



# Memorandum

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**To:** Southern Nevada District Board of Health

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**Subject:** Nursing Monthly Report – October 2008

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## DIVISION OF NURSING DIRECTOR REPORT

### I. Immunization Program:

#### A. Immunization Program

##### 1. Ravenholt Immunization Clinic:

The clinic serviced 5,061 clients and gave 10,111 vaccines. Gratis was given to 573 clients. All Clinics of SNHD serviced 10,227 clients and gave 19,941 vaccines.

##### 2. Flu Activity:

Over 9,300 flu shots were administered in October. Approximately 11,900 flu shots have been given so far this season. All data for outside clinics has not been reported for the month. Twenty community flu clinics have been held.

Employee influenza vaccination rates are at about 60% vs. 72% for last year. An additional 15,000 doses of influenza vaccine were received from the State in mid October for children.

#### B. Immunization Project:

The State is continuing to plan for the "VFC only" transition for the first of the year. A second community meeting is being planned for December.

##### 1. Exemption Training Class:

Classes continue to be held every Tuesday and Thursday. In the month of October, 6 clients enrolled in the class.

Demand continues for Zostavax (shingles) vaccine which is currently on backorder. We are anticipating delivery in early November from an order placed in July.

#### C. Vaccines for Children (VFC):

We have a total of 171 providers in Clark County. The 2 Quality Assurance Coordinators (QACs)

completed four educational visits and assessments and 15 completed feedback visits with action plans. They also participated in one Nevada Immunization Learning Exchange (NILE), an educational program for providers. The overall coverage levels of children seen by the providers was 61.66% which is about the same as last month.

**D. Perinatal Hepatitis B Program:**

Total birth doses of Hepatitis B given in the 13 birthing hospitals.....	2453
Hospital contacts made by our Perinatal Hepatitis B Coordinator.....	8
Total Active cases.....	178
Total Number of expectant mothers.....	40
Total number of Household contacts.....	147
Total number of Babies being followed.....	126
Total Number of New Cases.....	9
Grand Total of Cases.....	451

**E. Special Events:**

A Point of Distribution (POD) exercise was conducted on 10/23 at Catholic Charities.

- 347 clients received influenza vaccinations at the POD exercise
- An additional 370 immunizations were given at Project Homeless Connect
- In conjunction with the national elections, SNHD took part in the Vote & Vax program. We administered 165 flu shots among the six different locations.

**F. Adolescent Program:**

Two middle school clinics were held this month, and 36 students received 36 vaccines.

**G. Child Care Program:**

Thirteen Day Care Centers were audited and three clinics were held at the centers to vaccinate children. One feedback visit explaining to Day Care providers about how to evaluate immunization records took place during the month.

**H. Workplace Vaccinations:**

**Health Card Clinic:**

There have been a total of 9,782 nursing procedures at the six health card locations in October. This includes Hep. A, Hep. B, twinrix vaccinations and TB testing.

**Community Workplace Vaccination:**

- 10 off-site clinics were held in October 2008. They were at the following locations:
  - Allied Flooring - 10/7/08
  - Premier Response - 10/9/08
  - United Rental Trench Safety - 10/10/08
  - Aspen Financial - 10/13/08
  - Greenbert Traurig - 10/16/08
  - State of Nevada, Building & Grounds Division - 10/22/08
  - Venetian Hanger - 10/23/08
  - Venetian Hotel - 10/23/08

- Las Vegas Day School - 10/27/08
- Westside Building Material Corp. - 10/28/08
- Three new contracts were acquired in October 2008.
  - Westside Building Material Corp. - Flu
  - Mountain Land Rehabilitation - Hepatitis B
  - Infinity Hospice Care - Hepatitis B & Flu
- 1 new purchase order contract acquired in October 2008:
  - State of Nevada, Buildings & Grounds Division

Total Contracts..... 151  
 Total Purchase Orders ..... 17

**II. Community Health Nursing Program:**

**A. Maternal Child Nursing Program:**

The Community Health Nurses assigned to this team completed their Child care Health Consultant Training and will survey the first Child Care Center in October. This is a new project and we are eager to pilot this program with the assistance of Healthy Child Care Nevada, AHEC and United Way.

