

**City of Carson City
Agenda Report**

Date Submitted: June 7, 2013

Agenda Date Requested: July 3, 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 or give staff direction.

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

Fiscal Impact: N/A

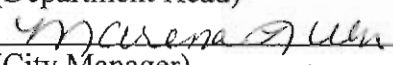
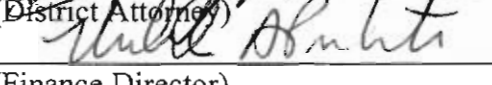
Explanation of Impact: N/A

Funding Source: N/A

Alternatives:

Supporting Material: Written report by Susan Pintar, MD

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Reviewed By:  Date: 6/25/13
(Department Head)
 Date: 6/25/13
(City Manager)
 Date: 6/25/13
(District Attorney)
 Date: 6/25/13
(Finance Director)

Board Action Taken:

Motion: _____ 1) _____ Aye/Nay
2) _____

(Vote Recorded By)

CCHHS-BOH 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.

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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, the sheriff's office calls 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 have been 26 sexual assault reports to the Sheriff's office so far this year. This compares with a total of 56 for 2012.

There were 53 SARA (Sexual Assault Response Advocates) accompaniments for Carson City in 2012. There were 14 in the first quarter of this 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.

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Here are some details about the sexual assault reports in our community. It is important to note that the sheriff's office does a full investigation of all

reports regardless of the outcome. That is, a lot of work is involved in these cases.

(Slide 3)

There have been 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 sexual assaults are adults.

One of the challenges the SART team faces is getting local exams for all victims. Due to lack of available trained personnel, about half of the victims needing exam must go to the Sparks facility. Unfortunately, some of the victims, upon learning that they have to travel another hour for their exam do not pursue the exam. This leads to a lack of evidence for arrest and/or prosecution. These victims are, of course, offered counseling and other follow-up services but without physical evidence the rates of arrest and prosecution are much lower.

As you may know, our state has the unfortunate distinction of the most deaths per capita of women caused by men. The state attorney general has made sexual violence one of her platforms and her office is placing a lot of statewide emphasis on educational and preventive efforts.

It takes a coordinated effort of all agencies to deliver appropriate services to victims of sexual violence. Working together, the SART team has been able to improve communication among agencies and streamline hospital services billing. There are some challenges remaining, of course, but I hope this information helps the Board understand some of the health services delivered within our community.

Do you have any questions?

Sexual Assault Response Team (SART)

- **Advocates to End Domestic Violence (non-profit)**
- **Carson City District Attorney**
- **Carson City Sheriff's Office**
- **Carson City Health and Human Services**
- **Carson Tahoe Health**

	<u>2012</u>	<u>YTD 2013</u>
Sexual Offense Reports	56	26
SARA Clients/Accompaniments	53	19
TPO's and Stalking orders	730	310

Sexual Offense Reports

➤ 2013 YTD -- Total 26

- 7 -- Submitted to DA
- 2 -- Suspended
- 2 -- Arrests
- 6 -- Unfounded
- 9 -- Still open

➤ June 1, 2012 to December 31, 2012 -- Total 28

- 15 -- Submitted to DA
- 2 -- Suspended
- 1 -- Arrest
- 4 -- Unfounded
- 2 -- Still open
- 4 -- Not our jurisdiction

Sexual Assault Response Advocates (SARA)

➤ 2012

- 67 Total Victims
- 53 SARA Clients (including exam accompaniments)
- 23 Sexual assault exams
 - 8 at Carson Tahoe Health
 - 6 at Jim Pegel Facility (Sparks)
 - 9 CARES (pediatric-Sparks)

➤ 2011

- 63 Total Victims
- 61 SARA Clients (including exam accompaniments)
- 31 Sexual Assault exams
 - 11 at Jim Pegel Facility (Sparks)
 - 10 at Carson Tahoe Health
 - 5 CARES (pediatric-Sparks)