

**City of Carson City
Agenda Report**

Date Submitted: March 3, 2012

Agenda Date Requested: March 15, 2012

Time Requested: 10 Minutes

To: Carson City Board of Health

From: Health & Human Services (Marena Works)

Subject Title: For Possible Action: Report, discussion and possible direction to staff regarding the Director's report on Carson City Health and Human Services (CCHHS) activities.

Staff Summary: Provide an update on CCHHS. This is an opportunity to inform the Board of Health of current activities, programs and services within CCHHS.

Type of Action Requested: (check one)

Resolution

Ordinance

Formal Action/Motion

Other (Specify) Information Only

Does This Action Require A Business Impact Statement: Yes No

Recommended Board Action: I move to accept the Director's report and give direction to staff on CCHHS activities.

Explanation for Recommended Board Action: Items may be brought up in the report that the Board may want to take action on to give staff direction.

Applicable Statute, Code, Policy, Rule or Regulation: N/A

Fiscal Impact: N/A

Explanation of Impact: N/A

Funding Source: N/A

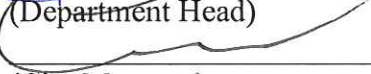
Alternatives:

Supporting Material: Active Strategy Board of Health Briefing Book


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Reviewed By: 
(Department Head)

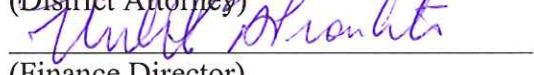
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(City Manager)

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(District Attorney)

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(Finance Director)

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Board Action Taken:

Motion: _____

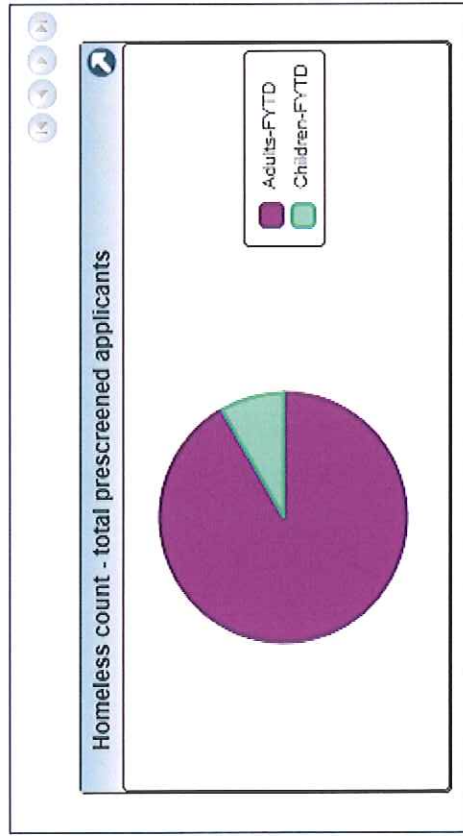
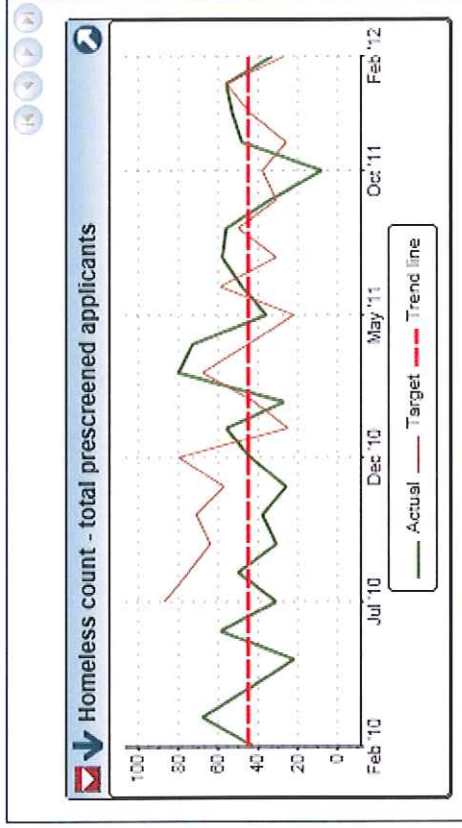
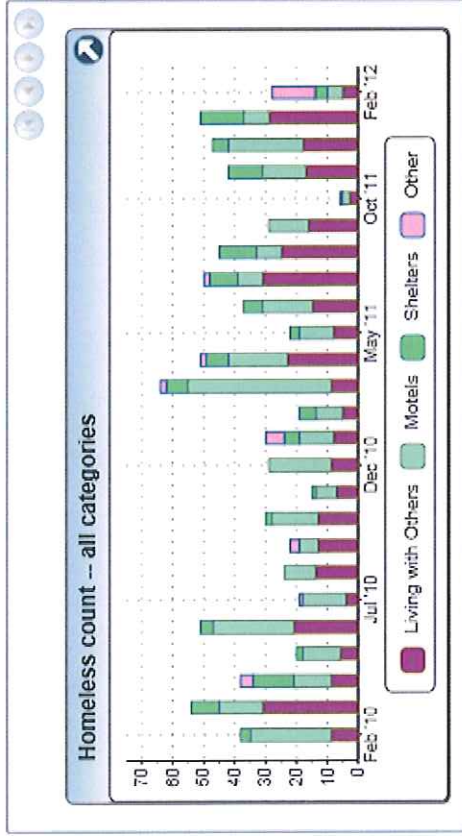
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Aye/Nay

(Vote Recorded By)

Human Services

As people come to the Human Services Division to apply for assistance, they are asked questions regarding their housing status. The result of this information gathered at this "prescreen" is presented below.