This team has been reviewing developmental screening tools for incorporation into their program. The Denver Developmental Scale, which we are currently using, is considered an insufficient tool and does not incorporate enough parental involvement in a child’s development.

The team also provided training and experience for students from UNLV, Nevada State College, a Physician Assistant student and a Pediatric resident. The nurses were also given the opportunity to assist with field training for members of the epidemiology staff of SNHD.

**B. Special Project Team and Healthy Kids Team:**

The special projects team participated in Project Homeless Connect. The services provided included Blood Pressure check, Fluoride Varnish applications, immunizations and distribution of various health educational materials. The event was attended by almost 4,000 homeless individuals. Working with “Communities in School”, the team provided Dental Caries Assessment and Fluoride Varnish application to the 1<sup>st</sup> graders at Bailey Elementary School on October 10<sup>th</sup>.

**C. Nurse Family Partnership (NFP):**

NFP continues to grow and become known in the community. We now have 27 active enrolled clients. In addition, the team provided presentations regarding the program to the staff at Henderson Public Health Center, Early Head Start and Communities In Schools.

**D. Lead Case Management:**

During October, the Childhood Lead Poisoning Prevention Program (CLPPP) Nurse provided education regarding lead poisoning and prevention at 6 health fairs, 1 provider’s office, 1 community agency and 1 school.

In addition, 154 children were screened for lead this month: 115 at health fairs and community events and 39 through the laboratory here at SNHD. No new cases were opened this month.

Specific power point presentations have been developed to assist the African-American community and the Hispanic community with understanding the dangers of Lead poisoning and the benefit of having children tested.

### **III. HIV/STD:**

#### **October 2008**

HIV Reports = 24      YTD 2008 = 236  
AIDS Cases = 23      YTD 2008 = 203

#### **A. Prevention Services:**

1. Free, rapid HIV testing was offered for the month of October in Annex A in observance of National Coming Out Day and National Latino AIDS Awareness Day.
2. Collaboration with GOSHEN Community Development Coalition to offer free rapid HIV testing and incentives at 3 locations - Annex A, Gay and Lesbian Center & Huntridge Teen Clinic. This partnership will continue through June 2009.
3. Gay & Lesbian Center - every Monday and Thursday from 1-6:30 pm HIV testing urine based screening for Chlamydia and Gonorrhea, and Twinrix vaccine offered.
4. UNLV on October 6<sup>th</sup> and October 20<sup>th</sup> from 1-4:30 pm.
5. On October 11<sup>th</sup>, participated in the National Coming Out Day event in Commercial Center from 7 pm to 1 am. HIV rapid testing, syphilis serology, urine based screening for Chlamydia and Gonorrhea and Twinrix vaccine offered.
6. Juvenile Detention Center testing and counseling was provided on October 15<sup>th</sup> and October 22<sup>nd</sup>.
7. October 15<sup>th</sup> we observed National Latino AIDS Awareness Day. In Southern Nevada, Hispanics account for 17 percent of the 2,558 people with AIDS, this includes 74 percent who are men who have sex with men (MSM). Currently, there are 3,429 residents who are living with HIV; of these, 17 percent are Hispanic and 66 percent are MSM.
8. October 18<sup>th</sup> from 12:30 to 2 pm, testing, counseling and education was provided through the John's Program which is a program dedicated to helping individuals who are arrested for the first time for soliciting for prostitution.

