

Public Forum Feedback

The following documents are a verbatim report of the written “post it” input from the thirteen face-to-face public forums held between September 2011 and February 2012 across the State of Nevada. As has been reported, when presented with Nevada’s ranking on the national indicators and the Nevada demographics the communities were adamant about each community being unique. Therefore demographics have been included for each community on their reporting sheet. In addition, there is a brief summary of the representation by the individuals attending each forum and a final note that summarizes items of significance discussed at each meeting.

The following information reflects the input provided by public forum participants. See methodology page 5 of the body of this report for a full explanation of the forum process.

- Each of the “post it” notes submitted by community members was transcribed under the category and subcategory agreed upon by attendees at the forum. It should be noted that categories and subcategories may not be consistent across the communities as they were designed by each forum to suit their community input. Examples
 - Tobacco cessation as a category or it may be included as a sub category under the category of substance abuse.
 - Category of family supports may include several subcategories, such as seniors, youth, adults transitioning from prison. This may be in contrast other communities that may not have had all the same categories identified, and may have the identified the seniors or youth services as a category versus as a subcategory.
- The orange line reflects the “category” identified on charts. The number in parenthesis following the category is the total number of votes received from the community for that category. This number may be the number of votes cast for the category title, the total number of votes cast for the subcategories, or a combination of both.
- The categories are reported in order of priority for each community.

- The “subcategories” , determined by the forum attendees, are highlighted in light blue and are placed at the left margin of the line. There is a column to the right which has numbers entered for the “categories” and “subcategories”. These numbers represent the number of votes received for each item.
- Although attendees were given the instruction to vote for three subcategories, they in fact, may have voted for a category. An example of this may be found in the community of Ely. Ely identified Family Support Services as their highest priority. No votes were cast for the category of Family Support Services as a whole; however, 7 votes were cast for the subcategory of Children’ Services and 3 votes were cast for Teen Services, and, 0 votes were case for Adult Support Services. This category received 10 votes over all.
- The number of “votes” may not always reflect the number of attendees identified in the sign in sheets, as many individuals left the forums early and voting was the last activity completed at the forum.

WINNEMUCCA PUBLIC FORUM

**Humboldt County Library
85 East 5th Street
Winnemucca, Nevada**

Monday October 3, 2011

Demographics:

Humboldt County covers a total of 9,658 square miles with a population of 16,528 as of the 2010 census. The county seat and sole incorporated city in the county is Winnemucca. As of the 2010 census Winnemucca has a population of 8,283 people, up 3.1 % from the 2000 census. With almost 50% of the county's population remaining in the rural areas the county is considered a frontier. The Winnemucca Indian Colony of Nevada has its headquarters in Winnemucca. Primary employers in Winnemucca include the mining companies of Newmont and Barrick; Carry-On Trailer manufacturing; and Winnemucca Farms which operates the world's largest potato dehydration plant. In addition, Winnemucca is a travel stop for hunters in northern Nevada.

The county population demographics are 27% under the age of 18; 3% ages 19 -64; and, 10.0% 65 years of age or older. There are 3,280 housing units. The racial makeup of the county is 79% white, .5 % African American, 4.0% native American, .7% Asian, and 24.0% Hispanic or Latino.

As reflected in the 2010 census data, the median income for a household in the county is \$ 55,656. The per capita income for the county was \$25,965. About 12% of the individuals were living below the poverty line, including 14.5% of those under the age of 18 and 14.5% of those 65 and over.

The unemployment rate for Humboldt County as of December 2011 was 7 % versus the Nevada state unemployment rate of 13.4 % or the U.S. unemployment rate of 9.6%. The median listing price for a home in Humboldt County was \$138,100.

Winnemucca can be accessed by Amtrak train, but not by public airline or public bus service.

Public Forum Attendance:

The forum was coordinated by the Humboldt County Coordinator from the Family Resource Center (FRC). The forum was attended by twelve community members: two consumer/family advocates; one from the Department of Employment, Training and Rehabilitation (DETR), four from the Mental Health Disability Services Department (MHDS), four from the Family Resource Center (FRC) and related agencies.

