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**TO:** Southern Nevada District Board of Health Members  
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### Vector Surveillance Update

As of September 12, 2016, The Southern Nevada Health District is reporting 11 cases of Zika virus in Clark County residents. One hundred-fourteen people have been tested, with five test results pending. All positive cases reported by the Health District are travel associated, and updates are posted at [www.SNHD.info/zika/updates.php](http://www.SNHD.info/zika/updates.php) as they are confirmed. Additional information about Zika virus disease is available on the [Health District website](#) and on the [CDC website](#).

The Health District reported the county's first human cases of West Nile Virus in 2016 in August, as well as the first case of St. Louis Encephalitis reported in a human since 2007. The second case of St. Louis Encephalitis was reported in September. To date, St. Louis Encephalitis-positive mosquito pools have been identified in 32 unique ZIP codes, West Nile virus-positive mosquitoes have been identified in three unique ZIP codes, and in a rare occurrence two mosquito pools containing both St. Louis Encephalitis and West Nile virus-positive mosquitoes have been identified in one ZIP code.

### Adult Obesity Reports

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) recently released 2015 adult obesity prevalence data from the Behavioral Risk Factor Surveillance System (BRFSS). Additionally, the Trust for America's Health (TFAH) and the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation released [The State of Obesity: Better Policies for a Healthier America](#). *The State of Obesity* is an annual report that includes annual rates and obesity rankings, as well as trends by ethnicity, region, age, gender, education, and income. The CDC report provides valuable data that allows TFAH and Robert Wood Johnson to develop this comprehensive report that serves as a call to action, provides state rankings, and includes a variety of maps and charts with state-specific information. Based on this information, Nevada's adult obesity rate has decreased slightly from 27.7 percent in 2014 to 26.7 percent in 2015. According to the report, adult obesity rates now exceed 35 percent in four states, 30 percent in 25 states, and 20 percent in all states.

## **Accreditation Update**

The first, multi-agency Community Health Improvement Plan (CHIP) was introduced at an event at the Clark County Government Center on Wednesday, August 10, 2016. The plan serves as a template to address health disparities in Southern Nevada and represents the collaborative efforts of government agencies, health care providers, non-profits, and academia. The CHIP is the next step in a process that started with a Community Health Assessment completed earlier this year. The three priority areas identified by the CHIP are:

- Ensuring access to health care and human services to all residents
- Promoting health by addressing healthy behaviors that can impact chronic diseases
- Promoting health through informed policy making and appropriate funding for local public health

The CHIP will be implemented over a three-year period with updates available on the [HealthySouthernNevada.org](http://HealthySouthernNevada.org) website.

The newly re-designed HealthySouthernNevada.org website was unveiled at the August 10 CHIP event. The feedback from participants was very positive. Participants found the website easy to use and comprehensive. The Healthy Southern Nevada website continues to be updated by the vendor and will soon include a new set of indicators. The Healthy Southern Nevada planning group is creating a Standard Operating Procedure (SOP) for adding new documents to the website. A formalized SOP will insure that documents are accurate, includes the name, title, and source for users accessing the site and materials.

In addition to the CHIP, the Community Health Assessment (CHA) is also available on the Healthy Southern Nevada website. The Health District's Strategic Plan, another document critical to the accreditation process, is available on the intranet.

## **Community Meetings**

- Participated in Nevada Association of Local Health Officials teleconference
- Participated in Trauma Needs Assessment Task Force
- Participated in Legislative Committee on Health Care meeting
- Participated in Population Health Conference Committee meeting
- Met with UNLV staff to discuss potential/continued collaborative efforts
- Presented at "80% by 2018" Nevada Colorectal Cancer Roundtable at Roseman University, sponsored by the American Cancer Society
- Met with state Medicaid staff to determine needs for SNHD
- Participated in Clark County Medical Society Board of Trustees meeting
- Presented on Zika at Las Vegas City Council meeting
- Participated in Big City Health Coalition Strategic Planning Working Group call
- Completed rotation with two UNSOM residents (Dawood/Rana)
- Presented at Clark County Medical Society Strategic Planning meeting on the Community Health Improvement Plan

- Met with Metro staff to discuss a needle exchange/recovery program
- Met with Scott Adams, City of Las Vegas, to discuss potential collaborations
- Met with Elizabeth Hoppe, Western College School of Optometry
- Participated in the Nevada State Medical Association Governmental Affairs meeting
- Participated in Big Cities Health Coalition meeting
- Met with Department of Welfare staff to discuss partnership planning
- Interviewed with media as required
- Met with North Las Vegas leaders to discuss potential collaborations
- Participated in Health Officers Association of California board meeting
- Participated in Epidemiology and Laboratory Capacity Governance quarterly team meeting to discuss new funding
- Met with Nellis AFB staff to discuss Public Health rotations
- Participated in County Health Rankings follow-up meeting
- Met with Misty Grimmer of Centene Silver Summit Health Care
- Participated in Nevada Health Authority conference call
- Met with Scott Stolte, Roseman [School of Pharmacy](#)
- Met with Touro University staff to continue work on interlocal agreement logistics
- Presented “Zika Virus and Women Seeking Fertility Treatment” at the Annual Reproductive Endocrinology and Infertility Nursing Congress, StartART