

**Office of the District Health Officer
District Health Officer Staff Report
Board Meeting Date: August 22, 2024**

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TO: District Board of Health
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SUBJECT: **District Health Officer Report-** Northern Nevada Public Health Communications Update, Accreditation, Quality Improvement, Workforce Development, Community Health Improvement Program, Equity Projects/collaborations, Community Events, and Public Communications and Outreach.

DHO Overview

DHO Community Connections

REMSA (CEO, CFO); City of Reno, City of Sparks, and Washoe County (City Manager & Asst. Manager(s), Fire Chief); Nevada Association of Counties (Chair, board meeting); Truckee Meadows Community College; Media presentations (see Comms report); Nevada Department of Public and Behavioral Health (Director, Staff); NV Public Health Association (Chair); NV Public Health Foundation (Chair); Incline Village/Tahoe Fire District; Washoe County School District Superintendent

NNPH Staff Coordination/Collaboration

Deputy Director (daily/weekly), Department Directors (bi-weekly), Department of District Health Officer (bi-weekly), Budget (as needed), Departments/Divisions (CCHS biweekly team huddle, Vital Records, EHS, PHEP, Public Information/Comms).

- Attended NACCHO Conference, NACCHO PHI Conference, and NACCHO-SACCHO meetings in Detroit, MI.
- Provided Public Comment to the Nevada Joint Health Committee for Interim-Health proposal of SB118
- Attended EMS Joint Advisory Committee
- Meet with: Carson Human & Health Services, Governor's Liaison
- Attended EMSAB
- Participated in Back-to-School Vaccine clinics and EHS/ADQ inspections.

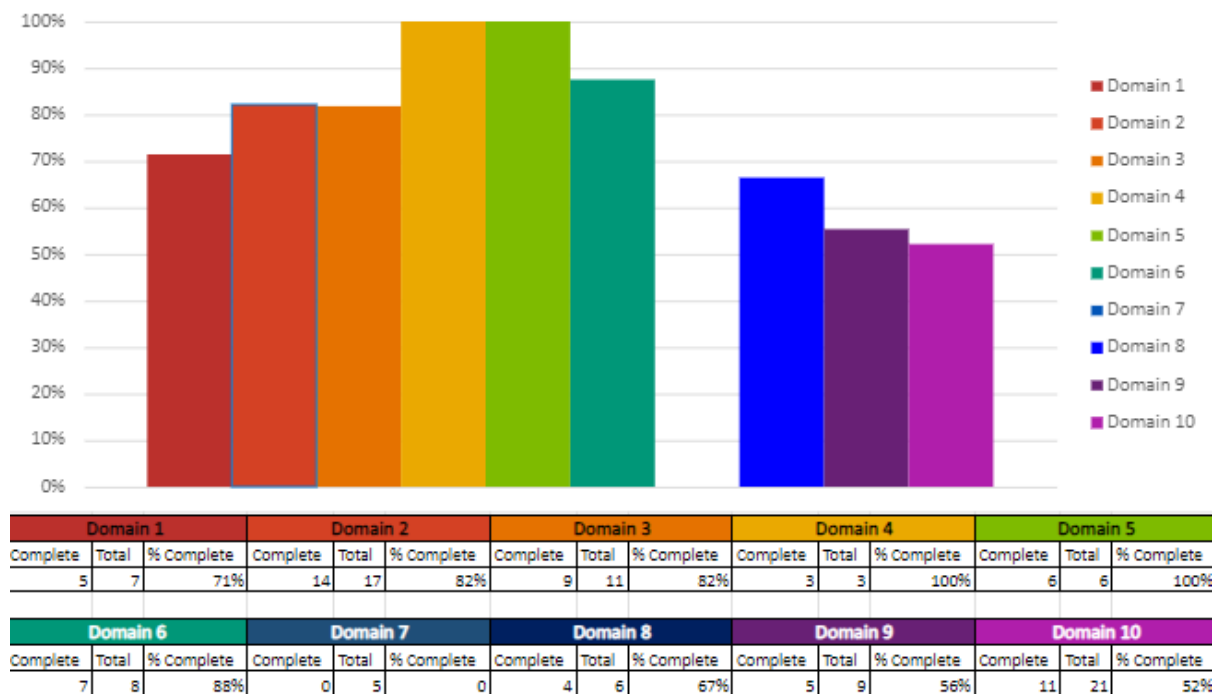
DHO Performance/Updates

DHO average work week July 20 - August 16: 47 hours

Accreditation

Document review and coordination of gathering information continue to prepare the organization for re-accreditation. Additionally, efforts are underway to determine improvement strategies that address the findings from the 2024 NNPH Access to Health Care Assessment with internal and external partners. The top priorities from the assessment are maternal and child health, immunizations, and health literacy.

Domain Progress



Workforce Development

NNPH is partnering with the de Beaumont Foundation to collect data on the demographics of the workforce and to capture the workforce's perspectives on key issues such as workforce engagement and morale, training needs, and emerging concepts in public health. Every 5 years, NNPH is required to complete a workforce development assessment to maintain accreditation. The Public Health Workforce Interests and Needs Survey (PHWINS) will measure strengths and gaps to inform future investments in funding, training, recruitment, and retention. By partnering with the de Beaumont Foundation, NNPH will be able to compare data nationally, across the state, and among other local health districts similar in size and structure. The de Beaumont Foundation is a nationally recognition organization in the field working with other local health districts to build partnerships and strengthen public health to create communities where people can achieve their best possible health.

Community Health Improvement Plan

Family Health Festival

A FHF event was hosted on Saturday, 8/3, at Hug High School from 9:00 am-12:00 pm. 770 individuals attended the event. Most families that attended the event needed back-to-school vaccines, immunizations, haircuts, and BTS supplies. Additionally, the committee formed a partnership with Costco to provide free hearing tests to add to the list of direct services provided. The committee successfully partnered with 51 other community partners to provide other services to clients, such as scoliosis checks, vision screening, SNAP application assistance, dental screenings, mobile harvest, etc.

Un Plan Financiero para Abrir Puertas, a Financial Plan to Open Doors (Financial Literacy)

This initiative utilizes an equity lens to improve financial literacy in Spanish-speaking communities. The project team met with the Women and Children Center of the Sierra (WACCS) to offer a series of bilingual financial literacy classes. A survey is currently being conducted with parents to gather information on which financial literacy topics they would like to focus on.

Equity

Food Business Resource Fair

ODHO staff contributed to the fair by spreading the information in targeted locations with existing food business owners, translating for the Spanish-speaking community, and helping connect incoming event attendees to the appropriate agencies, resources, and information they are seeking.

Language Accessibility

In accordance with Assembly Bill 266 (AB 266), NNPH has utilized County resources to identify and translate vital documents using the County's Vital Document Identification Guidance. Additionally, two new systems, The Language Line and Wordly, are being rolled out to staff to provide additional translation and interpretation services.

NACCHO Poster Board Presentation

The team was invited to provide a poster board presentation at the NACCHO 360 Annual Conference on NNPH's efforts to advance the organization's mission through partnerships. The presentation focused on building a sustainable relationship management system to track and sustain mutually beneficial relationships with community leaders and organizations to reduce health disparities.

NNPH Communications Update

Several communication efforts occurred and are summarized in the attached.

Att: July Media Mentions