



Memorandum

Date: December 8, 2008

To: Southern Nevada District Board of Health

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Subject: Nursing Monthly Report – November 2008

DIVISION OF NURSING DIRECTOR REPORT

I. Immunization Program:

A. Immunization Program

1. Ravenholt Immunization Clinic:

The clinic serviced 3,160 clients and gave 6,434 vaccines. Gratis was given to 310 clients. All Clinics of SNHD serviced 6,689 clients and gave 13,852 vaccines.

2. Flu Activity:

Over 5,200 flu shots were administered in November. Approximately 17,100 flu shots have been given so far this season. All data for outside clinics has not been reported for the month. Twenty-four community flu clinics were held in November serving 634 clients.

B. Immunization Project:

The State is continuing to plan for the "VFC only" transition for January 1st, 2009. A second community meeting will be held at the District on December 10th to continue discussion on the implementation phase of this transition.

1. Exemption Training Class:

Classes continue to be held every Tuesday and Thursday. In the month of November, 7 clients enrolled in the class.

2. Inventory:

The physical inventory that took place in November resulted in a +50 doses of State RotaTeq vaccine. This is the opposite of October – which means the doses were miscounted last month and our inventory is correct and there are no overages or shortages for this month.

C. Vaccines for Children (VFC):

We have a total of 170 providers in Clark County. The two Quality Assurance Coordinators (QACs)

completed 2 state requested visits and 7 feedback visits with action plans. They are currently working on the end of the year AFIX report for the state. The overall average for the providers this year is 61.66%

D. Perinatal Hepatitis B Program:

Total birth doses of Hepatitis B given in the 13 birthing hospitals.....	2183
Hospital contacts made by our Perinatal Hepatitis B Coordinator.....	10
Total Active cases.....	176
Total Number of expectant mothers.....	42
Total number of Household contacts.....	142
Total number of Babies being followed.....	112
Total Number of New Cases.....	10
Grand Total of Cases.....	430

E. Special Events:

The Manager and Supervisor of the Immunization Program attended the National Association of Immunization Managers Meeting in New Orleans. State programs share their experiences and ideas with immunization issues.

F. Adolescent Program:

One middle school clinic was held this month. The adolescent coordinators are visiting schools to partner with the school nurses in an attempt to make sure all children receive the necessary immunizations.

G. Child Care Program:

Eleven audits, 3 clinics, and 5 feedbacks took place during the month. A total of 132 immunizations were given.

H. Workplace Vaccinations:

Health Card Clinic:

There have been a total of 8,338 nursing procedures at the six health card locations in November. This includes Hep. A, Hep. B, twinrix vaccinations and TB testing.

Community Workplace Vaccination:

- Nine off-site clinics were held in November 2008. They were at the following locations:
 - Faith Lutheran - November 4, 2008
 - Premier Mechanical - November 5, 2008
 - Forum Shops - November 6, 2008
 - IGS - Nevada - November 7, 2008
 - Walter P. Moore Engineering - November 10, 2008
 - R & O Construction - November 12, 2008
 - City of Henderson - November 17, 2008
 - United Rentals Trench Safety - November 21, 2008
 - Cancun Resort - November 21, 2008

- Listed below are new contracts acquired in November 2008:
 - Orthopedic Motion – Flu and TB testing
 - Grand Canyon Dental – Hepatitis B
 - Precision Instruments – Hepatitis B, ATD, C-Pox, MMR, Flu and TB testing

Total Contracts	154	Total Purchase Orders	17
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II. Community Health Nursing Program:

A. Maternal Child Nursing Program:

The MCH nurses completed the second Child Care Facility Survey during this month. The facility they surveyed was larger, over 100 children and provided services to a broader age range of children. Dates are being set to return to the facility to provide feedback and recommendations for improvements.

B. Special Project Team and Healthy Kids Team:

The training for the Early Periodic Screening, Diagnosis and Testing (EPSDT) is underway. This program will involve a team member making calls during work and after hours to Medicaid families to ensure they are aware of and to encourage them to obtain exams for their children.

The team worked with Communities in Schools to provide oral screenings and fluoride varnish to 1st and 2nd graders at various Clark County schools. Seventeen students were identified as needing urgent oral care. Those 17 students and 53 others were referred to Miles for Smiles.

C. Nurse Family Partnership (NFP):

NFP now has 34 active clients. A third member of the staff completed her training in Denver and will begin seeing clients this month. The partnership continues to grow and is becoming known in the community.

