



# STAFF REPORT

**Report To:** Board of Health

**Meeting Date:** March 16, 2017

**Staff Contact:** Board of Health Chairperson - Susan Pintar, MD; (Staff contact - Nicki Aaker; naaker@carson.org)

**Agenda Title:** For Discussion Only: This discussion is an overview of the funding challenges for Nevada and Carson City leading to possible service delivery challenges of certain Carson Health and Human Services' programs, and ending with suggestions of actions to take.

**Staff Summary:** Public health spending per capita in Nevada is among the lowest in the United States according to Robert Wood Johnson Foundation's 2015 report titled, "Investing in America's Health: A State-by-State Look at Public Health Funding and Key Health Facts". Federal and state funding challenges can impact service delivery of some of Carson City Health and Human Services' programs. Public health prevention programs are usually funded with discretionary funds that are often not stable. Prevention efforts in public health are to prevent long-term health consequences that accounts for much of healthcare spending overall.

**Agenda Action:** Other/Presentation

**Time Requested:** 30 minutes

## **Proposed Motion**

For presentation and discussion Only

## **Board's Strategic Goal**

Quality of Life

## **Previous Action**

N/A

## **Background/Issues & Analysis**

N/A

## **Applicable Statute, Code, Policy, Rule or Regulation**

N/A

## **Financial Information**

Is there a fiscal impact?  Yes  No

If yes, account name/number:

Is it currently budgeted?  Yes  No

Explanation of Fiscal Impact:

## **Alternatives**

No alternatives.

**Board Action Taken:**

Motion: \_\_\_\_\_

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Aye/Nay

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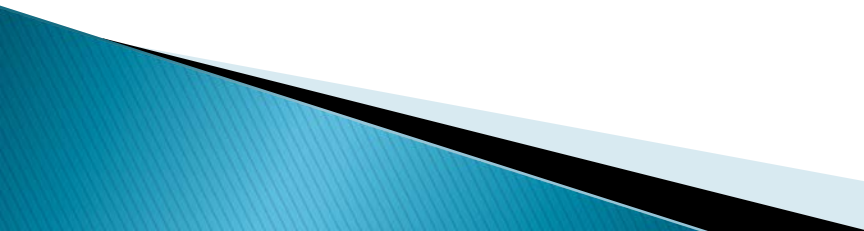
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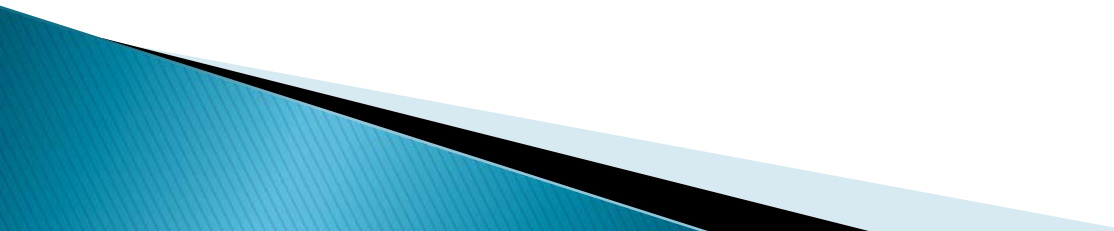
# Looking Ahead

## Funding and Service Delivery Challenges in Public Health for Carson City 2017

# Overall Funding Challenges

- ▶ State investment in public health per capita in Nevada is among the lowest in the U.S. (Robert Wood Johnson Foundation, 2015)
  - ▶ Carson City and most of Nevada does not have an ongoing financial basis of support for public health services (no property tax or other tax allocation)
  - ▶ Funding for prevention programs is usually a discretionary fund resulting in chronic funding instability
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# Overall Funding Challenges, Cont.

- ▶ Long term results of programs that are sustained by prevention funds may be difficult to predict
  - ▶ Long term results of cuts in prevention funds are difficult to predict
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# Program Service Funding Possibly in Jeopardy

Program	Services Provided	Funding Source
Clinical Services	Family Planning, Sexual Transmitted Infection Testing, Sexual Health Services	Title X Funding (Family Planning) – Federal
Clinical Services	HIV Testing at Substance Abuse & Treatment Agency (SAPTA) – Vitality and Community Counseling Centers	Funding was lost – was a pass through grant through Nevada Division of Public and Behavioral Health
Clinical Services; Public Health Preparedness	Immunizations (Vaccine For Children Program; 317 Immunizations)	Pass through grant from Nevada Division of Public and Behavioral Health; Preventive and Public Health Fund (Part of Affordable Care Act)