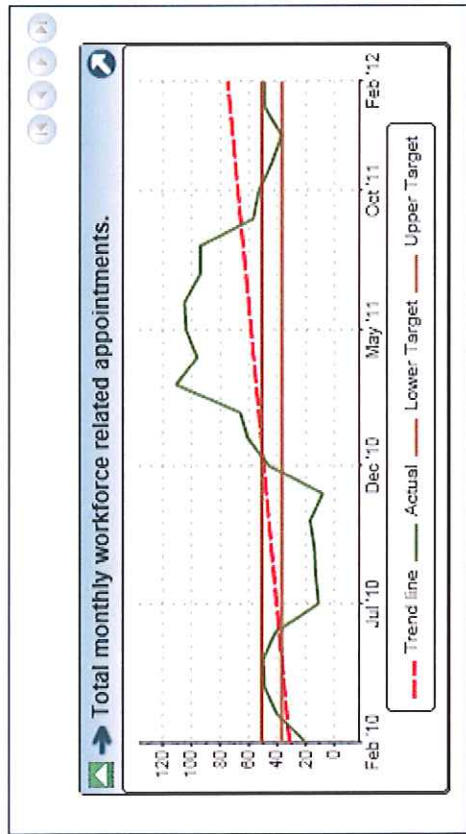
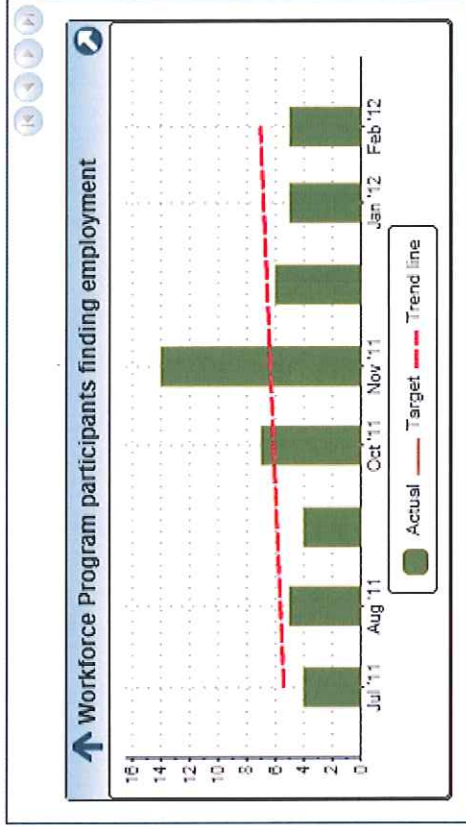
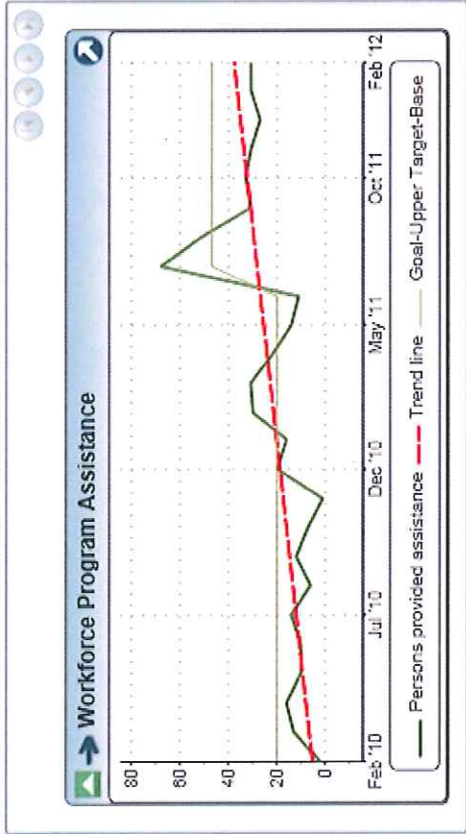


While this is not a complete homeless count for the community, tracking the information over time will tell us whether homelessness is increasing or decreasing in the area.



Human Services

The Workforce Assistance program is designed to assist clients find regular employment. Clients are coached in interview techniques, completing an application/resume and searching for a job. This program continues to grow as the emphasis in the Human Service Division has moved toward helping clients become self sufficient and away from short term emergency assistance.

