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**TO:** Southern Nevada District Board of Health Members

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**SUBJECT:** District Health Officer Report

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#### Accreditation Update

- The Health District has completed a draft of its three-year Strategic Plan and is soliciting input from staff in order to finalize the document. The Strategic Plan is one of the documents required under accreditation guidelines.
- Two of the Community Health Improvement Plan partner subcommittee implementation teams are meeting this month to develop goals and objectives for their respective areas. Each team is also developing a recruitment list to onboard additional community members.
- The third edition of the Accreditation Side Dish newsletter was disseminated in August 2015. Newsletters, including past editions, updates on accreditation, and videos are available on the Health District's website at:  
<http://www.southernnevadahealthdistrict.org/pha/>.

#### Multi-state Outbreak Update

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) and Food and Drug Administration (FDA) are investigating a multi-state outbreak of *Salmonella* Poona infections potentially linked to imported cucumbers from Mexico and distributed by Andrews & Williamson Fresh Produce. According to the CDC, as of September 14, 2015, 341 people in 30 states have been reported as infected with the outbreak strain. Currently, Nevada is reporting seven cases related to the outbreak, with four of the reported cases in Clark County and an additional case under investigation. Many of the ill people have been reported in the southwestern United States, and 53 percent of ill people are younger than 18 years of age. 70 ill people have been hospitalized, and two deaths have been reported.

On September 4, 2015, Andrews & Williamson voluntarily recalled all cucumbers sold under its Limited Edition® label during the period from August 1, 2015 through September 3, 2016, due to possible contamination. The Health District is advising consumers not to eat recalled cucumbers. Retailers and restaurants should dispose of the product.

## Nurse-Family Partnership Graduation

The Health District's Nurse-Family Partnership program is hosting a graduation for current participating mothers and their children on Oct. 8, 2015, from 1-4 p.m. at Nevada Partner, located at 710 W. Lake Mead Blvd., Las Vegas, Nevada, 89030.

Since 2008, 604 mothers have enrolled in the Nurse-Family Partnership Program. Currently, the program is serving 134 families. The median age of clients in the program is 19 years old, and 367 babies have been born since the inception of the local program. Of the children born, only 27 have been born premature, and 94.4 percent of their mothers initiated breastfeeding, with 30.9 percent continuing to breastfeed until their babies reach 6 months of age.

On a national scale the Nurse-Family Partnership has a history of success in improving prenatal health, reducing childhood injuries, reducing participant's subsequent pregnancies, increasing intervals between births, increasing maternal employment, and improving school readiness.

## Community Meetings

- Presented at the Junior League of Las Vegas meeting
- Briefed Scott Neilson, new Board of Health member, on SNHD budget and issues
- Attended NMSA Governmental Affairs meeting
- Presented at State Board of Health meeting
- Attended Big Cities Health Coalition teleconference
- Attended NMSA Council meeting
- Proctored two new UNSOM medical residents
- Met with media as needed
- Attended the Public Health Commission (part of NSMA) meeting teleconference
- Met with Health Insight staff on SNHD/Health Insight collaborations
- Attended Clark County Medical Society Board of Trustees meeting
- Discussed Forecast for Notifiable Diseases with UNR and District staff
- Met with Mason VanHouweling, UMC Chief Operating Officer, to discuss issues related to SNHD
- Attended Las Vegas BAC meeting
- Met with Jon Pennell regarding Western Veterinary Conference Annual Conference
- Attended Big Cities Health Coalition (BCHC) Monthly teleconference