HOUSING (11)	0
Affordable Housing	6
Humboldt County needs affordable housing	
Humboldt County needs affordable housing: The costs of housing that is not costly or more Available housing	
Winnemucca needs affordable housing—currently rents are high and availability is low	
Affordable housing: rentals are very high --\$650 per month for a two bedroom	
Affordable housing: available housing for low-income citizens	
Transitional Housing	5
Community needs transitional housing: low income for all/homeless	
Our community needs more access to low income housing opportunities and rentals for families and individuals	
Housing for people who are homeless, transitional	
SERVICE DELIVERY (5)	5
Our community needs greater access to social service programs. i.e., welfare services are Accessible only once a month, to verify original documentation	
Welfare offices or partnerships for approval of original documents	
Winnemucca needs a welfare office –currently, there is no office for people to get the help required 8 am – 5 pm. Workers are in Elko and regions even further (<i>note: Elko is a two hour drive away</i>)	
Humboldt: Lack of welfare depart. And immediate assistance to victims of abuse. Cut 50% from TANF grant.	
COLLABORATIVE PARTNERSHIPS (3)	0
CAA/FRC trusted partner with welfare (1/2) –documentation verification and specialized trng needed	
One Stop shop needed for services	
Where is the representation of the workforce investment board? (3)	3

HEALTH CARE (2)	0
Increased availability of health care providers in the community	0
Not enough doctors that take medicade for dental and pedeactics	
Not enough medical or dental (none) providers that accept medicade or NV Checkup	
Mental Health Services needed	2
Humboldt County needs mental health services available around the clock	
Mental Health help for parents with children/substance abuse	
TRANSPORTATION (2)	2
No subcategories identified	
We are a small rural community with no public transportation	
Humboldt county needs transportation; the cost of gasoline to get food or other services. No Public transportation if you have no money to afford a car	
Humboldt county: transportation, lack of transportation services for the community (public	
Winnemucca needs a better public transportation system—current system available only to Seniors and disabled	
CHILD CARE (2)	2
No subcategories identified	
Humboldt County needs more affordable child care and accepts infants	
Humboldt County: child care—availability of child care & affordable childcare-infant care	
Humboldt County needs child care, that takes infants & that is affordable. Only 1 provider, Need to be all year round	
EDUCATION/FAMILY SUPPORT (1)	1
No subcategories identified	
Youth support & intervention program; i.e., Boy & Girls Club, tutoring, healthy & affordable activities	
Our community needs additional resources to help establish and support the educational Infrastructure of the rural communities, i.e., childcare; day care; preschool; headstart	
MISCELLANEOUS (0)	0
Accessible services: closure of the welfare offices from daily to 1X per week to 1X per month	

Using funds to supplement programs that are not available daily: i.e, domestic violence victims may require immediate availability of food stamps and shelter, agencies use funds earmarked for other services to meet this need until social services can be accessed (<i>see above</i>)	
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Summary of Group Discussion: “Humboldt County does what we do best—look out for each other!” Bill Hammergren, Department of Health and Human Services.

The community discussion settled around the lack of available housing in the community. The consensus was there was a lack of homes and rental units in the community. One attendee who had only lived in the community for one month had almost turned down the job offer she had received because she was unable to find a rental unit. The second major issue under discussion was inaccessibility of welfare services to obtain public benefits. In this specific instance, the local welfare office had been closed due to budget cuts; however, the Family Resource Center (FRC) through a collaborative agreement with the Welfare Office was able to accept applications for benefits for the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (S.N.A.P.—food stamps); but, was unable to accept the needed verification documents on behalf of the program. In addition, the welfare program had agreed to have staff come from other communities to Winnemucca once a week to review verifications and accept the applications with the date of initiation of the application being the date the state staff were there to accept the application. However, that had diminished to a once a month appearance of staff in Winnemucca with occasions when no one was able to come to Winnemucca. On at least one occasion no staff came to Winnemucca for over 30 days; and, the community was not advised in advance. Because of they had not been advised in advance, over forty (40) individuals from Winnemucca and the surrounding rural area arrived to have their applications accepted and reviewed with “no show” of state staff. The benefit is available, but staffing was not available to initiate the application and the benefit could not be accessed.