D. Lead Case Management:

During November, the Childhood Lead Poisoning Prevention Program (CLPPP) Nurse provided education regarding lead poisoning and prevention to two community agencies.

In addition, 6 children were screened for lead this month. There are currently a total of 15 open cases. Of those 15, 13 are scheduled for final screening next month and if levels are satisfactory the cases will be closed.

III. HIV/STD:

November 2008

Newly identified HIV infections = 25/YTD 2008 = 261

Newly identified AIDS cases = 12/YTD 2008 = 215

Pediatric Transmission HIV infections = 0/Total = 23

Pediatric Transmission AIDS cases = 0/Total = 26

Perinatally HIV exposed = 1/Born in November 2008

A. Prevention Services:

1. Free, rapid HIV testing at Annex A continued through the month of November.
2. The Office of HIV/AIDS/STD is offering rapid HIV testing at North Las Vegas Public Health Center Family Planning Clinic beginning November 4th.
3. Gay & Lesbian Center - every Monday and Thursday from 1:00 - 6:30 pm HIV testing urine based screening for Chlamydia and Gonorrhea, and Twinrix vaccine offered.
4. UNLV HIV testing offered November 3rd and November 17th from 1:00 - 4:30 pm.
5. Community Counseling Center HIV testing on November 18th and November 20th.
6. Juvenile Detention Center testing and counseling was provided on November 19th.
7. On November 5th, HIV testing and counseling was offered at Victory Baptist Church from 9:00 am. to 2:00 pm.
8. On November 7th, HIV testing and counseling was offered at the old Fire Station in West Las Vegas from 10:00 am. to 2:00 pm.

Training for SNHD staff and Community Providers included:

- November 4th to 7th - Advanced STD Intervention (ASTDI) from 8:00 am. to 4:30 pm. Ten DIIS participated in this training course presented by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC).
- November 18th - ABC's of Hepatitis from 9:00 a.m. - 1:00 pm.
- November 18th and 19th - phlebotomy training provided by a consultant.
- November 21st - HIV 101
- Four Case Managers attended Point of Distribution (POD) training provided by the Office of Public Health Preparedness.
- On November 13th, Chris Reynolds, DIIS II, was awarded the Silver Syringe Award by the Southern Nevada Immunization Coalition for his efforts with promoting Twinrix vaccination to the high risk populations.

B. STD Surveillance:

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

Primary Syphilis	0
Secondary Syphilis	0
Early Latent Syphilis	17
Late and Late Latent Syphilis	3
Chlamydia	589
Gonorrhea	119

IV. CCHD/SNHD Lab:

A. November 20, 2008

Progress continues on transitioning lab services over to SNPHL. The State Bureau of Licensure recently approved SNPHL to begin hematology and syphilis serology testing. This will allow part of the staff to begin transferring from the STD Lab to SNPHL sometime after the first of the year.

B. November 24, 2008

Elizabeth Foss, former district employee, was recognized for her nomination as a Public Health Hero sponsored by the American Red Cross (see attached letter).

Refer to the monthly statistical report.

V. Tuberculosis Program:

- 1. November 4, 2008:** TB staff participated in the monthly state telephone conference facilitated by the State of Nevada TB controller.
- 2. November 5, 2008:** Kara Bennis facilitated a case management conference concerning an MDR-TB client and the health plan benefit providers. The intent was to clarify the roles of all the health care team and assure continuity of care.
- 3. November 6, 2008:** Kara Bennis met with IT staff, Eddie Larson and Chris Strickland, to discuss the logistical steps needed to implement use of the broad band videophones.
- 4. November 7, 2008:** Members of the TB staff were acknowledged for their investigative work related to the "El Perro" contact investigation in an abstract EpiAid report.
- 5. November 21, 2008:** Grand Rounds entitled "Reporting Practices for Suspect/ Active TB Cases in Southern Nevada" occurred at UMCSN by Laurie Hickstein. The main points were transmission disease, case reporting requirements and Clark County specific statistics of active/suspect cases. In addition, recent examples of cases were discussed.
- 6. November 20, 2008:** The TB team of Kim Do and Laurie Hickstein continue to provide the presentation to the NaphCare/Clark County Corrections Department (Stewart Mojave) 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: 0

Refer to the monthly statistical report.