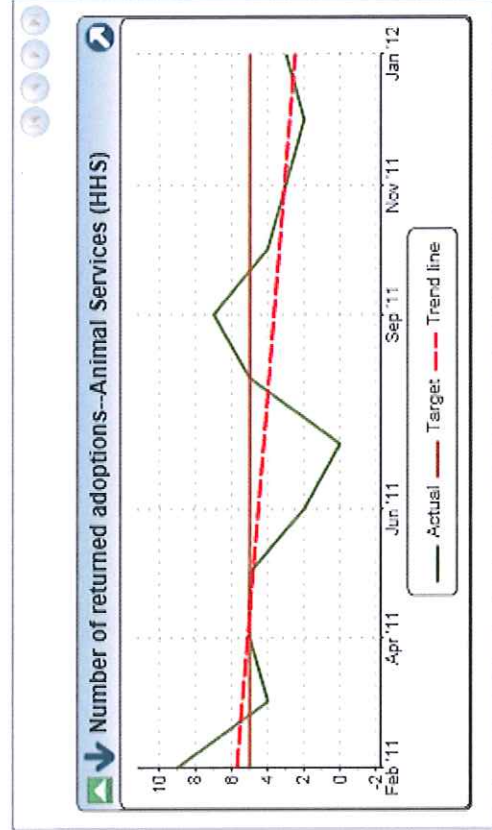
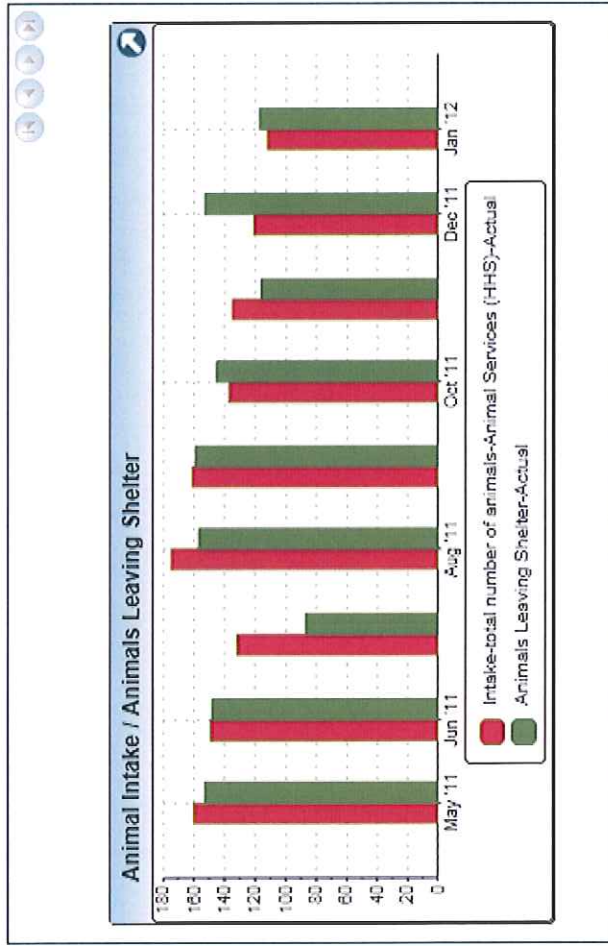
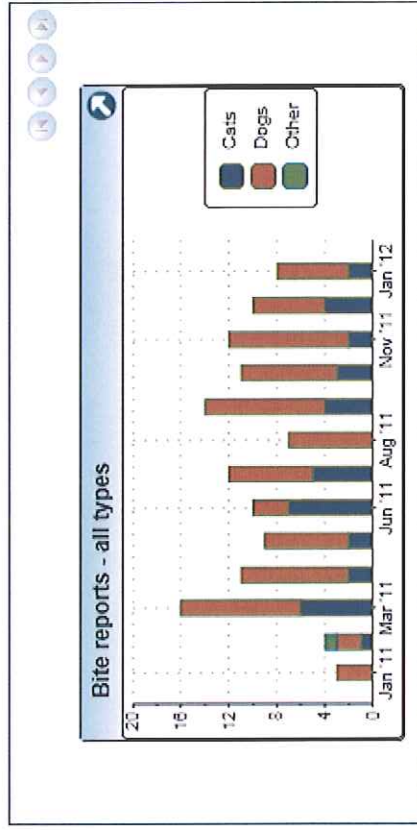


Client assistance provided to workforce clients is at a higher level than when providing only case management services. Coaching, counseling and teaching is all a part of the program, thus as the activity in the program increases, staff time required grows at a high rate as well.



