

**Office of the District Health Officer
District Health Officer Staff Report
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TO: District Board of Health

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SUBJECT: **District Health Officer Report** – Onboarding Community Connections, Staff Coordination/Collaboration, Letter to Washoe County Commissioners, Event Attendance, UNR School of Public Health, Nevada Board of Examiners & Government Affairs, DHO Onboarding, Northern Nevada Public Health Communications Update, Accreditation, Quality Improvement, Community Health Improvement Program, NACCHO Poster Board Presentation, and Public Communications and Outreach.

Overview

Onboarding Community Connections

REMSA (CEO, CFO, Board Meeting; EMS Week Recognitions); City of Reno, City of Sparks, and Washoe County (City Council Members/Mayor; City Council Public Comments, Manager, Asst. Manager(s), Fire Chief, Police Chief, Sheriff); Washoe County (HR, TS, Clerk); UNR (School of PH, board); Nevada Association of Counties (Chair, board meeting); Renown (CEO, COO); Nevada State Board of Health (attendance at NBOH); Bloomberg American Health; IHCC (board meeting); Truckee Meadows Water Authority; Media presentations (see Comms report)

NNPH Staff Coordination/Collaboration

Deputy Director (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); EPHP Employee Recognition; NNPH Staff Social; QI NNPH Translation/Interpretation overview/planning; Tuberculosis Site Visit and City of Reno Pzonning and Planning Board meeting for approval of TB project.

- EHS Water Inspections; EHS Food Truck Friday Inspections; EHS Restaurant Inspection; Vital Records training; Government Affairs Coordination; Workforce Development/Personnel meetings.

Letter to Washoe County Commissioners updating/clarifying community Tuberculosis services profile.

Event Attendance

HOPEs ribbon cutting; TMWA/Bureau of Reclamation FLATS project award; Family Festival Fair; Indian Association Festival of Colors; EH Drone media event.

UNR School of Public Health (DHO)

DHO and staff attended the University of Reno School of Public Health graduation, where outgoing DHO Kevin Dick was the keynote speaker. UNR-School of Public Health established the Kevin Dick scholarship.

Nevada Board of Examiners (DHO) & Government Affairs:

DHO and Deputy-DHO attended and presented at the NV Board of Examiners in Carson City to defend SB118 funding. The NV-BOE approved the award of \$2.4 million in one-time funding to NNPH, which will be spent over two years.

Further governmental affairs are working towards sustainable yearly NV State Public Health funding for the upcoming 2025 Legislation.

- The City of Reno Fire approached the NV Department of Behavioral and Public Health to propose EMS statutory authority for Washoe County. NNPH is in favor but emphasizes the need for adequate funding.

DHO Onboarding

DHO successfully established a residence in Washoe County by purchasing a residence in Sparks, NV, effective June 12, 2024. DHO was fingerprinted, and HR onboarding with annual training is in the process of completion.

DHO average work week May 13-June 21: 45 hours

NNPH Communications Update

The comms team was busy facilitating media engagement with staff in English and Spanish. Staff worked with community partners to put on and create awareness for the Family Health Festival and 5210 Health Washoe, with Community Organizer Itzayana Montoya and Media and Communications Specialist Yera Deavila completing interviews.

