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District Board of Health Presents 2006 Public Health Hero Awards Awards recognize extraordinary contributions to public health in our community

LAS VEGAS – March 23, 2006 – Public Health Hero awards are presented each year as a prelude to National Public Health Week (April 3 – 9, 2006) to honor individuals and organizations whose extraordinary contributions protect and promote public health in our community. The following individuals were recognized today with Public Health Hero awards at the Southern Nevada District Board of Health meeting:

Nevadans for Antibiotic Awareness (NAA)

Nevadans for Antibiotic Awareness is a statewide task force of over 50 state and local public and private agencies committed to reducing the spread of antibiotic resistance. Since 2000, the non-profit organization has educated the medical community and general public about decreasing inappropriate antibiotic use and improving infection control practices. Executive Director Bill Berliner, M.D., F.A.C.S., accepted the award for the organization.

The Community Agency Response Team (CMART)

The Community Multi-Agency Response Team is a unique partnership of local and state governmental agencies that work together to identify dilapidated properties within unincorporated Clark County and bring them into compliance with health and safety regulations. Clark County Commissioner Myrna Williams accepted the award for the group.

Joe and Lonnie Noble

After losing a young child to drowning, Joe and Lonnie Noble graciously shared their personal tragedy in an effort to reduce the incidence of drowning in the community. The Nobles donated their time to several media campaigns designed to educate parents and protect young children.

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“Our Public Health Hero award winners represent the best of the best, and we are fortunate to have them as members of and contributors to our community,” said Dr. Donald Kwalick, chief health officer.

For more information on Public Health Week activities, contact the health district Public Information Office at (702) 759-1390, or visit the district website at <http://www.cchd.org>.

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