ELKO PUBLIC FORUM

**Partners Allied for Community Excellence (P.A.C.E.)
Stockmen's Hotel
340 Commercial Street
Elko**

Tuesday, October 4, 2011

Demographics:

Elko is the county seat for Elko County Nevada. It is the home of Great Basin College and the National Weather Service Forecast Office for northern and central Nevada. As of the 2010 census, the county had a total population of 48,818 with 37% (18,297) of the county residing in the city of Elko. Elko's economy is based on gold mining, ranching and tourism.

"Elko is considered the capital of Nevada's gold belt. The state of Nevada produces more gold than all but four countries, most of which is mined near Elko. This has caused the town to have boom and bust economy consistent with the rises and declines in the price of gold. The town is surrounded by hundreds of abandoned mining camps. A gold boom in the 1900's ended in a bust in the late 1990's leaving the town with large numbers of abandoned homes and left the local governments struggling to survive on reduced tax revenues. With a new gold boom starting the 2009, city officials have been reluctant to hire new employees and have decided to build a reserve in the city budget to prepare for the next bust."

Elko hosts the National Cowboy Poetry Gathering, is the home of the Western Folk Life Center; and, host for the National Basque Festival and the "Rumble in the Rubies Motorcycle Rally".

As of the 2010 census the population was spread out with 29.0% under the age of 18, 62% between the ages of 19 – 64; and, 9 % over the age of 65. The racial make up of the city was 80.0% white; .8% African American; 5.4 % Native American; 1.0% Asian, 0.1% Pacific Islander, 23.0% Hispanic or Latino.

The median income for a household in the county was \$67,038. The per capita income for the county was \$26,879. About 8.3% were below the poverty line, including 11.2% of those under the age of 18 .

The unemployment rate in Elko County as of December 2011 was 7.0% versus 13.4 % in the State of Nevada and 9.6% in the nation.

The city has passenger service on Greyhound Lines, Amtrak's twice daily California Zephyr and Sky West Airlines between Elko and Salt Lake City.

Public Forum Attendance:

The forum was held in collaboration with the P.A.C.E. Rural Providers Coalition meeting. There were forty-three individuals in attendance. The majority of individuals attending this meeting were service providers from the Elko County area. The following is a list of agencies attending: Access to Health care Network, Aging and Disability Services Division of the Department of Health and Human Services, American Red Cross, Bright Path, Cleveland Clinic, Communities in Schools, CADV, Consumer Direct, Deaf and Hard of Hearing Resource Center, Diabetes Health Services DCFX/WIN, Division of Health-NEIS, DWSS-Welfare, Wells Family Resource Center, Elko Band Council, Elko County School District, Elko County Social Services, Elko County Public Guardian, Family Respite, Family Resource Center, FISH, Great Basin College, Nevada Disability, Advocacy & Law Center, Nevada Health CTR/Miles for Smiles, Northern Nevada Center for Independent Living, New Frontier Treatment Center, Rural Mental Health Services, Te-Moak Tribe/Native American HELP Group, Terrace Senior Center, Vocational Rehabilitation, Family Ties of NV, Ruby Mountain Resource Center, Job Development Services, Highland Village Retirement community, Coach America, Bureau Services Blind and Visually Impaired, GOVCHA, Consumer Direct. (There may have been other agencies that attended but were not reflected on the sign in sheet.)