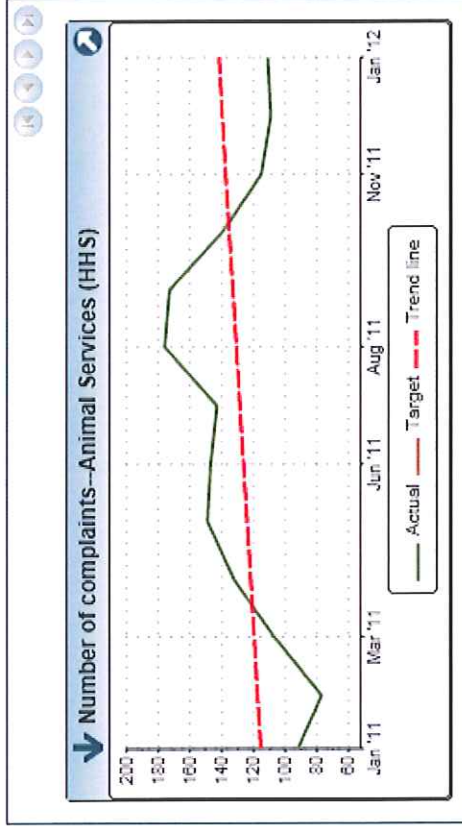
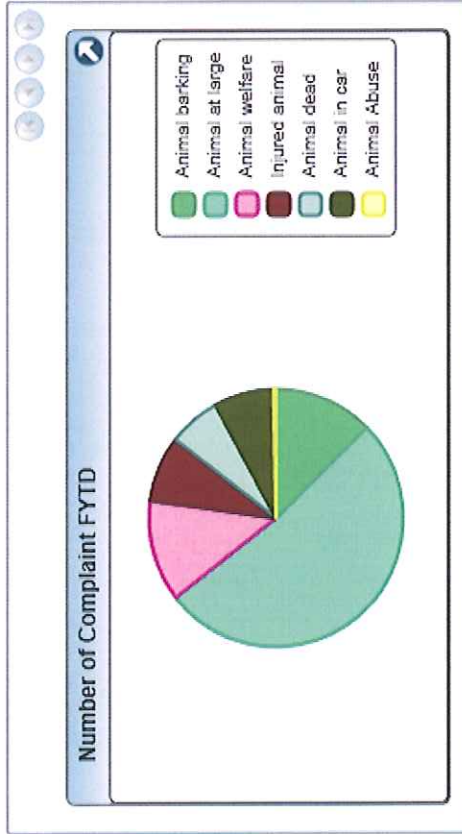
Animal Services

The Animal Services Division continues to strive to see all animals brought to the shelter find a home. We monitor the ratio of animals arriving and leaving the shelter and have noted that intake is higher in the summer months, while animals leaving the shelter occur more in the winter months. The success of adoptions is also tracked. Matching the right pet with the right owner can help to insure that the pet will be cared for and not find it's way back to the shelter. Reported pet bites are monitored and surprising to some, not all pet bites are dog bites.

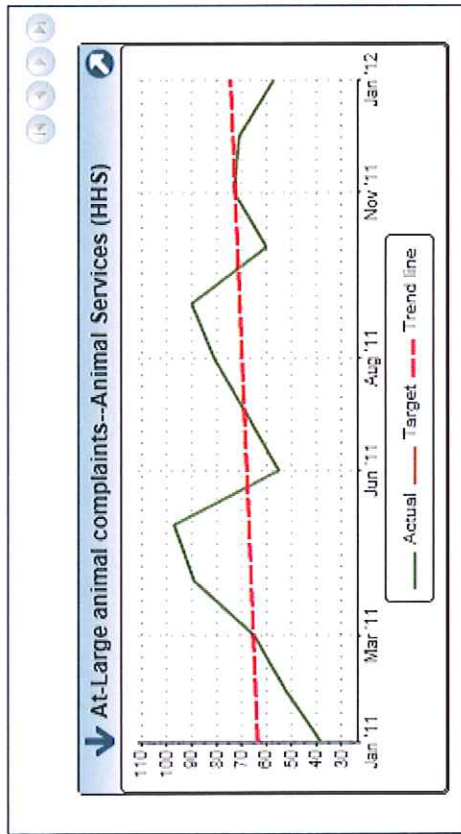


Animal Services

The Animal Services Division receives many complaints from residents. These are classified in various categories. The largest category of complaint is "Animal at-large".

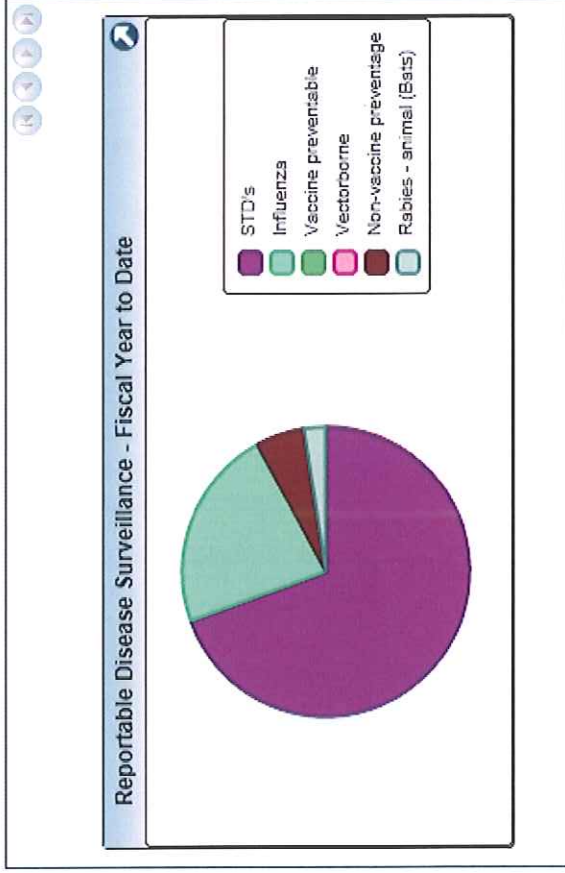
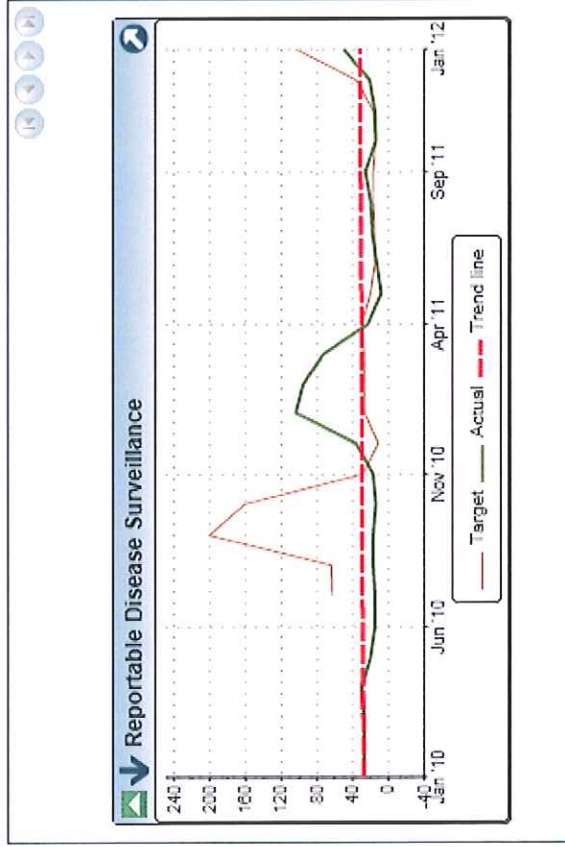