#### **Training for SNHD staff and Community Providers included:**

- HIV 101 on October 7<sup>th</sup> from 10 am - 3 pm
- ABC's of Hepatitis and STD's on October 8<sup>th</sup> from 9 am - 1 pm.
- Specimen Shipment Training on October 10<sup>th</sup> from 9-10 am.
- Client Centered Counseling on October 15<sup>th</sup> - 17<sup>th</sup> from 9 am - 4:30 pm.

- New Syphilis EIA test training on October 9<sup>th</sup>.
- Expanding the HIV Prevention Framework for Gay/Bi-sexual and Other MSM training provided by the California STD/HIV Prevention Training Center on October 27-28<sup>th</sup> from 8:30 am – 4:30 pm.

**B. STD Surveillance:**

Total Syphilis, Chlamydia and Gonorrhea reported to STD surveillance in October:

Primary Syphilis .....	2
Secondary Syphilis.....	4
Early Latent Syphilis.....	14
Late and Late Latent Syphilis .....	4
Chlamydia .....	609
Gonorrhea .....	151

**IV. CCHD/SNHD Lab:**

- A. October 7<sup>th</sup> and 21<sup>st</sup>, 2008: Two additional meetings of this Lab Transition Committee met. The transfer of Gonorrhea specimens to SNPHL has been achieved. The transition to amplified urine tests for CT & GC through Long Beach Public Health Lab has also been achieved. The next task is to work out the logistics for blood specimens for syphilis between the lab and SNPHL.

Refer the monthly statistical report.

**V. Tuberculosis Program:**

1. **October 7, 2008:** TB staff participated in the monthly state telephone conference facilitated by the State of Nevada TB controller.
2. **October 8, 2008:** An internal group focusing upon corrections and communicable disease held its last session for the year. An update of the plan of action was given by Kim Do, CDC Public Health Advisor. It was agreed upon to look at morbidity of TB/HIV cases in 3 months using the Los Angeles, CA template for this type of cohort review.
3. **October 22, 2008:** A case presentation for inappropriate discharge from an acute care facility of an infectious, active case of TB was discussed with Doctors Sands, Middaugh and Bonnie Sorenson. The TB team is meeting with the acute care facility to ensure this under reporting doesn't occur in the future.
4. **October 23, 2008:** The TB team met with the Risk Management Coordinator for Las Vegas Metropolitan Police Department.
5. **October 29, 2008:** Laurie Hickstein and Kim Do received thanks for their presentation to the NaphCare/Clark County Corrections Department about the transmission of TB and how to prevent spread in a congregate setting.

Tally for the month of people using the TB web site for their questions/concerns: 2

Refer to the monthly statistical report.

**VI. STD Clinic:**

1. **October 1, 2008:** Monthly staff meeting of STD staff was held and facilitated by Kara Bennis.
2. **October 16, 2008:** The task force comprised of RH and STD end users met to discuss ongoing issues related to WebRH and CT/GC NAATs testing.

Tally for the month of people using the STD web site for their questions/concerns: 4  
Refer to the monthly statistical report.

**VII. Quality Management:**

**October 30, 2008:** Nursing Quality Management met and collection of the team's responses using the NACCHO tool to assess accreditation readiness is underway. The goal will be to aggregate the data for all of the standards within the next six months.

**VIII. Public Health Centers (PHC): See activity report for client service numbers.**

No new information to report for PHC.

