigated	3	1	↓	26	28	↑
# of Home administered treatment of STI (HATS)*		0	→		9	↑

*No data available; data reporting started 7-1-2025

Non- cumulative

December 31, 2025

Dear Leadership Team,

I am writing to formally recognize and express my sincere appreciation for Daniel Ames, our Embracing Fatherhood Community Health Worker with the Southern Nevada Health District, whose support has been nothing short of exceptional for my husband and me during a very important chapter of our lives.

As first-time parents welcoming our daughter, we entered this process with both excitement and uncertainty. As a same-sex couple, we were especially mindful of how our family would be supported and understood within public health systems. From our very first interaction, Daniel created a space that felt welcoming, respectful, and affirming. His professionalism, compassion, and knowledge immediately put us at ease.

Daniel consistently went above and beyond to ensure we understood available resources, next steps, and timelines. He never made us feel rushed or overlooked. Instead, he took the time to explain processes clearly, answer questions thoroughly, and follow up when needed. His guidance helped us navigate what could have been an overwhelming experience with confidence and peace of mind.

What stood out most was Daniel's genuine care. He treated our family with dignity and respect, recognized the uniqueness of our situation, and ensured we felt supported every step of the way. His approach embodies the true mission of community health work — meeting people where they are, removing barriers, and empowering families through education and advocacy.

Because of Daniel, our experience with the Southern Nevada Health District was not just positive — it was memorable and deeply meaningful. He represents the very best of public service, and I truly believe his dedication and impact deserve recognition.

Please extend our heartfelt thanks to Daniel and consider this email a strong endorsement of his outstanding work and commitment to the community.

With sincere appreciation,

[REDACTED]