

STATE OF NEVADA
DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES
Rural Health Strategic Plan Accountability Committee

June 6, 2006

MEMORANDUM

TO: Rural Health Strategic Accountability Committee
Committee Workgroups
Rural Health Programs

FROM: Robin Keith, *Co-Chair*
Caroline Ford, *Co-Chair*
Rural Health Strategic Accountability Committee

RE: SFY 2006 Annual Report to the Governor

Hello Everyone:

The 2001 Legislature mandated the development of a strategic plan for rural healthcare. The legislation included a requirement that an annual report be prepared for the Governor indicating progress made toward implementation of the plan. We think it is important that your organization's activities be included as you play a significant role in the delivery of healthcare services throughout the state.

Attached is a matrix showing the goals and objectives as outlined in the rural health plan. We request you to review the matrix and add your organization's activities in short, action-oriented bullet points such as "Recruited five new physicians for rural Nevada," "Developed outpatient smoking cessation class for Battle Mountain," "Received grant for home health care for \$250,000," etc.

We certainly understand that not all organizations will have activities related to all goals – please just focus on the areas that apply to you. It is important to demonstrate that the rural delivery system is actively working on many fronts in order to maintain access to care. With that in mind, we thank you in advance for your input.

Please return your completed matrix by COB June 23, 2006 to Dan Olsen preferably by email to dolsen@nvhd.state.nv.us as he will collate the information into one document. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact him at (775) 684-5915.

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