**IX. Family Planning:**

- A. Peer Review Meeting:** Held on October 9, 2008. Dr. Kahle, Family Planning Medical Director unable to attend. Family Planning audits were reviewed with no further action regarding policy or process change needed. Paraguard Intrauterine Device (IUD) representative provided lunch and an in-service regarding Paraguard's Program for requesting free IUDs for those females who meet Paraguard Eligibility guidelines. Eligibility requires that the client show proof of citizenship and income and has the potential to deter clients from utilizing this method of birth control, as well as, cause concern and mistrust of the SNHD. SNHD currently provides the Paraguard IUD as a birth control method on a sliding fee schedule and will not be participating in the free device program.
- B. Family Planning Monthly Audits:** Completed at ELV, SPV, NLV and HEN. Audits reflect input from Senior PHNs for overall completeness of documentation, Supervisor audits for compliance with Best Practice Guidelines and Policy, Nurse Practitioners review for adherence to protocols and standards of practice and MD audits for safe practice. There were no issues identified in the audit process for the month of September. Huntridge Teen Clinic chart audits are completed monthly. Audits indicate improvement in documentation and overall service delivery. The clerical team has come together to develop "Best Practice Guidelines," for Family Planning client processing and clerical documentation.
- C. Information and Education Committee:** Held October 9, 2008. SNHD and Delegate agencies represented. Twenty-five client surveys were conducted at each SNHD location to determine the most desirable educational brochures regarding pregnancy.
- D. IT Enhancements:** IT has worked with the outlying PHCs to develop an online tracking and reporting mechanism for Chlamydia and Gonorrhea testing and treatment as it relates to the Infertility Prevention Program in Family Planning. This will improve overall accuracy in reporting data to the

State and region IX and provide a method for monitoring compliance with program guidelines. This system has not been implemented at this time and requires program updates via Envision which will occur in the late Fall of 2008. The import of lab results into the Electronic Medical Record (EMR) continues successfully and the sorting of billing information in accordance with grant payment sources will be implemented in November of 2008.

**E. Infertility Prevention Project (IPP):** No current updates – status quo.

**F. Professional Education:** No specialty training occurred in October. Staff continues safety training, Fit Testing and ICS training requirements that are scheduled routinely throughout the year.

**G. Special Event:** “Passionately Pink” East Las Vegas (10/17), North Las Vegas (10/24), Henderson (10/21 and Spring Valley PHC (10/24).

October was “Breast Cancer Awareness Month” and each location participated in the Susan G. Komen “Passionately Pink Program”. The outlying Public Health Centers coordinated activities, information and educational materials to stress the importance of: self breast exams, mammography for early breast cancer detection and focused on increasing women’s overall knowledge regarding breast cancer facts. All staff wore pink to set the tone for the day’s activities and the clinics displayed pink ribbons, balloons and decorative items to support the “Passionately Pink” theme. Clients were treated to free promotional give-a-ways as well as bilingual educational materials, donated by SNHD’s PIO office, the Susan G. Komen Foundation, the Nevada Women’s Health Connection and the SNHD’s Division of Chronic Disease Prevention and Management area.

The Henderson facility activity was organized by Susan Kilburn, Advanced Nurse Practitioner in collaboration with Environmental Health and Health Cards. Fund raising activities included the sale of pink baked goods donated by employees and resulted in a \$235.00 donation to the Susan G. Komen Foundation. Employees and customers were encouraged to add a loved ones name to the “Remembrance” wall which was in honor of those who have fought breast cancer, won or lost or are still fighting. The Henderson facility was spotlighted on Channel 8 News.

Activities at East Las Vegas were coordinated by Roberta Gigear, RN/PHN II, North Las Vegas by JoAnn Rupiper, RN/Senior PHN, and by Marites Navarro, RN/PHN II, at the Spring Valley Public Health Center.

**CONGRATULATIONS** and many thanks to all staff who worked hard to make this a successful event.

**X. Nursing Development/Community Outreach Educator Program**

**A. Education:**

1. A total of 11 educational opportunities were provided in October 2008.
2. Satellite broadcasts (live and taped) and Live Speakers/Instructors (see attached).
3. More than 28 staff members attended these trainings.
4. CEU’s were available for 4 of these programs.
5. One CPR class was held with 4 attending.

**6. Immunization didactic class with 1 attending**

**B. Student Activities:**

1. Orientation for one University of Nevada School of Medicine pediatric resident – coordinated 10 activities for the resident.
2. Medical students: Five medical students rotated through the STD clinic in October.
3. Three Nevada State College nursing students completed their rotation.
4. Met with instructor to make assignments for fall semester for 8 USN nursing students.
5. Coordinated orientation for fall USN nursing students.