VI. STD Clinic:

- 1. November 13 & 14, 2008:** Kara Bennis and Patty O'Rourke-Langston attended the regional Infertility Prevention Project in Long Beach, CA. Also in attendance from SNHD were Alice Costello and Vickie Swanson. The STD clinic will be pilot testing the audit tool designed specifically for STD clinic male clients. Nevada was recognized for its progress in using NAATs urine based testing for Chlamydia and Gonorrhea.

Tally for the month of people using the STD web site for their questions/concerns: 2
Refer to the monthly statistical report.

VII. Quality Management:

November 19, 2008: Nursing Quality Management met and discussed the Standard II under the NACCHO accreditation guidelines. The goal will be to aggregate the data for all of the standards within the next six month.

VIII. Public Health Centers (PHC): See activity report for client service numbers.
No new information to report for PHC.

IX. Family Planning:

The Southern Nevada Health District Family Planning Program was notified on December 2, 2008 of the death of Dr. Clifford Kahle, on November 29, 2008. Dr. Kahle has served as the Medical Director for the SNHD Family Planning Program and collaborating physician for SNHD Nurse Practitioners for 8 years. He was Board Certified in OB/GYN and was a tremendous resource for, and, an asset to the SNHD Family Planning Program. His death represents a tremendous loss to the program and the community.

A. Peer Review Meeting: Scheduled December 11, 2008

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 November. 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: Scheduled for December 11, 2008

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, the software development company. The import of lab results into the EMR continues successfully and the sorting of billing information in accordance with grant payment sources has not been implemented as planned in November of 2008 due to software development delays by an external agency.

E. Infertility Prevention Project (IPP): The Family Planning staff attended the Region IX IPP meeting in Redondo Beach, California. Participation in this meeting is mandatory per Title X grant funding requirements. Region IX meets twice a year to establish criteria and guidelines to decrease the incidence of Chlamydia which is currently the highest STD reported nationally. Work groups have

been established to deal with health disparities, data reporting, testing, treatment and rescreening guidelines and best practices.

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

G. Special Event: None

X. Nursing Development/Community Outreach Educator Program

A. Education:

1. A total of 11 educational opportunities were provided in November 2008.
2. Satellite broadcasts (live and taped) and Live Speakers/Instructors (see attached).
3. More than 63 staff members attended these trainings.
4. CEU's were available for 0 of these programs.
5. One CPR classes was held with 3 attending.
6. Immunization didactic class with 3 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: Three medical students rotated through the STD clinic in November.
3. Orientation for 5 University of Southern Nevada nursing students.
4. Five University of Southern Nevada nursing students completed their community health rotation at SNHD.
5. Met with instructor from UNLV to coordinate community health clinicals for eight students for the spring semester.

C. New Hires: One new hire

D. Other Activities:

1. Conducted one employee flu clinic (EH)
2. Facilitated one Vaccine Education class with 2 attending
3. Attended Immunization Policy/Procedure committee meeting
4. Completed Immunization Competency class
5. Attended POD training: Logistics/Operations supervisor training

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Attachments: Monthly Statistical Report – November 2008
In-Service Calendar
Letter of Appreciation
Letter of Recognition

NURSING DIVISION MONTHLY REPORT

November 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	3,162	1,289	695	1,241	8	13	304			92		67	20	5		6,896
Children's Exams		3	2	13	0	147	0						1			166
Family Planning	49	440	355	266	4		167									1,281
HIV/AIDS ***	608	23	20	21			4								507	1,183
Other Services*	24	115	113	47		0	88			187						574
STD Clinic	1,360															1,360
STD Investigations	48															48
TB Treatment/Control											6,839					6,839
Hep. A Desk (Health Card)	2,081	907		737	47			826				37				4,635
TOTAL	7,332	2,777	1,185	2,325	59	160	563	826	0	279	6,839	104	21	5	507	22,982

*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	92,368	100,567
Children's Exams	3,012	4,309
Family Planning	16,348	16,986
HIV/AIDS	16,568	20,004
Other Services	9,628	10,178
STD	17,427	17,364
STD Investigations	1,101	926
TB Treatment & Control	69,392	61,192
Hep. A Desk (Health Card)	94,303	113,921
TOTAL	320,147	345,445

*Numbers are being audited for verification.

