

Media Advisory April 11, 2008

Southern Nevada Health District to host special hepatitis C community event, Saturday, April 19

WHO The Southern Nevada Health District is hosting a community forum about hepatitis C.

WHAT The event includes two panel discussions (9 a.m. – 10:45 a.m. and another 1 p.m. – 2:45 p.m.); each panel will cover the same topics. Information booths will be available throughout the day.

Topics for the panel discussion include an overview and update on the outbreak investigation, an overview of hepatitis C, emotional support information, life with hepatitis C, legal aspects and a general discussion with questions and answers.

Scheduled speakers include:

Dr. Lawrence Sands, Southern Nevada Health District chief health officer Brian Labus, Southern Nevada Health District senior epidemiologist Dr. Robert Gish, Physician Foundation at California Pacific Medical Center liver transplant program

Dr. Tom McKnight, HONOReform (Hepatitis Outbreak National Organization for Reform) founder and private practice physician

Dr. Evelyn McKnight, HONOReform, founder Kathleen Risdon, Bridge Counseling social worker Robert Correales, UNLV Boyd School of Law

WHEN 8:30 .am. - 3 p.m., Saturday, April 19, 2008

WHERE Southern Nevada Health District

Auditorium 625 Shadow Lane Las Vegas, NV 89106