

**City of Carson City
Agenda Report**

Date Submitted: June 7, 2013

Agenda Date Requested: June 20, 2013

Time Requested: 10 Minutes

To: Carson City Board of Health

From: Health & Human Services (Susan Pintar)

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:

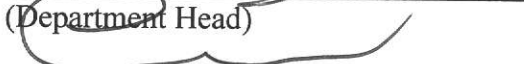
Supporting Material: Written report by Susan Pintar, MD

Prepared By: Dustin Boothe, MPH, REHS

Reviewed By:


(Department Head)

Date: 6/11/13


(City Manager)

Date: 6/11/13


(District Attorney)

Date: 6/11/13


(Finance Director)

Date: 6/11/13

Board Action Taken:

Motion: _____

1) _____

Aye/Nay

2) _____

(Vote Recorded By)

Romaine Gilliland

From: Susan Pintar <susanpintar@yahoo.com>
Sent: Thursday, June 06, 2013 6:25 PM
To: Romaine Gilliland
Subject: Health Officer Report June 2013

I have the gist of it but am waiting for the details on my SART report from AEDV and the Sheriff's office. I probably won't get them until next week. Below is what I have so far.
Susan

Health Officer Report June 2013

As Health Officer for Carson City, I am involved in a variety of projects. Many of them you will hear about from other sources. The director's report will update you about Accreditation and Cross-Jurisdictional sharing. Others will report on the progress that is being made with the Community Health Improvement Plan (CHIP.) One project that I reactivated about three years ago is the Sexual Assault Response Team or SART.

SART is composed of representatives from the Sheriff's office, the District Attorney's office, Advocates to End Domestic Violence, Carson Tahoe Medical Center and our health department. The purpose of the committee is to make sure that we are all working together to deliver the best possible service to victims of sexual violence in our community. We hold meetings quarterly and report on activities, do case review and share continuing education.

In our community, a sexual assault is typically reported to the Sheriff's office. Based on the information they receive, they call Advocates who sends a trained volunteer to accompany the woman through her exam and advises her about follow-up care, both physical and psychological. At the hospital, a specially certified nurse does the exam and collects evidence. The sheriff's office takes custody of the evidence for processing and in turn, notifies the district attorney's office. The DA's office decides if formal charges are warranted and may pursue prosecution. Follow-up services are delivered by the health department clinic and human services.

There were fourteen SARA (Sexual Assault Response Advocates) accompaniments for Carson City in the first quarter of the year. This parallels yearly trends for this time of year. Not all of these SA are adults.

-TPOs and stalking orders are being requested at a rate of 50 to 60 per month. This is similar to previous year's statistics. Both sexual assaults and TPO requests tend to rise in the summer months in our community.

-awaiting statistics from Sheriff's Office

It takes a coordinated effort of all agencies to deliver appropriate services to these victims. The SART team has been able to improve communication among agencies and streamline hospital services billing. There are challenges, of course. One of the largest is ensuring an adequate supply of nurse examiners at the hospital. At least half of our local victims must go to Sparks for their exams since a certified nurse examiner is not always available. This discourages some victims from getting the exam which in turn leads to no evidence to prosecute these cases.

Do you have any questions?