HEALTH (17)		11
Lack of Financial Resources		0
Middle age services: individuals who are needing services & fall in between the cracks. Age guidelines between 40 – 60 , Assistance is limited often to food stamps		
Children's health insurance coverage for immediate care: health & nutrition programs		
Health care access for seniors and others on Medicare/Medicaid: Doctors limiting the # of people they'll take with these entitlement programs		
Affordable (assistance) HEALTH CARE for low-income, noninsured, disabled, seniors & underinsured		
Free medical and dental care to include specialty care for uninsured, disabled pending SSA disability		
Grants for low cost dental and medical care		
Health care/dental care to serve the needs from infants to adults. Low cost.		
Vet medical services		
More providers who accept Medicaid/Medicare		
OB care		

Lack of Providers	0
Urgent Care	
Our community desperately needs an emergency or non-emergency walk in medical clinic for after hours	
Health care for everyone	
Access to health care in rural communities: including mental health treatment services	
Public Health Services	6
Public health nurse	
Elko doesn't have public health services: family planning; reproductive health; epidemiology; , etc.	
County Health nurse	
Elko needs a public health nurse	
Other	0
Lower in home health cost; in home health care; too expensive for older adults	
Dental Care; health care and transportation	
Health care access to uninsured and undocumented	
Our community need affordable healthcare insurance for working adults	
FAMILY SUPPORTS (10)	9
Child Care/Foster Care	0
Our community needs more child care options	
Affordable or available child care	
Our community needs more foster homes for children removed from their homes	
Access to infant/toddler care for all economic levels in rural communities	
Senior and Disability Services	0
Senior Coordinator for Senior Services: Health and Housing	
Legal Services for seniors and others who need it but are unable to afford it. Current services are good, but no enough.	
Seniors need more social security money; cost of living and medical costs increase but not their monthly \$ do not	
Home health services, for cleaning, help preparing meals, bill pay & personal care services & adult day	

care	
0	1
Child Abuse and Neglect Prevention program: Family Resource Center programs	
Education & Support Groups	
Family Resource Center and D. R. Programs: help finding financial assistance	
We need/could benefit from teen mom programs: education & support services	
Mental Health Services (6)	3
Service centers: Access to services	2
Family Counseling at no or discounted fees	
Elko needs more mental health services within 7 days or less	
Rural access to children and adult mental health services (not video – need local professionals)	
Stress Management	
In patient mental health centers for children and adults	
Collaboration with the jails	1
Multidisciplinary child abuse team to collect evidence for prosecution of child perpetrators	
Youth Access	0
Our community needs services for mental health issues and counseling lack of services for both inpatient and out patient treatments	
Youth mental health services for rural communities	
Mental health for all ages	
Specials services for children in school with mental and emotional disabilities	
Access to quality mental health for young children under the age of 17	
NEW THINKING (6)	1
Training Programs	0
Training program for all providers and provider staff (certification)	
Care giver training using the community colleges to offer basic requirements to interested persons Certificate of completion (unable to read the final three words)	
Information and referral	2
I would love to see a one stop shop offering information from all different agencies and steer individuals	

on a straight path to resources available	
Grant Access	3
Better state grant access for tribal communities/timeline to meet tribal guideline	
Community Service block grants priorities preventing crisis intervention programs from applying for funds. For example programs without specific children programs are often not eligible. Funding is continually being cut and reporting requirements increased. This prevents service provision.	
HOUSING (5)	5
Access to Housing	0
Lack of Family Housing	
Our community needs more low income houses for single parent households	
Housing /multifamily housing	
Housing: low income	
We have a need for additional low income housing	
More affordable (low income) housing	
Multi family housing	
Affordable housing below \$650 per month rent (average is \$1000)	
Housing of all types in rural communities	
Local leaders need to understand the importance of housing for those with limited or unclear resources and employment	
Affordable (low income) accessible housing	
Elko County needs low income, affordable housing	
Affordable housing (mean wages in the area compared to recommended housing allotment used by economists)	
Adequate affordable housing for individuals with disabilities	
Senior funding for housing	
Rural areas: White Pine and Elko especially need affordable housing for single mothers and their children and also single women trying to establish new homes. Housing is limited, subsidized housing waiting lists are long & time is not friendly for success	
Shelter and Emergency Needs	0
Food "emergency"; cash assistance; gift cards	