This data has been collected using consistent methods only since January of last year. Therefore, the trend line may not show long term trends. Seasonal factors could be at work when seeing the rise in complaints during the spring and summer months.

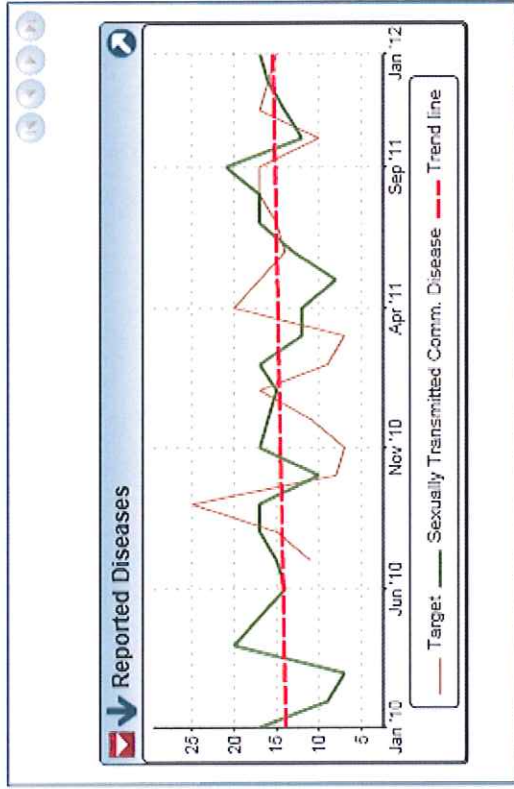


Disease Investigation

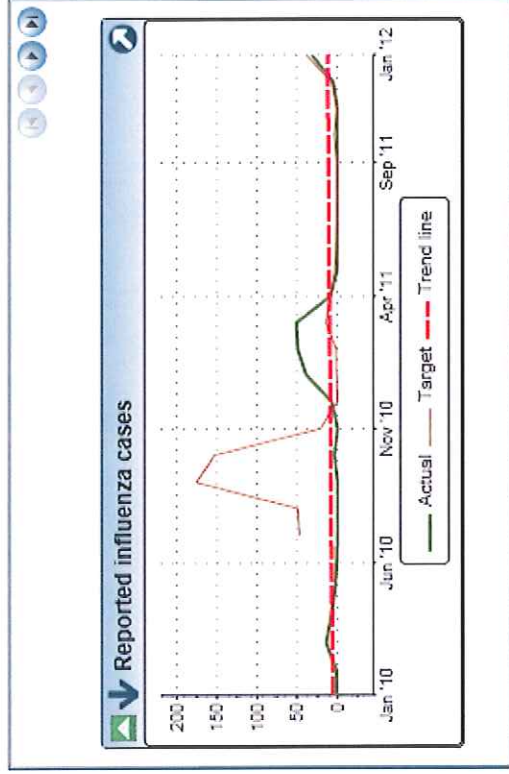
Diseases in the community are tracked when reported. Our data comes from morbidity reports from the labs and local providers for all reportable diseases in Carson City. The most common reports on a year round basis are STD's. Seasonally, we get regular spikes in flu and RSV.



Disease Investigation



Case reports have been increasing each year. The increase is most likely due to expanded screening efforts, and not to an actual increase in the number of people with chlamydia. Despite increased education and screening efforts, the majority of infections still go undiagnosed. Less than half of sexually active young women are screened annually as recommended by CDC.

