



Carson City Health and Human Services Report 3rd Quarter 2023 (July 1 – September 30)

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County	Carson City; some services provided in Douglas, Lyon, and Storey Counties

Report Highlights and Requests

- ✓ **Carson City Opioid Needs Assessment and Proposed Project Requests from CCHHS –**
Carson City is currently working with Nevada Association of Counties on our Opioid Needs Assessment. As part of the assessment, Carson City Departments, along with a stakeholder group, have had conversations of where to use the funding coming from the Opioid Settlements. CCHHS has requested funding for prevention efforts. This funding if awarded will be added to the existing Tobacco Control and Prevention Program. Staff have received requests from stakeholders for presentations on opioids in addition to tobacco and vaping presentations.
- ✓ **Public Health Funding from the State of Nevada –** A discussion is scheduled to take place with some of the health authorities about the money appropriated by Senate Bill 118. The state legislatures desired is to have the counties collaborating and using the funds for priorities identified in their Community Health Needs Assessment (CHNA).
- ✓ **Tobacco Control and Prevention Funding –** (This has not been removed on purpose.) Continued Youth Vaping Prevention funding was not approved during the 2023 Legislative Session. This is extremely disappointing given the fact that youth vaping is still an epidemic. CCHHS developed presentations for youth to be given within the schools, and social media campaigns were created and posted – Head in the Clouds and Attracting Addictions. Some of the materials created can be re-used and continue to be posted; however, no new content will be developed. Currently, CCHHS' Tobacco Control and Prevention Program is still intact for now. This funding loss amounted to \$100,000/year.

The CDC Tobacco Prevention funding remained the same at approximately \$70,000. This results in decreases to the operating or program expenses to accommodate for increasing personnel wages due to cost-of-living adjustments and merit raises. The Nevada Clinical Services grant, formerly the Funds for Healthy Nevada, funding was reduced so grant deliverables had to be reduced and adjusted.

➤ **Request** – Advocate for Youth Vaping Funding to be restored in the future. These funds should not be replaced by the funding from SB118.

- ✓ **Public Health Workforce Infrastructure Funding** – On October 19, 2023, the Carson City Board of Supervisors approved accepting the Strengthening U.S. Public Health Infrastructure, Workforce, and Data Systems and the Workforce grants. The funding will last until December 31, 2026. With the acceptance of this grant, the following positions can be hired: (1) Chronic Disease Prevention and Health Promotion Division Manager, (2) Assessment/Accreditation Coordinator, (3) Data Analyst, (4) additional Community Health Worker, (5) Administrative Assistant for Director and Deputy Director, (6) additional Environmental Health Specialist for plan reviews, (7) Public Health Communication Specialist, and (8) a Seasonal Vector Control Technician.

There are conversations happening at the national level concerning continuation of these types of funding opportunities. The National Association of County and City Health Officials (NACCHO) is advocating for local health departments and the need for continued support of the public health infrastructure funding.



Adolescent Health Education Program

Making Proud Choices

- Statistics –
 - Total participants – 59, and
 - Total participants completing 75% of the curriculum – 51, which is the requirement for completion of the program.

- CCHHS Adolescent Health staff conducted classes at the following locations:
 - July 2023: Combination of in-person and hybrid training for Healthy Community Coalition Comstock Youth Summer Program
 - July/August 2023: Combination of in-person and hybrid training for Healthy Community Coalition Comstock Youth Program in Silver Springs and Fernley
 - July/August: China Springs/Aurora Pines in Douglas County, presented first to a male youth group and then followed with the same class presentations for a female youth group.

- CCHHS has scheduled classes with a new partner, Pioneer High, to begin in December 2023.

Promoting Health Among Teens, Abstinence Only

- CCHHS Adolescent Health staff conducted classes at the following location:
 - August 2023 Virginia City Middle School
- Outreach events staff participated in during this quarter:
 - August 3: 350 participants reached at Carson City Sheriff's Night Out
 - September 16 and 17: 460 participants reached at Dayton Valley Days
 - September 17: 80 participants reached at Sassabration
 - September 20: 135 participants reached at Empire Elementary Back to School Night
 - September 30: 26 participants reached at Carson City School District's Multilingual Fair
- Staff Trainings - Adolescent Health Staff
 - Adolescent Health Staff reference a monthly publication, Journal of Adolescent Health
 - August 4: Carson City Health and Human Services All Staff Development Day
 - August 21: Program Management and Administration – Tips and Strategies from the Field found at [Program Management and Administration – Tips and Strategies from the Field | The Exchange \(hhs.gov\)](#)
 - August 22: Reviewed Fidelity and Adaptation for the New Normal at <https://teenpregnancy.acf.hhs.gov/resources/fidelity-and-adaptations-new-normal>
 - September 20: Adolescent Health Initiative Connection Session: Intersections: Supporting Youth, Their Identities, and Their Mental Health Needs Across Disciplines at [2023 Connection Session - Adolescent Health Initiative \(umhs-adolescenthealth.org\)](#)

Tobacco Control and Prevention Program

Program funding comes from:

1. CDC's Tobacco Control and Prevention
 2. Nevada Clinical Services formerly the Funds for Healthy Nevada
 3. Health Disparities Grant through the Nevada Cancer Coalition
- CCHHS Tobacco Control and Prevention Program staff continue to be members of the Nevada Tobacco Control and Smoke-free Coalition formally known as Nevada Tobacco Prevention Coalition.
 - Staff continue to assist in the development of educational materials for statewide partners to use on priority policies related to the Nevada Clean Indoor Air Act, Tobacco Prevention and Control Funding, Restricting Flavored Tobacco Products, and Addressing Youth Access via Tobacco Retailers.

- Outreach events and presentations staff participated in included:
 - September 8-9: Douglas County Rodeo
 - September 12: Juvenile Probation hosted Parent Education Night for the Spanish Speaker
 - September 16-17: Dayton Valley Days
 - September 17: Sassabration
 - September 20: Empire Elementary Open House
 - September 30: Great Outdoors Health Fair/30th Anniversary

Prevention Health and Health Services

The program has added an existing full-time employee to work within the program part-time. This employee now works between 3 programs at CCHHS. She will continue with the current scope of work. At all the outreach events she participates in for the other programs, she is handing out information about Healthy Eating. This is not a deliverable within the grant; however, by getting this information out to the public, it may help individuals with living a healthier life.

Budget

- General Funds – None
- Grants – 100%

CCHHS Administration

3rd Community Health Needs Assessment (CHNA) Update

Executive Summary and entire assessment are located on www.gethealthycarsoncity.org.

3rd Community Health Improvement Plan

A contractor has been chosen to assist with the plan. The plan is to start the process within the next couple of months.

CCHHS Strategic Plan

The strategic plan will be drafted after the Community Health Improvement Plan is completed.