



Healthy Connect

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Focus on the Community

Welcome to the second edition of the Healthy Connect newsletter!

We heard your feedback and wanted to highlight community events occurring in Southern Nevada while providing regular updates on the Community Health Improvement Plan.

- A Community Health Improvement Plan Steering Committee meeting was held in August to provide updates on ongoing

progress that has been occurring in the community. **Check out the progress here.**

- Access to Care is one of four identified priority areas and recent goals and objectives have focused on the LGBTQ+ community. **October is LGBTQ+ History Month** and we will be highlighting a community organization and their available resources in this edition of our newsletter.

Be a part of the CHA

The 2025 Southern Nevada Community Health Assessment process will begin this Winter. If you, your organization, or anyone you know would be interested in being part of the Community Health Assessment process, please click below to complete the interest form. Additional details coming soon.

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CHIP Progress and Updates



Priority Area 1: Chronic Disease

Current Status: Completed action step—identified funding priorities, best practices, and potential collaborations with local and statewide partners. Additionally, Southern Nevada Health District Office of Chronic Disease Prevention and Health Promotion targeted media initiatives and did outreach to increase awareness among identified populations.

Upcoming: Locate funds for qualitative assessment to understand the lived experience of people from the identified communities that use tobacco.

Priority Area 2: Access to Care

Current Status: Creation of a list of guidelines and revision of intake forms to increase health care providers documentation of sexual orientation and gender identity.

Upcoming: Promotion and creation of an interest list to document need among local providers of a comprehensive cultural responsiveness training.



Priority Area 3: Transportation

Current Status: October is National Pedestrian Safety Month! Continue finalizing partner interest lists and organizations that provide basic needs resources in the community.

Upcoming: Reviewing existing transportation survey data to identify gaps in available transportation resources to the community.

Priority Area 4: Public Health Funding

Current Status: Senate Bill 118 passed. This bill allocates funds to local health authorities, providing approximately \$5 per capita to be utilized to address local priorities and needs in the community.

Upcoming: Continue providing support to community organizations and partners that advocate for funding and seek grant opportunities.



Next Steps

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- Continue Implementation of Action Plan of the Community Health Improvement Plan
- Next Newsletter: January 2024
- If you would like to be featured in the next Newsletter, please contact HealthyConnect@SNHD.org

FEATURED COMMUNITY PARTNER: THE ARLENE COOPER COMMUNITY HEALTH CENTER

The Center is an identified CHIP Steering Committee member; this is a highlighted resource that also plays a role in fulfilling the CHIP goal of increasing access to care in identified target populations (LGBTQ+, and uninsured and undocumented populations) as well as increasing patient confidence in choosing primary care physicians with assistance of care coordinators.

Welcome to a haven of health and wellness, where your care is our top priority. At The Arlene Cooper Community Health Center, we're not just a clinic; we're your partner on your journey to a healthier, happier you while empowering all to live authentic lives.

Comprehensive Healthcare: Our state-of-the-art clinic offers a comprehensive range of healthcare services, from free HIV testing and STI treatment to Gender Affirming Care and specialized support for those living with HIV. With a variety of hours, Monday through Saturday, and exciting news for September, we are extending our hours to offer services on Sundays, from 10 am to 2 pm, making healthcare more accessible for you.

The Center's Genoa Pharmacy: We're more than just a health center; we're a one-stop wellness destination with Genoa Pharmacy right on-site. Convenience meets expertise, where our dedicated specialty pharmacist provides personalized guidance, prescription services, and a wide range of wellness products to support your health goals. Genoa accepts most major insurances and offers free delivery.

Advanced Support: Our commitment to your well-being goes beyond the ordinary. We proudly offer cutting-edge support with our Trac-B needle exchange machine, providing a safe and responsible way to manage your needs. Additionally, our dedication to community safety is unwavering, with a Narcan dispensing machine available in our lobby, ensuring the well-being of all and removing barriers to access.

Community-Centric: At the Center, community is at the heart of everything we do. We take immense pride in our community-centric programs, designed to empower, uplift, and support every member of our diverse community. We celebrate the beautiful tapestry

of our community. Our diversity and inclusion programs promote understanding, respect, and unity, ensuring that everyone feels welcome and valued.

Join us at The Center, where community is more than a word; it's a way of life. Together, we build a stronger, healthier, and more vibrant community for everyone. Be a part of something special at The Center and discover a place where your health and happiness come first. Come visit The Arlene Cooper Community Health Center and The Center Pharmacy – where wellness meets care, and your journey to well-being begins.