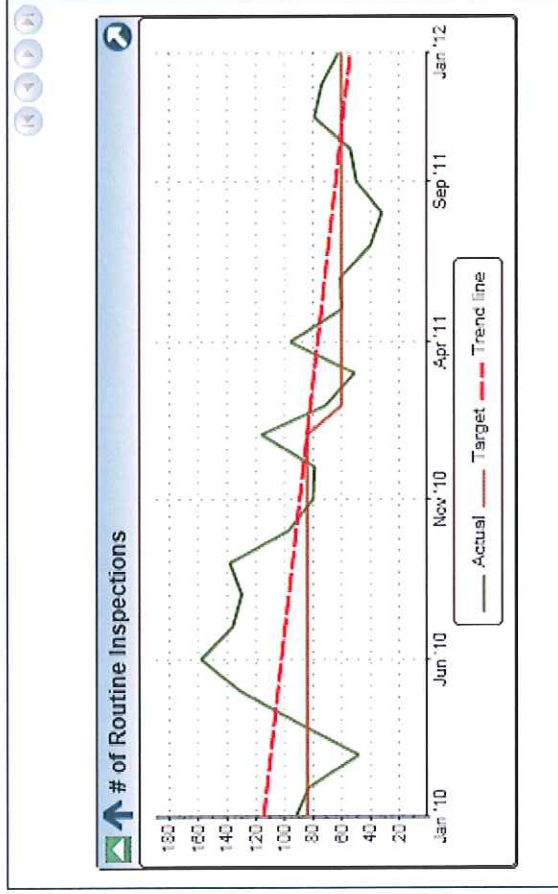


In 2009 we saw an increase of Influenza cases due to H1N1 in the late summer and early fall. Since H1N1 has become the normally circulating virus, we have seen a return to our normal seasonal pattern of Influenza cases.



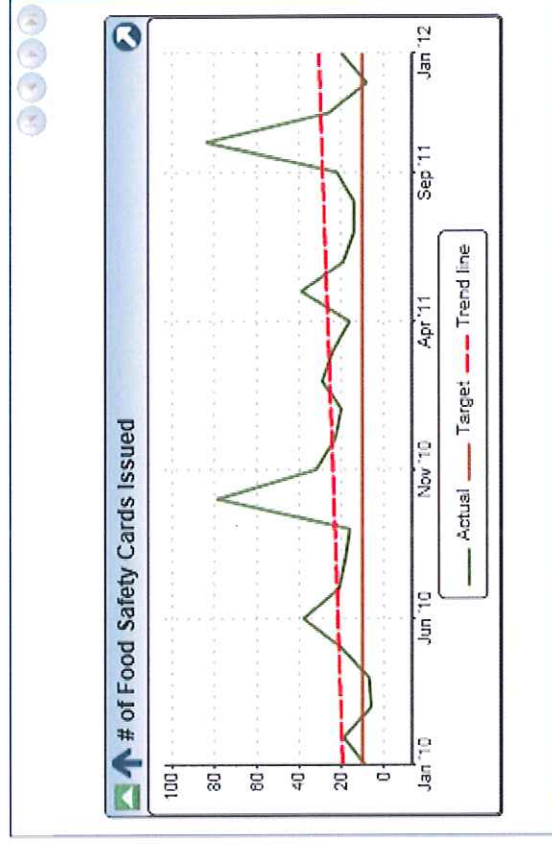
Environmental Health

Inspections are conducted via a risk based system; the more advanced food preparation the higher frequency of inspections. Inspections range from 1-4 times per year.



Routine inspections of food establishments are important to conduct, and allow us to monitor food safety practices in those establishments. The number of food establishments that are inspected each month depends on when they were last inspected, and other routine inspections that are due that month.

Targets for these measures are based on a 2 year average of past performance and reduced slightly due to staff changes.

