

**City of Carson City
Agenda Report**

Date Submitted: September 11, 2012

Agenda Date Requested: September 20, 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 Health Officer's report concerning activities the Health Officer is engaged in both inside and outside of CCHHS.

Staff Summary: Provide an update on the Health Officers engagement in the department and community. This is an opportunity to formally inform the Board of Health of the Health Officers role and the projects she personally works on.

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 Health Officer'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 Statue, Code, Policy, Rule or Regulation: N/A

Fiscal Impact: N/A

Explanation of Impact: N/A

Funding Source: N/A

Alternatives: To not accept and or give direction regarding the Health Officers Report

Supporting Material: Written report by Susan Pintar, MD

Prepared By: Marena Works, MSN, MPH, APN

Reviewed By: Maria A. Woods
(Department Head)
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(City Manager)
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(District Attorney)
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(Finance Director)

Date: 9/11/12

Date: 8/11/12

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Board Action Taken:

Motion: _____

1) _____

Aye/Nay

2) _____

(Vote Recorded By)

Report to Board of Health September 2012

The mayor and I were honored to be asked to speak at the recent National Association of Local Boards of Health in August. We reviewed the Governance Assessment that was conducted here just over two years ago. More importantly, we learned quite a bit about how Boards of Health in other parts of the country function and got some tips on how to make our board more effective.

You may remember that following the Governance Assessment some of our procedures changed. We produced a mission statement and bylaws, the Director has been giving a more in-depth report about the activities of the department, we have conducted a board orientation and Animal Services site visit and I have been begun giving you regular updates on the activities of the Public Health Officer.

In response to this information, I have been asked by a number of you how you can be a more active and involved BOH member. I would like to propose that each of you be available (on an individual basis) as a 'champion' in various projects that come up. For example, Board Member Walt is getting involved with developing the Strategic Plan for CCHHS. Other health-related projects being considered include revision of the entire city animal code, revisions to the food code and possible legislation affecting health programs in the next legislative session. I would like to ask one of the BOH members to become involved with each of these projects and report back to the BOH periodically. I know that you are all interested in these efforts and we would like to mine your particular areas of interest and expertise to improve the health of Carson City. If there are other ways we can make our board function more effectively I would like to hear them as well.

What else has been happening?

Our annual Flu Clinics have been scheduled. School-based immunization clinics began last week and are scheduled through October at various locations. A Flu Clinic will be conducted Friday, October 5 at the Senior Center on Long Street. Our POD exercise and Flu Clinic for the public will be held on Saturday, October 6 from 8am-2pm at Carson High School. This year's vaccine was recently released and contains three antigens—two that protect against type A strains and one that protects against a type B. The type A H1N1 is the same as last year but the other two are different from last year's vaccine. Anyone six months old and older is strongly encouraged to get this year's vaccine.

The Strategic Plan for CCHHS is getting organized. As I mentioned, Supervisor Walt is participating in the process and we anticipate having the plan completed in the first part of next year. This document is particularly important as it gives the department direction for planning its services for the next three years.

The effects of the 2010 Affordable Care Act are beginning to get noticed. I was asked to participate in a recent public forum to review the changes in insurance and Medicare benefits that can be expected. There was a great deal of interest in the topic and it was well received. If the provisions of

the Act go into effect as scheduled, there may be many more persons who can access primary and preventive health care so we want to be prepared. One especially positive aspect of the Act, in my opinion, is the emphasis on coverage for services aimed at identifying and treating chronic diseases like tobacco addiction, mental health disorders and obesity. Nevadans have a high incidence of many of these risk factors. We all know from the recent review of our Community Health Assessment that Carson City is no exception. Requiring insurance companies to cover these preventive measures should be a big step in the right direction.

To finish on a positive note we have news from the Animal Services division. The second annual CARE (Carson Animal Rescue Event) will be held on Saturday, October 13 at the Shelter. (see flyer) this was a very successful event last year and we hope to repeat that success. Also, Animal Services recently received a small grant for purchase and supplies for animal identification tags. We have brought each of you a small gift and would like to take this opportunity to remind everyone that your dogs should be licensed and tagged yearly.

Thank-you. Any questions?