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November 2008

FIELD SERVICES

COMMUNITY HEALTH Nursing Field Services (Home Visits)	Nov-08	YTD 2008	YTD 2007
MCH Team	156	2357	3380

NARRATIVE: Out of the 76 referrals received in the Community Health Nursing Program, 42 were in Neonatal Intensive Care Units, and 8 were for Child Protective Services.

COMMUNITY HEALTH Nurse Case Manager Client Contacts (Visits and Telephone Contacts)	Nov-08	YTD 2008	YTD 2007
Heart Failure (CHF)	107	186	414

Perinatal Hep. B	Nov-08	Nov-07
Total active cases	176	170
# of expectant women	42	23
New cases	10	5

Vaccines for Children	Nov-08	YTD 2008	Nov-07
Number of Participating Providers	170		
Number of VFC Quality Assurance Site Visits	5	50	51
Number of Immunization Assessment Visits	0	16	74
Number of Feedback/Follow-Up Visits	2	71	89
Number of State Requested Visits			66

Workplace Vaccinations	Nov-08	YTD 2008	YTD 2007
Patient Encounters	128	1993	1717
Worksites Visited	23	68	51

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FIELD SERVICES

TB Treatment & Control	Nov-08	YTD 2008	YTD 2007
New Cases	4	87	86
Patients on Prophylaxis	2,218		
Contact investigations	5	103	95
Encounters	6,839	69,392	61,192

HIV/AIDS Testing by Location	Nov 2008	YTD 2008	Nov 2007	YTD 2007	Positives	
					YTD 2008	YTD 2007
SNHD-HIV, Outreach	844	14,275	1,390	14,503	211	202
BADA *	86	1,043	93	1,794	5	8
MISC.(incl.J Jail)	143	1,177	116	1,229	7	8
TOTAL	1,073	16,495	1,599	17,526	223	218



*Includes Immunizations

Case Management Client Contacts	Nov 2008	YTD 2008	YTD 2007
Adults - HIV/AIDS	435	5496	1781
Women & Children - HIV/AIDS	287	3659	2513
TOTAL	722	9155	4294

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SUPPORT SERVICES

Volunteers	Number	YTD 2008	YTD 2007	Hours	YTD 2008	YTD 2007
Hope Worldwide Nevada		88	100		132	196

Laboratory Testing	Nov-08	YTD 2008	YTD 2007
Total Clients	1,204	17,877	15,686
Total Tests	2,156	51,038	48,188

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
November 2008						In-Service Education
						1
2	3 In-service: Syphills & Zostavax 2-2:30 & 2:30-3 Pharmacy students ACR 1	4	5 In-service: 8-8:30 Syphills 8:30-9 Zostavax Pharmacy Students Henderson PHC	6 Syphills: The Great Imitator 10:00 MCR	7	8
9	10	11 	12	13 IZ Didactic 8:30-12:30 MCR RSVP Sherry	14 CPR: Renewal 8:00-12:00 PCR RSVP Sherry	15
16	17	18 Cervical Cancer: Prevention & Treatment 9:00-11:00 MCR	19	20 Easy Access: Abuse of Legal Drugs 10:00-11:00 ACR 1 RSVP Sherry	21 CPR: Initial 8:00-2:00 PCR RSVP Sherry	22
23	24	25	26 IZ Competency 9:00-11:00 MCR RSVP Sherry	27 	28 Holiday	29
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Legend: ACR 1-Admin Conference Room 1 (Wing 2) PCR-Pario Conference Room (Wing 3) MCR- McColI Conference Room (Wing 6) ACR 2-Admin Conerence Room 2 (Wing2)
 NRCR-Nursing Resource Conference Room (Wing6)

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November 20, 2008

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Dear Bonnie:


On behalf of United Way of Southern Nevada, thank you for participating in our recent Healthy Children/Healthy Families symposium.

Your participation was instrumental in facilitating critical dialogue around child immunizations and prenatal care. Because of your commitment to Southern Nevada, lives are being improved. We know that it won't be an easy task, and our goals are bold, but United Way of Southern Nevada looks forward to your continued involvement as we work together to create lasting change.

In the next few weeks, please expect to receive our white paper which summarizes the symposium's discussion and will serve as a foundation for the development of community-based solutions surrounding prenatal care and child immunizations.