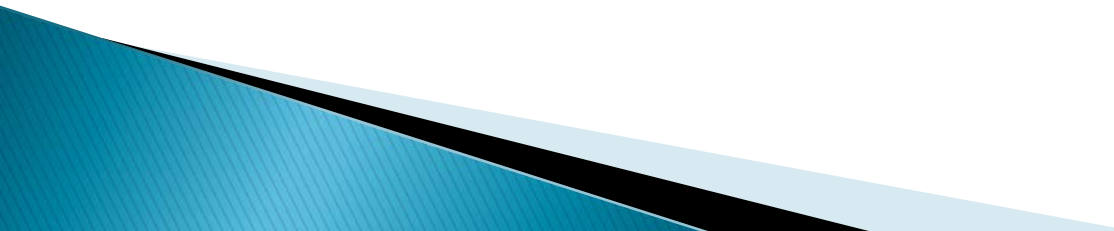
# Program Service Funding Possibly in Jeopardy, Cont.

Program	Services Provided	Funding Source
Emergency Preparedness	Preparedness for public health emergencies and natural disasters	Pass through grant from Nevada Division of Public and Behavioral Health
Mobile Outreach Safety Team (MOST)	Outreach to most vulnerable population – Performed by team in the Sheriff’s Department	Conversation is that there will be a state request to fund this program at the local level
Social Services	Rural Regional (services to intellectually impaired); Child Welfare	

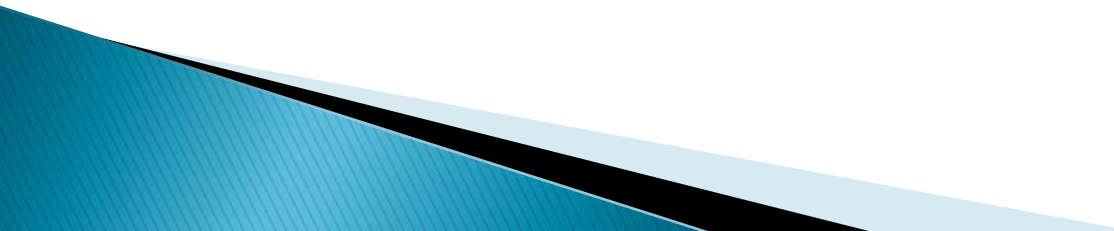
The need for the services will not disappear; the current funding source might




The purpose of prevention efforts in public health is to prevent long-term adverse health consequences. It is these adverse consequences which account for much of our health care spending overall.



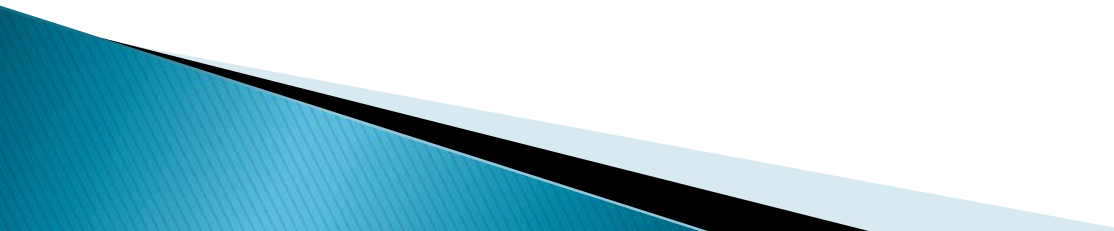
# Preventive Health Efforts Within Public Health

- ▶ Anti-tobacco efforts reduce smoking which reduces heart disease, stroke, and lung cancer
  - ▶ Immunizations prevent deadly diseases and the health care costs associated with treating those diseases
  - ▶ Managing diabetes and its complications could reduce the incidence of kidney failure, nontraumatic lower-extremity amputations, and blindness among adults aged 20–74
  - ▶ And many more....
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# What Can We Do?

- ▶ Communicate the importance of public health to our state representatives
    - Ben Kieckhefer, State Senator
    - Al Kramer, State Assemblyman
  - ▶ Suggestion – consider designation of a portion of property tax to support public health.
  - ▶ Share our LOCAL health needs with state health officials
    - Cody Phinney, Administrator of Nevada State Public and Behavioral Health
    - Dr. John DiMuro, Nevada State Health Officer
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# What Can We Do?, cont.

- ▶ Take advantage of opportunities to attend legislative sessions on a state and national level to communicate the importance of our programs at the local level
  - ▶ Support the state in advocating for continued funding of necessary federal programs – attend legislative sessions, testify at hearings, and send e-mails
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# Reference

- ▶ Robert Wood Johnson Foundation, (2015). *Investing in america's health: A state-by-state look at public health funding*. Retrieved from <http://healthyamericans.org/assets/files/TFAH-2015-InvestInAmericaRpt-FINAL.pdf>.