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

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**SUBJECT:** Chief Health Officer Report

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### **Influenza Update**

As of April 10, 2017 the Southern Nevada Health District is reporting nine deaths related to flu, seven in people over the age of 65, one in a person in the 50-64 age group, and one in a person in the 25-49 age group. There have been 570 confirmed flu cases in Clark County as of this date. Last year at this time there were 32 reported deaths related to the flu, two in children under the age of 4, one in the 5-24 age group, nine in the 25-49 age group, nine in the 50- 64 age group, and 11 in the 65+ age group. There were a total of 576 total cases reported for the same time period.

Influenza A has been the most dominant type circulating in Clark County, accounting for 81.2 percent of the reported cases. Influenza B has accounted for approximately 13 percent of the local cases. The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) is reporting that influenza season has peaked; however, flu activity remains elevated throughout the United States and is expected to continue for several weeks.

### **2016 Clark County Antibigram**

The Health District completed the 2016 Clark County Antibigram as a reference tool for local health care providers when prescribing antimicrobial medications. The county-wide antibiogram represents data from eight hospital laboratories and one commercial laboratory in Clark County. Participating laboratories reported antibiotic susceptibility testing results to the Health District between January 1 and December 31, 2016. Only bacterial isolates collected for diagnostic purposes, and only final, verified test results from the first isolate per person were included. Additionally, only organisms with testing data for  $\geq 30$  isolates are included in the antibiogram. The antibiogram summarizes the antibiotic resistance patterns among the most common microorganisms detected in Clark County in 2016. The antibiogram is available on Health District website at [www.southernnevadahealthdistrict.org/stats-reports/antibiogram/#/2016](http://www.southernnevadahealthdistrict.org/stats-reports/antibiogram/#/2016).

### **Legislative Update**

The Health District continues to work with Senator Mark Manendo on Senate Bill 151, the bill that would allow the Southern Nevada Public Health Laboratory to function as an independent laboratory to better serve the needs of the community. During the initial hearing, the draft

legislation was well received by committee members, and it was stressed that passage of the bill would not impact the operations or funding of the Nevada Public Health Laboratory in Northern Nevada. Staff and the Health District lobbying team continue to communicate with legislators on the importance of the bill to Southern Nevada and provide information regarding funding to demonstrate there will be no impact to laboratory operations in Northern Nevada.

Follow-up testimony was provided in support of Senate Bill 122. This is the bill that requires the state to establish a program to award grants to local governmental entities and nonprofits to provide family planning services.

As expected, Senator Joyce Woodhouse did introduce legislation related to the trauma system. Unfortunately, it was introduced as an interim study. Senate Concurrent Resolution 3 “directs the Legislative Commission to conduct an interim study concerning a standardized system for the collection of information concerning the treatment of trauma.” The Health District appreciates Senator Woodhouse’s ongoing support, and continues to look for alternative means of funding for the trauma registry and trauma system.

### **National Infant Immunization Week**

The Health District is partnering with ImmunizeNevada, Junior League of Las Vegas, and Health Plan of Nevada to commemorate National Infant Immunization Week (NIIW) with its annual immunization and health fair. This year’s Community Baby Bash will take place on Friday, April 28, from noon – 4:30 p.m. at the Health District’s location at 280 S. Decatur Blvd. The event will feature no cost shots for eligible children, community partners will offer dental and vision screenings for children, family resource information, and more. More information is available on the Health District’s website: [www.southernnevadahealthdistrict.org/niiw/index.php](http://www.southernnevadahealthdistrict.org/niiw/index.php).

### **Community Meetings**

#### **Week of April 3**

- Met with Roseman University staff regarding future academic collaborations
- Participated in the Nevada State Medical Association Legislative Core Group meeting
- Facilitated annual County Health Rankings meeting
- Participated in Nevada Public Health Association Advocacy meeting
- Participated in weekly Consumer Safety, Education, and Health Working Group of the Governor’s Task Force for the Regulation and Taxation of Marijuana Act teleconference
- Participated in teleconference organized by Catherine O’Mara to discuss AB474 (Opioid bill)

#### **Week of March 20**

- Met with NSMA Legislative Core Group of Reno and Las Vegas
- Participated in Clark County Medical Society Board of Trustees meeting
- Met with Councilwoman Lois Tarkanian regarding issues related to SNHD
- Met with Audrey Sandusky, National Family Planning and Reproductive Health Association, regarding potentially becoming a spokesperson to talk about the impact of bad policy on the Title X network in Nevada
- Participated in Nevada Association of Local Health Officers (NALHO) Meeting
- Provided interview for National Public Health Week

- Participated in 2017 Population Health Conference Committee Meeting
- Participated in forum – Marijuana: The latest Scientific Findings and Legalization
- Participated in Nevada Public Health Association Advocacy meeting
- Interviewed with Media (World TB Day)
- Participated in the Consumer Safety, Education, and Health Working Group of the Governor’s Task Force for the Regulation and Taxation of Marijuana Act meeting

#### Week of March 13

- Met with NSMA Legislative Core Group of Reno and Las Vegas
- Touro Ribbon Cutting – Henderson Clinic
- Participated in Nevada State Medical Association Public Health Commission meeting
- Met with new BOH member, Council Don Stewart, City of Henderson
- Participated in Nevada Colon Cancer Roundtable Next Steps to 80% x 2018
- Participated in Nevada Public Health Association meeting
- Met with DPBH regarding Trauma Registry

#### Week of March 6

- Met with HCA staff regarding Antibiotogram Data Retrieval
- Teleconferenced with State Division of Public and Behavioral Health and LHA Leadership on Funding Formula for the upcoming Budget Period 1 for the HPP/ PHEP Cooperative Agreement
- Presented “Zika Virus Now & in the Future” and “Arbovirus” at the Western Veterinary Annual Conference
- Went to legislative session in Carson City to support SB151 and SB122
- Made video for World TB Day
- Participated in Nevada Public Health Association Advocacy meeting
- Participated in Nevada State Regulatory Board of Health meeting
- Met with CDC regarding laboratory equipment
- Met with DHS regarding laboratory equipment