

Las Vegas Region Trauma System Assessment Project Fact Sheet

The Clark County Health District was asked by the Nevada State Health Division to conduct an assessment of the trauma system in the Las Vegas region. This assessment is being conducted with the assistance of The Abaris Group, a consulting firm that specializes in assessing trauma systems. In order to assure an objective and unbiased approach to the study, the Clark County Health District created a Citizens Trauma Task Force. The task force is comprised of business and community leaders in the Las Vegas area. Once the assessment has been completed, the Task Force will make recommendations to the Clark County Health District regarding a trauma system. The Health District will then present its findings and recommendations to the Nevada State Health Division.

The project will be accomplished in three broad steps. The first step will be to collect key necessary data and information, the second will be to analyze the information/data and the third will be to make recommendations on possible improvements. The American College of Surgeons will also conduct a local trauma system assessment as well. The project is expected to be completed in six months.

The following are some common questions and answers about the project.

- What is the purpose of the study?

The purpose of the study is to understand the current and future needs for trauma care in the Las Vegas region, ultimately resulting in recommendations to the Nevada State Health Division regarding a trauma system for the region.

- What will the study entail?

The study entails an inventory of each hospital, analysis of data (including financial), analysis of prevention programs, trauma policies and protocols, and trauma registry data. Meetings and interviews with system stakeholders will help shape the outcome.

- Who is conducting the study?

The Clark County Health District is coordinating the study with the assistance of The Abaris Group, and the American College of Surgeons. To complete the study, The Abaris Group is working collaboratively with all hospitals and EMS providers in the region and will visit each hospital to obtain their input and conduct an inventory of resources.

- How can I add my input to the study?

You are encouraged to attend one of the six “Town Hall” meetings being scheduled and to be held throughout the region. These will provide the opportunity for all stakeholders to share their perspectives on the trauma system. All interested stakeholders are welcome (EMS, hospital, the public, first responders, ED staff, etc.). You can also participate in stakeholder focus groups being scheduled.

- Where can I find more information about the study or to find out about the Town Hall meetings and focus groups?

For more information, access the Clark County Health District’s web site at www.cchd.org. Additional questions or comments may be directed to Mike Williams, Project Director, at (888) 367-0911, mwilliams@abarigroup.com.