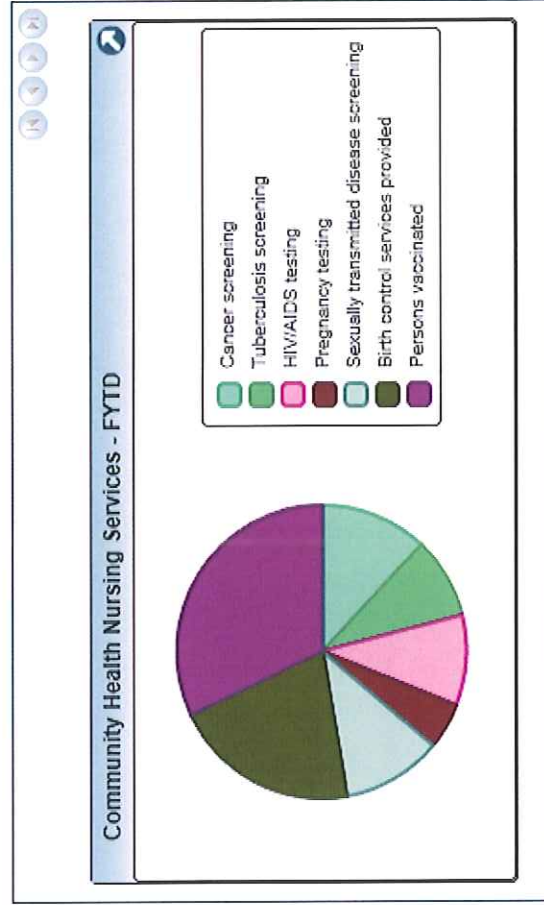
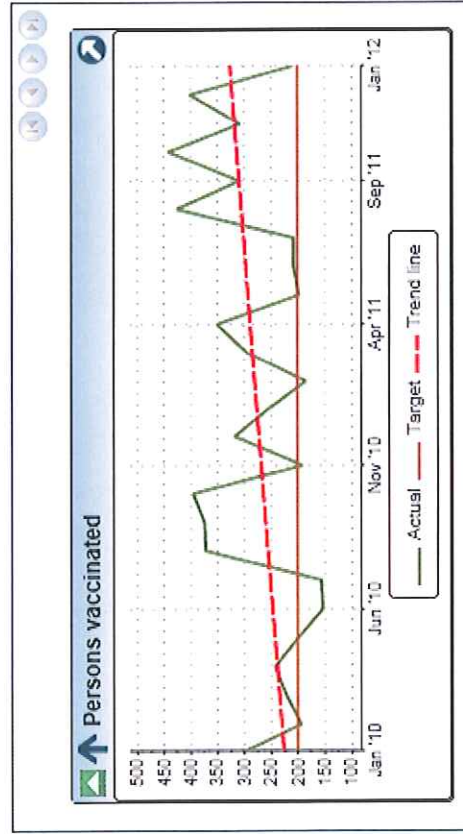
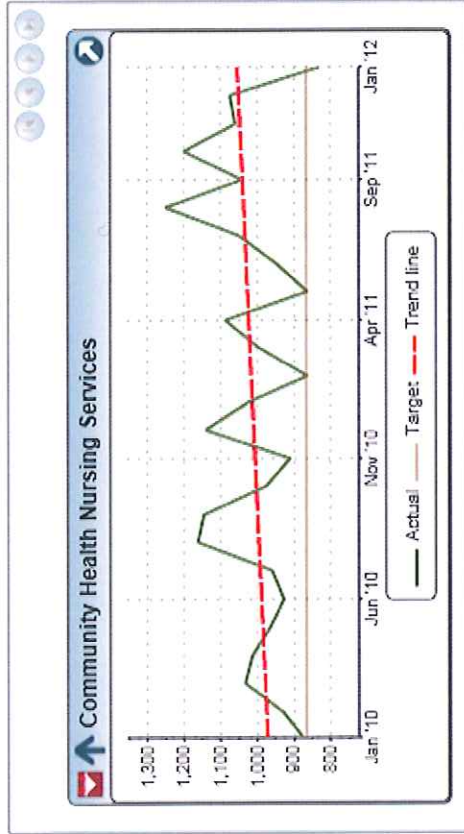


Each year we work in conjunction with Carson City High School Culinary Arts Class, to provide a test for our Food Handlers Card. With this partnership, we see spikes in the number of individuals who obtain cards during the fall.