Affordable housing and shelter	
A need for transitional housing for homeless, intact families who are living with family & individual in hotels	
Community lacks access of housing/shelters to those in need: low income	
Elko needs more housing and shelters for the homeless	
More affordable housing like apartment living and shelter: housing for the homeless	
Low income housing for people: homeless & disabled pending SSA disability claim	
Assistance to obtain affordable housing. (Prevent homelessness; immediate/crisis assistance)	
Our community needs more programs for emergency shelter: food for children & families	
I believe our community would benefit from more housing options such as low income housing & transitional housing	
Our community needs short term and/or long term housing for people who are temporarily homeless with or without kids	
Communities Working Together for Education & Awareness (5)	4
Medical Services/Schools/Families	1
Collaboration between agencies—we need to share information about mutual clients for meeting THEIR needs	
Social workers in all schools	
Substance Abuse prevention services 5 th grade through college	
Teen Pregnancy	0
Teen pregnancy & parenting prenatal skills program: prevention & education	
Teen pregnancy education for expectant young parents	
Other: Education and awareness	0
<i>Date rape</i>	
<i>Sexual assault</i>	
<i>Domestic violence</i>	
<i>Wellness services</i>	
Transportation (3)	3
Increased access and public transportation service	0
Increased transportation options for seniors and disabled individuals 7 days per week	
Expanded Transportation 24/7 in Elko	
Reliable public transportation that doesn't turn people away due to lack of seats	

Public transportation needs to be funded to the needs of those in area	
Access to affordable reliable transportation for school, doctors, services providers , esp. in rural areas, i.e. Wendover to Elko	
Transportation to access food, pharmacy, doctors	
Elko needs more transportation for everyone, not just elderly and disability clients. People need transportation to get and keep jobs.	
No public transportation	
Transportation for anyone not just disabled	
Transportation for rural areas to medical and dental appointments	
We need public transportation made available to rural population – in addition to what is available for disabled elderly community members	
Transportation Available to all Agencies in the process of helping the community members of any of the categories need transportation	
We need more or better transportation options. Transportation options are limited currently. The bus system cannot keep up with reservations being made. The 7 am to 4 pm M- F does not fill all needs! For employment. Cab Rides are approx \$5 to \$8 in town one way.	
In adequate services for the disabled and seniors	0
Free public transportation for no income, low income, uninsured people with/without disabilities	
Transportation options, especially for seniors	
Reliable transportation for disabled persons & seniors	
Transportation RECAP: Need expanded services for seniors and disabled; public transportation for the general public & financial support for access to public transportation	
NUTRITION AND FOOD (1)	1
Affordable Food	0
Affordable food, home meal delivery and congregate meals	
Need more food and nutrition \$/cost of food increases but grant \$ decrease	
Seniors and Disabled	0
Nutrition Services for seniors (60+) and disabled adults 21-59 at risk for malnutrition	
<i>At risk in between people need access to nutritional center</i>	

Community Collaboration & Partnership (1)	1
No subcategories were identified	
Employment Assistance (0)	0
No subcategories were identified	
Employment assistance or case assistance, new employee's who can not afford work clothes, work boots, lunch boxes	
Elko needs more different jobs: call centers, small business, businesses friendly to disabled	
Evolution "CTC" to employment need to fill in the gap in the middle to ensure readiness for community employment	

Summary of Discussion: A significant number of participants left prior to "casting their last votes" which is demonstrated by the inconsistency of the number of reported attendees and the number of votes cast (see numbers in the right hand column above).

ELY PUBLIC FORUM

**White Pine County Library
950 Campton
Ely, Nevada**

Wednesday, October 5, 2011

Demographics:

Ely is the largest city and county seat for White Pine County. It is the eastern end of the portion of US 50 known as “the Loneliest Road in America.”

As of the 2010 census the population in White Pine County was 10,030 with 42% (4,255) of the population residing in Ely, up 5.3% from the 2000 census. The primary employer in Ely is the Quandra FNX copper mine, employing over 500 people. In addition, tourism is also a major industry. The UNLV Rebels football team conducts summer training camp in Ely, providing a cooler climate for August practices and prepares the team for the high altitude of most Mountain West Conference road games. The town was also the birthplace of Pat Nixon, the wife of Richard Nixon and the former First Lady of the United States born on March 16, 1912.