**C. New Hires: One new hire**

**D. Other Activities:**

1. Conducted one employee flu clinic
2. Conducted Flu training for 7 MRC volunteers
3. Attended Academic Affairs Committee meeting
4. Worked on Immunization Competency class

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Attachments: Monthly Statistical Report – October 2008  
In-Service Calendar  
Letters of Appreciation

## NURSING DIVISION MONTHLY REPORT

October 2008

### CLINIC SERVICES

*Not all services are available at all locations*

Client Encounters by Location	Ravenholt	East LV PHC	North LV PHC	Hend PHC	Laughlin	MCH Satellites	Spring Valley PHC	Cambridge	Court House	Airport	TB Clinic	Mesquite	Overton	Adoles. Clinics	Other**	TOTAL
Immunizations	5,064	1,789	880	1,965	3	24	532			134		50	85	36		10,562
Children's Exams		3	5	9	0	26	12						1			56
Family Planning	64	586	498	326	5		163									1,642
HIV/AIDS ***	1,123	27	5	22			2								717	1,896
Other Services*		188	125	87		40	135			190						765
STD Clinic	1,538															1,538
STD Investigations	116															116
TB Treatment/Control											8,135					8,135
Hep. A Desk (Health Card)	3,903	1,672		1,260	98			1,459				65				8,457
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>11,808</b>	<b>4,265</b>	<b>1,513</b>	<b>3,669</b>	<b>106</b>	<b>90</b>	<b>844</b>	<b>1,459</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>324</b>	<b>8,135</b>	<b>115</b>	<b>86</b>	<b>36</b>	<b>717</b>	<b>33,167</b>

\*First Aid, BP, PKUs

\*\*\*Total Incl. Immuniz.

\*\*Health Fairs

█ =not applicable

\*\*\*\* Numbers not available at this time

#### CLIENT ENCOUNTERS BY PROGRAM

	YTD 2008	YTD 2007
Immunizations	85,472	90,543
Children's Exams	2,846	3,820
Family Planning	15,067	15,599
HIV/AIDS	15,387	17,470
Other Services	9,054	9,204
STD	16,067	13,261
STD Investigations	1,053	627
TB Treatment & Control	62,553	56,864
Hep. A Desk (Health Card)	89,668	103,208
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>297,167</b>	<b>310,596</b>

\*Numbers are being audited for verification.

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October 2008  
FIELD SERVICES

COMMUNITY HEALTH Nursing Field Services (Home Visits)	Oct-08	YTD 2008	YTD 2007
MCH Team	139	2201	3174

**NARRATIVE:** Out of the 69 referrals received in the Community Health Nursing Program, 47 were in Neonatal Intensive Care Units, and 12 were for Child Protective Services.

COMMUNITY HEALTH Nurse Case Manager Client Contacts (Visits and Telephone Contacts)	Oct-08	YTD 2008	YTD 2007
Heart Failure (CHF)	0	79	379

Perinatal Hep. B	Oct-08	Oct-07
Total active cases	178	135
# of expectant women	40	24
New cases	9	5

Vaccines for Children	Oct-08	YTD 2008	Oct-07
Number of Participating Providers	171		184
Number of VFC Quality Assurance Site Visits	2	45	1
Number of Immunization Assessment Visits	4	16	5
Number of Feedback/Follow-Up Visits	15	69	8
Number of State Requested Visits		11	6

Workplace Vaccinations	Oct-08	YTD 2008	YTD 2007
Patient Encounters	272	1865	1415
Worksites Visited	10	45	39

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TB Treatment & Control	Oct-08	YTD 2008	YTD 2007
New Cases	5	83	82
Patients on Prophylaxis	2,341		*1329
Contact investigations	6	98	91
Encounters	8,135	62,553	56,864