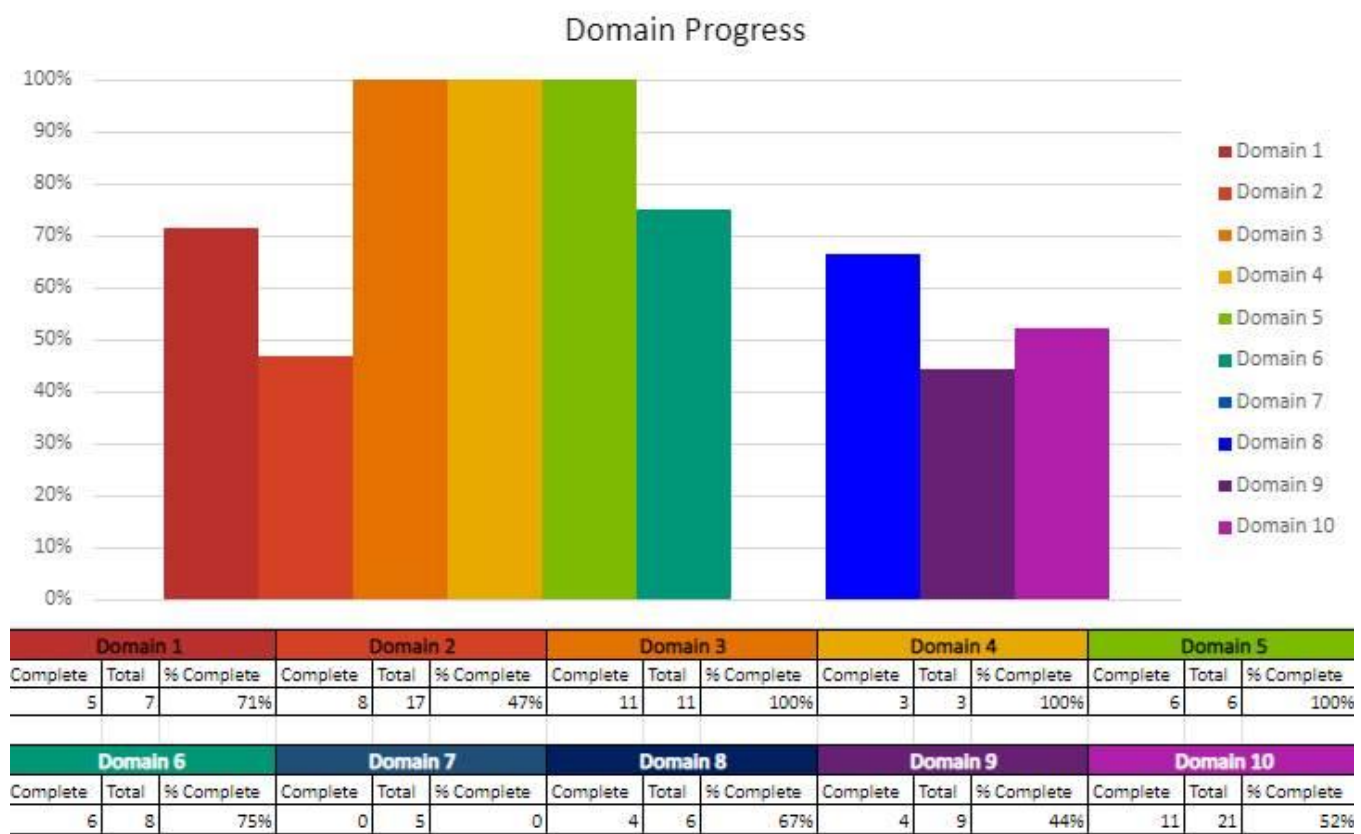
We also worked with the City of Sparks to coordinate media interviews about the multi-casualty exercise at the Nugget Events Center, which featured interviews from Public Health Emergency Response Coordinator Jordyn Marchi.

Vector-Borne Disease Control officially launched its mosquito abatement drone as five local media outlets visited Washoe Valley to watch it fly.

Lastly, we continued to send out our bi-weekly newsletter with great engagement (Kudos to Noah Glick for his creative genius), our Air Quality Management Division will be getting an upgrade to its website home page to enhance the look and feel, and we're close to launching the Active Managerial Control webpage for Environmental Health Services.

Reaccreditation

62% of reaccreditation documents are ready for submission, and about 15% are being reviewed. Three domains have been closed; all documents are complete and ready for submission. A Statewide Health Care Assessment project draft was delivered to the NNPH team for review. An improvement committee will be created to address and prioritize areas focus areas based on the findings in the assessment.



Quality Improvement

NNPH is partnering with the Public Health Foundation to provide QI training for the QI council on July 2, 2024.

CHIP

Family Health Festival- A Family Health Festival (FHF) was held on May 22nd at the Neil Road Recreation Center. The event included more than 35 participating organizations and attracted 208 households and 803 community members. Direct services include the Food Bank of Northern Nevada's Mobile Harvest, NNPH's immunizations, and CHA's Care Mobile van, which provides WIC services and nutrition education, blood pressure checks, and SNAP enrollment. The next event will occur on Saturday, Aug 3rd, at Hug High School, emphasizing back-to-school services.

5210 – 5210 Healthy Washoe focuses on creating a healthier environment where healthy choices are easy for families. Over the last year, the NNPH team has focused on creating healthier options in the 89512 community. To bridge those efforts and to continue 5210 engagements with families during the summer break, a map was created for Glen Duncan Elementary families of the Oddie Corridor. The map highlights healthy corner stores, parks, the Traner Middle School pool, libraries, walking and biking paths, and the Kids Café program to promote physical activity, nutritious food, and healthy environments.

NACCHO Poster Board Presentation

The National Association of County and City Health Officials (NACCHO) selected the health equity team to present a poster at the upcoming NACHHO 360 annual conference. The team will present the Relationship Management project to share how the group works to identify, develop, and pilot a software solution to track and maintain mutually beneficial relationships with community-based partners, leaders, and organizations.

Att.: May Media Mentions