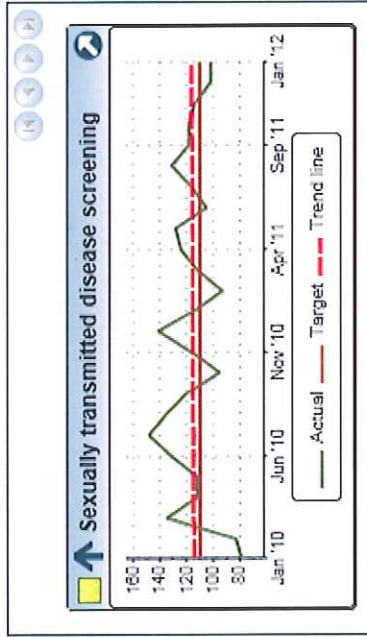


Community Health Clinic

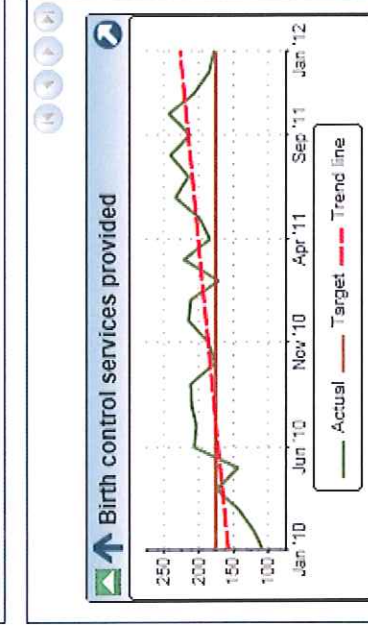
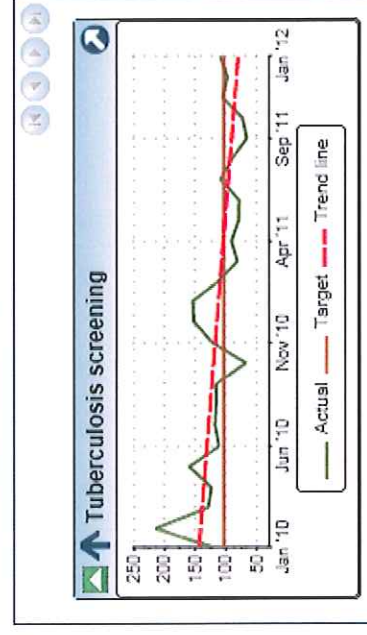
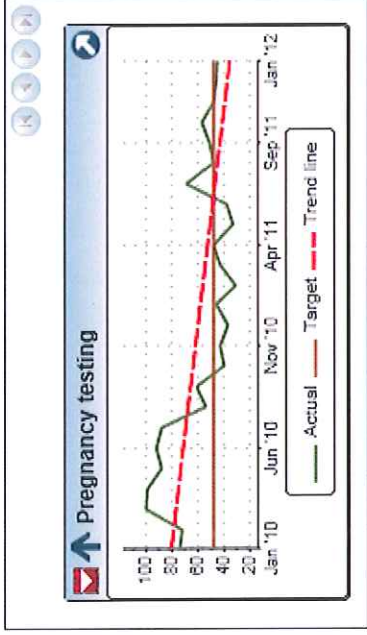
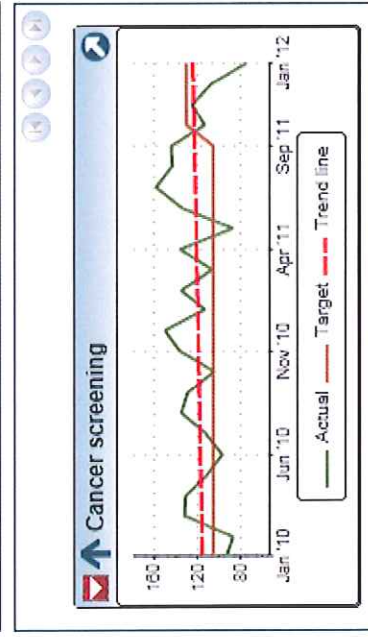
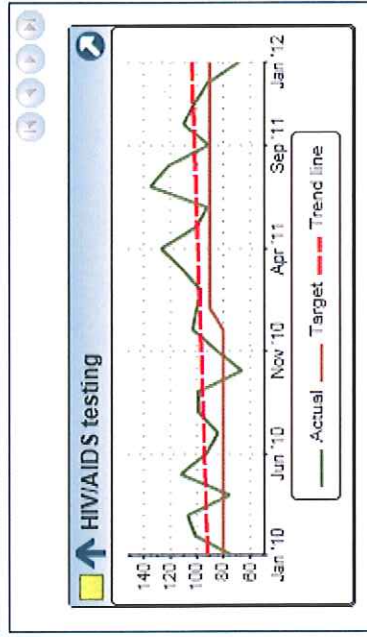
Vaccinations continues to be the most frequent service provided by the Community Health Clinic.



Community Health Clinic



Targets for these measures represent the case load reported over a prior 6 month period.



Public Health Emergency Preparedness

CDC Public Health Emergency Preparedness

One of the nation's key preparedness challenges has been determining appropriate state and local public health preparedness priorities. To assist state and local public health departments in their strategic planning, CDC developed 15 capabilities to serve as national public health preparedness standards.

CCHHS performs tasks in the following areas to help us meet one or more of the 15 capabilities.

Collaboration/Partnership

- Met with community partners on training and services provided
- Met with Douglas County LEPC

Community Outreach

- Provided presentations to students about Public Health Preparedness and the Medical Reserve Corps.
- WNC Volunteer Fair

Interoperable Communications / Strategic National Stockpile

- Interoperable Communications Drill with NSHD and WCHD – followed by Staff Assembly Drill



Public Health Emergency Preparedness

ASPR Hospital Preparedness Grant

ASPR focuses on preparedness planning and response to strengthen the capabilities of hospitals and health care systems in public health emergencies and medical disasters.

MRC Recruitment

- Medical Outreach Response Event planning

Training and Exercises – NIMS Capabilities

- FEMA-certified Incident Command System & National Incident Management Training for State and Local Public and Mental Health employees

Healthcare Coalition Development and Collaboration

- Healthcare Coalition Workshop



Chronic Disease and Health Promotion

Tobacco

- Tobacco-Free 3rd Thursday
- Brief Tobacco Cessation Interventions offered with each CCHHS clinic office visit.
- Tobacco Free Parks Policy



Obesity/Nutrition

- Let's Move Task Force
- Homeless Christmas
- Food Day



Teen Mental Health

- Get Real
- TeenScreen Schools and Communities



Community Health Assessment and Health Improvement Plan

This Community Health Assessment was undertaken in the fall of 2010 by Carson City Health and Human Services (CCHHS) in collaboration with many community partners. The objectives of this assessment include preparing a profile of the health of Carson City, setting priorities to improve the health of the community, determining resource allocations, and creating necessary documentation of community health factors for program planning, development and assessment, as well as accreditation.

CCHHS held a planning workshop with community partners and presented the Get Healthy Carson City! A 2020 Health Action Plan on January 20, 2012. Members of the group were given a workbook and asked to commit their organization to collaborating on specific strategies and activities. Partners include Carson Tahoe Regional Healthcare, Sierra Family Health, Sierra Surgery, Carson City School District, Silver State Charter School, Carson Mental Health, FISH, Boys & Girls Club, Salvation Army, Community Counseling Center, Sierra Nevada Media Group, UNR Cooperative Extension, Nevada Public Health Foundation, Carson Area Wellness Association (CAWA), Muscle Powered, Fitness for 10, Carson City Fire/EMS/Emergency Management, Carson City Parks and Recreation, and faith-based groups.

The documents can be found at the following website:

<http://www.gethealthycarsoncity.org/en/general/accreditation/cha.html>

We are currently seeking feedback from the community on the assessment and improvement plan, and hope to bring it to the BOH by the next meeting.