\*Averaged YTD

HIV/AIDS Testing by Location	Oct 2008	YTD 2008	Oct 2007	YTD 2007	Positives	
					YTD 2008	YTD 2007
SNHD-HIV, Outreach	1,633	13,201	1,004	11,980	193	174
BADA *	17	949	78	1,642	5	7
MISC.(incl.J Jail)	162	1,012	148	1,070	5	7
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>1,812</b>	<b>15,162</b>	<b>1,230</b>	<b>14,692</b>	<b>203</b>	<b>188</b>

\*Includes Immunizations

Case Management Client Contacts	Oct 2008	YTD 2008	YTD 2007
Adults - HIV/AIDS	558	5061	1610
Women & Children - HIV/AIDS	365	3372	2232
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>923</b>	<b>8433</b>	<b>3842</b>


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## SUPPORT SERVICES

<b>Volunteers</b>	<b>Number</b>	<b>YTD 2008</b>	<b>YTD 2007</b>	<b>Hours</b>	<b>YTD 2008</b>	<b>YTD 2007</b>
Hope Worldwide Nevada		74	100		8.5	15

<b>Laboratory Testing</b>	<b>Oct-08</b>	<b>YTD 2008</b>	<b>YTD 2007</b>
Total Clients	1,657	16,673	14,240
Total Tests	3,085	48,882	43,662

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<b>October 2008 In-Service Education</b>						
			1	2 EPI Vac Class: Part 1 8:30-11:30 NRCR CEUs RSVP Sherry	3	4
5	6	7 HIV Fundamentals 10:00-3:00 400 Shadow Lane Cherie ex:0726	8	9	10 EPI Vac Class: Part 2 8:30-11:30 NRCR CEUs RSVP Sherry	11
12	13	14 Nutrition & Pregnancy 10:00-12:00 Clemens Room Presenter: Madeleine Sigmund-Grant CEUs RSVP Sherry	15 Client Centered Counseling: Day 1 9:00-4:00 400 Shadow Lane Cherie ex: 0726 CEUs Teen Addiction & the Path to Recovery 9:00-10:00 NRCR	16 Client Centered Counseling: Day 2  IZ Didactic 8:30-1:00 NRCR RSVP Sherry	17 Client Centered Counseling: Day 3  BBP Class 9:30-11:30 HR TR 2	18
19	20	21 Web IZ Training 8:30-1:00 ACR 2 RSVP Michelle ex: 0898	22 EPI Vac Class: Part 3 8:30-11:30 NRCR CEUs RSVP Sherry	23	24 HIV Fundamentals 10:00-3:00 400 Shadow Lane Cherie ex: 0726	25
26	27	28 EPI Vac Class: Part 4 8:30-11:30 NRCR CEUs	29 CPR: Renewal 8:00-12:00 PCR RSVP Sherry	30 BBP Class 9:30-11:30 HR TR 2 Without Consent: Drugs and Sexual Assault 10:00-11:00 ACR 1 RSVP Sherry	31 	

Thank you all for such a wonderful experience  
at the clinic! This was one of the most enjoyable  
clinical experiences I have had.

All of you were very welcoming to  
me, and I thank you for that and  
all of the  
to make me smile. valuable  
information,  
I have gained  
& will incorporate  
in my future  
career as a  
NURSE!

Thank you again  
& I will be applying in  
a year or so!

LaDonna

I would like to thank everyone who took the time to share their knowledge with me. I truly appreciate the support you all provided to me as a student. I have enjoyed this clinical rotation very much. Thanks to all of the nurses for teaching me a different aspect of nursing. I have learned a lot from all of you guys. Once again thank you for being kind to me. I must say that I loved coming to this clinic; I always looked forward to clinical day. I will miss you guys very much, but I hope to keep in touch.

Sincerely,  
Stephanie  
(Nevada State College - 2008)