

**City of Carson City
Agenda Report**

Date Submitted: September 10, 2013

Agenda Date Requested: September 19, 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. *(Susan Pintar)*

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: Not to accept the Health Officer's report and give direction to staff on CCHHS activities.

Supporting Material: Written report by Susan Pintar, MD, FAAP

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Reviewed By: N. Aaker

Date: 9/10/13

(Department Head)

Date: 9/10/13

(City Manager)

Date: 9/10/13

(District Attorney)

Date: 9/10/13

(Finance Director)

Board Action Taken:

Motion: _____

1) _____

Aye/Nay

2) _____

(Vote Recorded By)

There are a number of ongoing projects I am involved with as Public Health Officer throughout the year. This latest quarter of the year has been no exception.

In August, Marena Works and I attended the National Board of Health conference in Salt Lake City, Utah. We were asked to present a synopsis of our current cross-jurisdictional project which expands disease investigation and epidemiology reporting into Douglas County. We are one of only 16 projects being funded across the country and it was an honor to share our experience at this national conference. You will hear a little more about this project later but we are on track to assume these services at the end of this year. I'd like to encourage a current Board member to plan on attending this conference with me next year as it provides a lot of very valuable information on our governance functions as a board of health.

The department continues its emergency preparedness activities with the Point of Dispensing (POD) exercise on Saturday, October 5. We will be conducting a drive-through flu vaccine clinic and practicing our emergency response at the same time. This will be held at the Public Works facility on Butti Way and is open from 8am to 1pm. Once again we will offer flu vaccine free to all members of the public. I do want to let you know that federal funding for free flu vaccine is likely to disappear soon so we cannot promise that free vaccine will be available in the coming years.

As you probably remember, the drive-through flu clinic is just part of our city's effort to provide vaccine to its citizens. We also have a growing school-located vaccine program as well as programs that serve the most vulnerable members of our community in nursing homes, group homes and Eagle Valley Children's Home.

Lastly, we continue to make progress on our Community Health Improvement Plan objectives. You will hear from the chair of Issue D-Mental Health later. I am mostly involved in Issue C-access to dental care and oral health and am pleased to report some real progress in helping children obtain dental care in our community. We still face significant obstacles for uninsured and under-insured adults who need dental care and welcome input from this Board and members of the community as to how we might meet this pressing need.

Respectfully submitted,

Susan Plintar MD FAAP
Health Officer-Carson City