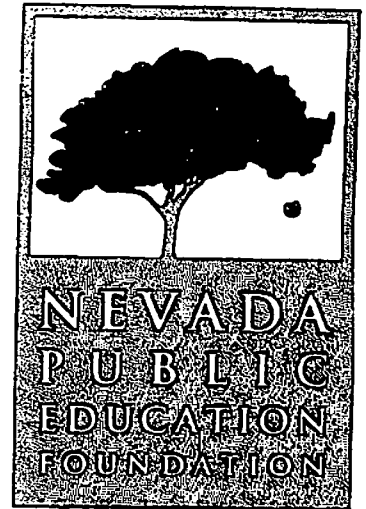
United Way looks forward to working with you to produce positive, lasting outcomes in our community.

Sincerely,


Dan Soutel
President and CEO

November 13, 2008

Mr. Michael Lacy
Southern Nevada Health District
625 Shadow Lane
Las Vegas, NV 89127



Dear Michael,

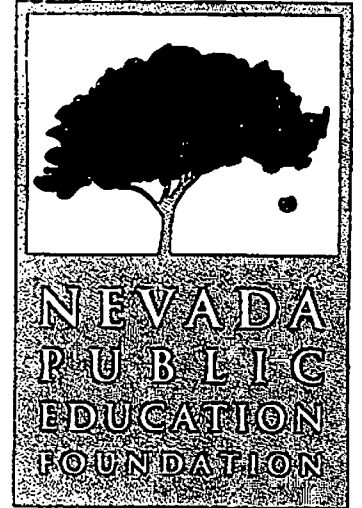
Thank you very much for your help and support this past week in putting together the packets for our Summit. I really appreciated how hard you worked. I think about how silly we felt trying to get the cart down the stairs and me banging into the doors!

Our Summit was held yesterday and was a huge success in getting the word out about Nevada's dropout crisis. It was well attended and we really feel that our message was heard and well received.

Once again thank you for your help and support. We truly appreciate you helping us get Nevada's young people "ready for life!"

Sincerely,


Debbie Carroll
Director of Development & Communications



November 14, 2008

**Ms. Margot Slater
Southern Nevada Health District
625 Shadow Lane
Las Vegas, NV 89127**

Dear Margot,

I don't know where to begin to thank you for your help and support last week in copying and putting together the packets for our Summit. All the many phone calls and emails must have driven you crazy but you were so calm and accommodating about everything. I really valued how hard you worked and how quickly and efficiently the packets were put together. I think we all actually had fun doing that together!

Our Summit was held two days ago and was a huge success in getting the word out about Nevada's dropout crisis. It was very well attended and we really feel that our message was heard and well received. I did mention to Bonnie that we couldn't have done it as well without your help and support.

Once again thank you for all that you did to help us. We truly appreciate you helping us get Nevada's young people "ready for life!"

Sincerely,

[Redacted signature]

**Debbie Carroll
Director of Development & Communications**

11-20-2008

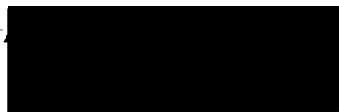
Hi Sherry,

Since this is our last day at SNHD, I would just like to express my gratitude to you and the SNHD for the awesome clinical experience that my students received there. They have all been excited and galvanized by the fine role models they have been exposed to over the past few weeks. I think that perhaps we might reap a few public health nurses as the result of their experiences here!

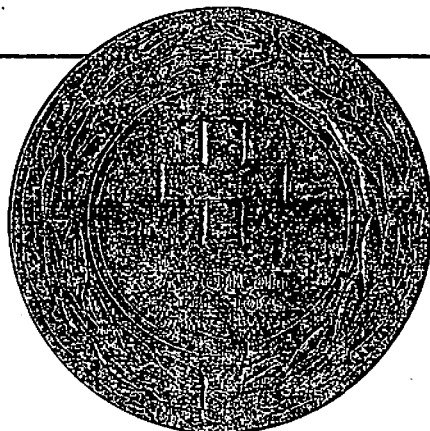
Once again, I would like to thank you, personally, for all of the thoughtful and excellent planning that you have done - it is not unnoticed. Hopefully, the students have expressed their appreciation to the individual nurses (and others) who have helped them - whether they have or have not, knowing that youth sometimes keeps barging forward without too much thought - they have all shared with me how much they truly appreciate and have enjoyed being there.

Thanks so much, and if there is anything I can ever do for you, please do not hesitate to call on me!

Sincerely,



University of Southern Nevada



Honorable Mention

The Southern Nevada Chapter
recognizes

Betty Foss

As a Community Hero

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Together we can save a life.