As of the 2010 census the population distribution of the county was 22.0% under the age of 18, 63% between the ages of 19 – 64; and, 15.0% 65 years or older. The racial makeup of the county was 86.0% white, 3.9% African American; 4.0 % Native American; 1.0% Asian; 13% Hispanic or Latino.

The median income for a household in the county was \$48,545. The per capita income for the city was \$21,615. About 15.5% of population was living below the poverty line, including 15.2% of those under age 18.

The unemployment rate in White Pines County is 8.0% in December of 2011 versus the Nevada state unemployment rate of 13.4%; or, the U.S. unemployment rate of 9.6 %.

The city of Ely has commercial air service one day per week, which is heavily subsidized by the federal government. There is no rail or public bus service in and out of the community.

Public Forum Attendance:

The forum was coordinated by staff from Little People’s First Head Start & the Family Resource Center (FRC). There were a total of twelve people present: one community member, the Mayor, a representative from Eureka’s Senior Center (who

traveled 97 miles to attend the meeting), Two individuals from the local mental health clinic; two individual from Little People Head start; two individuals from the Family Resource Center; one individual from the local nutrition & senior center, one from the Family Service Management; and, one from VWS.

FAMILY SUPPORT SERVICES (10)	0
Children's Services	7
Child care	
Child development activities	
Summer program for the children – we used to have one	
Things for kids to do	
Teen Services	3
Teen knowledge about pregnancy – birth control options	
Employment for Teens	
Adult Support Services	0
Senior assistance	
Adult day care for seniors and individuals with disabilities	
Adult Day Care	
HEALTH CARE (9)	0
Public Health Resources needed	7
Access to affordable high quality health care	
Access to affordable health care	
Low cost health care	
Find insurance for pre existing conditions	
Dialysis Treatment available in the community	2
Medical needs: kidney dialysis	
Community Dialysis clinic	
HOUSING (5)	5
No sub categories identified	0
Housing not just for Seniors but for young workers	

Low cost housing/shelter	
Low cost housing/income based rent	
Affordable housing especially for at risk and low income individuals	
<i>No rentals available</i>	
TRANSPORTATION (5)	0
Transportation in and out of Ely	3
Transportation, i.e., bus service between communities linking it to population hubs	
Transportation in and out of Ely	
Transportation within the city	2
More public transportation and low cost transportation	
Transportation for people with disabilities to get to their doctor's appointments	
Agency to host car pool for rides to out of town doctor's appointments	
MENTAL HEALTH (5)	0
Access to Service Availability	2
Offering support to families finish drug court but have no organized support after	
Offering parents support with anger management	
<i>Marriage counseling</i>	
<i>Mediation Services</i>	
<i>No intermediate level of care available</i>	
Crisis Emergency Services	3
Assistance with victims of domestic violence: no shelter needs emergency housing	
MISCELLANEOUS/NEW THINKING (2)	0
Education/vocational development: community support	2
Quality education and training opportunities across the life span	
Vocational Skills development : assistance in transition from high school or transition from prison/jail	
Use local resources for training	
Parks and Recreation	
<i>No variety of jobs only mining</i>	

Summary of Discussion: The community had extensive discussion on three topics: housing, transportation, and, health care specific to specialized services, such as dialysis. Housing is a concern in Ely due to the lack of homes to rent and purchase, in addition to the second issue of affordable housing. There has been little to no new construction in the past years. As in other mining communities, when the mines are operating the miners, who are skilled labor, make much higher wages than the individuals who may be working minimum wage or slightly higher in the community. The skilled labor drives up the cost of housing.

The team facilitating the forum was advised that if their cars broke down in Ely they could be “stuck” for several days. There is no public bus service or no railroad service in and out of Ely, and the airline services are available one day per week and are heavily subsidized by federal grants. Automobile rental may be available at significant cost. There is typically a significant wait for parts for car repair. The nearest community is Elko over a two hour drive by automobile.

