Washoe County Health District City of Sparks Presentation

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Public Health Mission

"To protect and enhance the quality of life for all citizens of Washoe County through providing health promotion, disease prevention, public health emergency preparedness, and environmental services."



Public Health

- "Public Health" is the application of knowledge to the identification of society's health needs, along with government and private initiatives that address those needs.
- Public Health practitioners include all types of health providers-environmentalists, health educators, and many others.

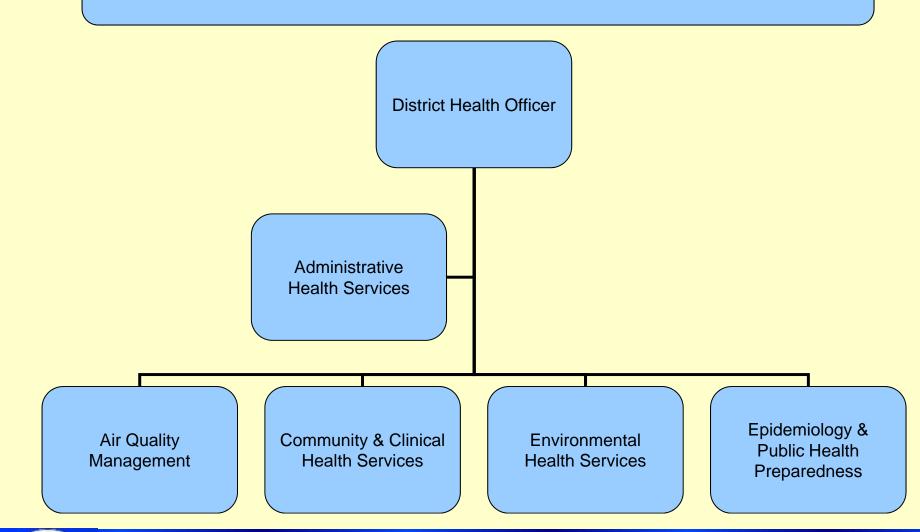


Core Functions of Public Health

- Assessing and monitoring of the health of communities and populations at risk to identify health problems and priorities;
- Formulating public policies, in collaboration with community and government leaders, designed to solve identified local and national health problems and priorities;
- Assuring that all populations have access to appropriate and cost-effective care, including health promotion and disease prevention services, and evaluation of the effectiveness of that care.



Washoe County District Board of Health





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Dr. George Hess, MD



Air Quality Management Division

- > Ambient Air Monitoring Program
 - Carbon monoxide
 - Ozone
 - PM10 and PM2.5
 - Nitrogen dioxide
 - Meteorological data
- Planning Program
 - Bring community into compliance with federal health standards
- Permitting and Compliance Program



Community and Clinical Health Services Division

- Chronic Disease Prevention Nutrition / Fitness / Tobacco
- Community & Clinical Health Services
- Family Planning
- Immunizations
- Public Health Nurse Home Visitation
- Sexual Health HIV / STD
- Tuberculosis Control



Environmental Health Services Division

General Environmental Health Services
 Food Safety Inspections and Compliance
 Food Borne Illness Investigation
 Institutions – Mobile Home Parks, Schools
 Housing Complaints
 Land Use Planning
 Invasive Body Decorations and Tattoo



Environmental Health Services Division

Hazardous Materials
 Safe Drinking Water Program
 Solid Waste Management
 Underground Storage Tanks
 Vector Disease Control



Epidemiology and Public Health Preparedness Division

- Surveillance and analysis of health data
 - Communicable and Chronic Diseases
- Guidance and monitoring of disease investigations
- > All Hazards Emergency Preparedness:
 - Bioterrorism
 - Pandemic Flu/National epidemics
 - Natural Disaster
- Vital Statistics



Administrative Health Services Division

- Compliance for fiscal and operational policies established by the DBOH and the BCC
- Emergency Medical Services
 DBOH Multi-Casualty Incident Plan
 Oversight of REMSA Franchise
 Women, Infants and Children (WIC) Program



Authority Granted

- The Board of Health may exercise the powers granted to the Cities and County by statute regarding ambulance service.
- The Board of Health may displace or limit competition by granting a franchise for services



DBOH Oversight

- DBOH organizational, performance and operational compliance annually.
- DBOH approves the amount of the maximum average patient bill for ground and rotary wing ambulance transport.
- Establishes the limit for the number of times prepaid ambulance service may be used by an individual in a membership year.



Delegation to DHO

Oversight duties delegated by the District Board of Health to the District Health Officer and Health District staff to monitor and report REMSA's performance under the franchise granted by the DBOH.



DHO Oversight

- Informs REMSA of the annual CPI adjustment amount.
- Approves use of penalty fund for costs of operational or educational materials.
- Receives financial documents annually.
- Reviews disputes in time exemptions and makes final binding determination.
- Reports REMSA's annual performance to the DBOH annually.



Communicable Diseases

>NRS/NAC 441A

Reportable conditions – Physicians and labs

- Investigation Public Health
 - Confirm diagnosis
 - Identify contacts
 - Identify source of infection
 - Determine if case is employed in a sensitive occupation
 - Determine extent of any outbreak
 - Carryout measures for prevention, suppression, and control



Chronic Disease

- Largest proportion of overall morbidity and mortality
- Generally not reportable
- Death records
- Application of long-term studies to local situation
- Hospital discharge data
- Behavioral Risk Factor Surveillance System (BRFSS)
- Youth Risk Behavior Survey (YRBS)







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