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TO: Southern Nevada District Board of Health Members

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SUBJECT: District Health Officer Report

Accreditation Update

The Southern Nevada Health District's ten-member accreditation team continues to meet weekly to advance the agency's accreditation goals. In addition to completing four training modules orienting them to Public Health Accreditation Board (PHAB) required activities, accomplishments include:

- Utilizing project management software to develop a timeline for the health district's PHAB implementation.
- Assembling a number of documents on accreditation and quality improvement as a resource library.
- Training on quality improvement and drafting a quality improvement baseline survey that is under review by the health district leadership team.
- Working on a communication plan to introduce the concepts of accreditation and quality improvement to all staff of the health district.
- Developing a team SNHD website for accreditation and quality improvement.

Legislative Meeting and Laboratory Tour

In ongoing efforts to educate elected officials about public health and the operations of the Southern Nevada Health District, several local legislators have been invited to a meeting at the health district and a tour of the Southern Nevada Public Health Laboratory. The tour of the facility will highlight the importance of the laboratory as a public health resource in the community, including the agency's surveillance and response capabilities during outbreaks and ability to identify public health hazards.

Legislative Planning

The health district leadership team and staff members have been working to develop a preliminary legislative agenda for the agency, including identifying legislative priorities. The health district also interviewed government affairs consultants who would represent the agency during the upcoming legislative session.

NACCHO Annual 2014

The theme of NACCHO (National Association of County and City Health Officials) 2014 was The New Era of Public Health: Science, Innovation, and Policy. It was an opportunity for local health officials to address local public health issues. Session topics included health impact assessment training, transitioning to third-party billing, accreditation, quality improvement and the impacts of the Affordable Care Act on local health departments.