

**City of Carson City  
Agenda Report**

**Date Submitted:** March 8, 2011

**Agenda Date Requested:** March 17, 2011  
**Time Requested:** 15 Minutes

**To:** Carson City Board of Health  
**From:** Health & Human Services (Marena Works)

**Subject Title:** Review of the results from the local public health system performance assessment conducted in September and December of 2010.

**Staff Summary:** Two community meetings were held in September and December of 2010 to conduct a local public health performance assessment. This priority list is being provided to the board as information only.

**Type of Action Requested:** (check one)  
 Resolution  Ordinance  
 Formal Action/Motion  Other (Specify) Information Only

**Does This Action Require A Business Impact Statement:**  Yes  No

**Recommended Board Action:** Information Only.

**Explanation for Recommended Board Action:** No Action Required

**Applicable Statue, Code, Policy, Rule or Regulation:** N/A

**Fiscal Impact:** N/A

**Explanation of Impact:** N/A

**Funding Source:** N/A

**Alternatives:**

**Supporting Material:**

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**Reviewed By:** Marena Works **Date:** 3-9-11

(Department Head)

(City Manager)

(District Attorney)

(Finance Director)



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**Board Action Taken:**

Motion: \_\_\_\_\_

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Aye/Nay

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(Vote Recorded By)

**Carson City Health and Human Services  
Local Public Health System (LPHS) Performance Assessment Summary**

**Essential Service 1: Monitor Health Status to Identify Community Health Problems.**

Standard	Rating	Activities
Population-Based Community Health Profile (CHP)	Optimal/Significant	Participants felt there was OPTIMAL LPHS activity regarding: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Conducting a Community Health Assessment</li> <li>• Community Health Assessment being updated at least every 3 years</li> <li>• Using Community Health Assessment data to monitor progress toward health-related objectives</li> </ul>
	Significant	Participants felt there was SIGNIFICANT LPHS activity regarding: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Comparing Community Health Assessment to other representative areas</li> <li>• Using Community Health Assessment data to track trends over time</li> </ul>
	Moderate	None
	Minimal	Participants felt there was MINIMAL LPHS activity regarding: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Compiling data from the Community Health Assessment(s) into a Community Health Profile (CHP)</li> <li>• Identifying the organizations/individuals responsible for contributing data to produce the CHP</li> <li>• Each contributor having access to the completed CHP</li> <li>• Promoting community-wide use of data</li> <li>• Placing a media strategy to promote community-wide use of CHP</li> <li>• Providing easy access of the information to the general public</li> <li>• Using the CHP to inform health policy/planning decisions to organizations in the LPHS</li> </ul>
Current Technology to Manage and Communicate Population Health Data	Optimal/Significant	None
	Moderate	None
	Minimal	Participants felt there was MINIMAL LPHS activity regarding: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 'State-of-the-art' available to support a health profile database</li> <li>• Utilizing technology to make community health data available electronically</li> <li>• Using computer-generated graphics to identify trends and/or compare data</li> </ul>
	No Activity	Participants felt there was NO LPHS activity regarding: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• LPHS having access to geocoded health data</li> <li>• Using geographic information systems (GIS)</li> </ul>
Maintenance of Population Health Registries	Optimal	None
	Significant/Moderate	Participants felt there was SIGNIFICANT LPHS regarding: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Contributing to one or more population health registries</li> <li>• Maintaining standards for data collection</li> </ul>
	Moderate	Participants felt there was MODERATE LPHS regarding: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Establishing processes for reporting health events to the registries</li> <li>• Using information from one or more population health registries in the past year</li> </ul>
	Minimal	None

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**Essential Service 2: Diagnose and Investigate Health Problems and Health Hazards in the Community**

Standard	Rating	Activities
Identification and Surveillance of Health Threats	Optimal	Participants felt there was OPTIMAL LPHS activity regarding: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Integrating system with national/state systems</li> <li>• Using surveillance systems to monitor changes in the occurrence of health problems</li> </ul>
	Significant	None
	Moderate	Participants felt there was MODERATE LPHS activity regarding: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Participating in surveillance system designed to monitor health problems and identify health threats</li> <li>• Having system compliant with national/state health information exchange guidelines</li> <li>• Health professionals report disease information in a timely manner to public/state health</li> </ul>
	Minimal	Participants felt there was MINIMAL LPHS activity regarding: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Have necessary resources to support health problem and health hazard surveillance and investigation activities</li> <li>• Using information technology for surveillance activities</li> <li>• Having Masters/Doctorate level epidemiologists and/or statisticians to asses/analyze public health hazards</li> </ul>
Investigation and Response to Public Health Threats and Emergencies	Optimal	Participants felt that there was OPTIMAL LPHS activity regarding: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Have current epidemiological case investigation protocols to guide immediate investigations of public health emergencies</li> <li>• Designating an individual to serve as an Emergency Response Coordinator within the jurisdiction</li> <li>• Coordinating with the local health department's emergency response personnel and local community leaders</li> <li>• Evaluating public health emergency response incidents for effectiveness and opportunities for improvement</li> </ul>
	Significant	Participants felt there was SIGNIFICANT LPHS activity regarding: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Maintaining written protocols for implementing a program of case finding, contact tracing, source identification, and containment for communicable diseases and toxic exposures</li> <li>• Ability for personnel to rapidly respond to national and international disasters</li> </ul>
	Moderate	Participants felt there was MODERATE LPHS activity regarding: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Having the capacity to mobilize volunteers during a disaster</li> </ul>
	Minimal	None
Laboratory Support for Investigation of Health Threats	Optimal	Participants felt that there was OPTIMAL LPHS activity regarding: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Maintaining ready access to laboratories capable of meeting routine diagnostic and surveillance needs</li> <li>• Have ready access to laboratory services to support investigations of public health threats, hazards, and emergencies</li> <li>• Only utilizing laboratories that are licensed and/or credentialed</li> <li>• Maintain current protocols and guidelines for handling laboratory supplies</li> </ul>