



STAFF REPORT

Report To: Board of Health

Meeting Date: February 21, 2019

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Agenda Title: For Discussion Only: The Director of the Carson City Health and Human Services Department will provide an update on activities at the Department, including legislative public health priorities, recognition of Frances Ashley for receiving the 2018 Ryan White Prism Award, and recognition of art contest winners from Carson High School for art to be displayed in the clinic lobby. (Nicki Aaker, naaker@carson.org)

Staff Summary: The 2019 legislative session of the Nevada Legislature commenced on February 4, 2019 and some proposed legislation would impact public health in Nevada. It is important for Carson City's Board of Health and the public to be aware of the bills that may impact the health of our community.

Frances Ashley, representing Carson City Health and Human Services, received the 2018 Prism Award for providing exceptional Ryan White Services at the 2019 Ryan White - Integrating Prevention and Care as We Work Towards Getting to Zero in Nevada Conference.

A Quality Improvement project, spearheaded by Sarah Johnson, is being conducted to make the Health Department's clinic waiting area more teen friendly. As part of this project, an art contest was conducted at Carson High School and was judged by high school students. The winner's art will be displayed in the clinic lobby.

Agenda Action: Other / Presentation

Time Requested: 10 minutes

Proposed Motion

N/A

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? No

If yes, account name/number:

Is it currently budgeted?

Explanation of Fiscal Impact:

Alternatives

N/A

Attachments:

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Board Action Taken:

Motion: _____ 1) _____
2) _____

Aye/Nay

(Vote Recorded By)



Public Health Legislative Priorities

Public Health Funding – AB97

- Establish a Public Health Improvement Fund; Division of Public and Behavioral Health to administer
- Appropriate \$5 per capita to the Fund to build public health infrastructure and capacity that supports foundational public health services in Nevada
- Allocate funds based on population to public health authorities established under NRS 439
- Utilize funds to evaluate the health and public health needs within area and determine the level of priority of the public health needs (completed in Community Health Needs Assessments)

E-Cigarettes

- Establish the age for purchase of tobacco products as 21
- Include e-cigarettes and other vaping products as “other tobacco products” for purpose of taxation
- License e-cigarette retailers
- Prohibit e-cigarette vaping wherever smoking is prohibited (Clean Indoor Air Act)
- Utilize e-cigarette and other vaping products “other tax products” tax proceeds to fund the Public Health Improvement Fund and tobacco prevention

Behavioral Health – AB85

- Northern Nevada Regional Behavioral Health Policy Board submitted suggestions to clarify language and standardization of the “legal hold” practices across the state within NRS 433A.

Mobile Outreach Safety Teams

- Award grant of money to local governments or bona fide agent in any county whose population is less than 100,000 to provide Mobile Outreach Safety Team services to persons in a behavioral or mental health crisis.