The citizens had completed a poll regarding the need for dialysis in the community. They had determined there were at any given time between 12 -16 individuals in need of dialysis. There was only one individual who is currently able to benefit from in home dialysis care. All others had to drive to Elko (2.5 hours away) to receive their dialysis treatment three or more days per week. This was at significant cost to families for transportation and support services. The team was advised 12 individuals could support a dialysis machine. There was also discussion regarding the potential of a mobile dialysis unit.

PAHRUMP PUBLIC FORUM

NyE Communities Coalition Quarterly meeting

Pahrump Community Library
701 East Street
Pahrump, Nevada

Wednesday, October 19, 2022

Demographics:

Pahrump is a census-designated place (CDP) and an unincorporated town in Nye County. Pahrump is named after the original indigenous name Pah-Rimpi, or “water rock” so named because of the abundant artesian wells in the valley. As of the 2010 census there are 43,946 people residing in Nye county 74% (36,441) of those individuals reside in Pahrump. This reflects a significant increase from the 2000 census which indicated 24,631 people residing in Pahrump. Notable businesses in the area include Front Sight Firearms Training Institute and Spring Mountain Motor Sports Ranch; in addition there are several legal brothels, such as the Chicken Ranch and Sheri’s Ranch, and wineries including Sanders Family Winery and Pahrump Valley Winery.

As of the 2010 census the population of the county was distributed out with 21.0% under the age of 18; 54.0% between the ages of 19 – 64; and, 23.0% over the age of 65. The racial make up was 86.0% white; 2.0% African American; 2.0% Native American; 1.3% Asian; and Hispanic or Latino of any race were 14%.

The median income for a household for the county was \$41,181. The per capita income was \$22,687. About 18.9% of the individuals were living below the poverty line, including 27.8% of those under age 18 and 7.0 % over the age of 65.

Pahrump is the home of the third co-founder of Apple Computer, Ronald Wayne.

The unemployment rate in Nye County in December of 2011 was 15% versus 13.4 % in the State of Nevada and 9.6% in the nation.

Public Forum Attendance: The forum was attended by 31 community representatives. They were primarily service providers and members of the NyE Counties Coalition from southern Nye County. Attendees included, but were not limited to, representatives from the Nye County District Court, NCSD, DWSS, SHIP/VITA, RSVP, Soroptimists, Pioneer Territory CASA, Workforce Connections, Eagle Quest, Maplestar, Great Basin College, Southwest Medical Association, Stepping Stones BHC, Comfort Hospice Care, VFW Auxiliary, H.O.P.E. Counseling Services, MHDS Pahrump Behavioral, Kiwanis/Path of Hope, Nevada Outreach Training Organization, and local citizens.

TRANSPORTATION (23)	0
Public Transportation	21
Public transportation, both community wide as well as transport to Las Vegas – 3	
Public transportation – 6 sheets	
Transportation to other towns where all the major resources are.	
Affordable transportation – 2 sheets	
Public transportation – we don't have any with a lot of space to travel not walking distance	
Public transportation, local and to Las Vegas for doctors' appointments for all people, not just seniors	
Public transportation with public/private partnership to offer affordable mass transit within Pahrump Valley and to Las Vegas to all for access to services	
Specialized Population	2
Transportation for seniors and families	
Public transportation for elderly and disabled	
Funding for transportation to appointments for indigent	
HOUSING (20)	0
Homeless Shelter	16
Homeless shelter for families with food pantry	
Funding for housing – homeless	
Homeless shelter and ability to shower and clean up	
There are many vacant areas where tents could be set up and something like they had for the Veterans where they came in with water and a setup for people to bathe and get familiar with resources.	
Shelter for homeless/DV shelter	
Shelter for homeless families and individuals, transitional and permanent	
Affordable Housing	
Low income housing -	2
Affordable housing	1
Other housing opportunities	
Housing/shelter	
Affordable housing for low income families	

Transitional Housing	
Transitional housing for women, families with children, veterans, and chronic homeless	
Domestic Violence Shelter	
Shelter for domestic violence	1
EMPLOYMENT(10)	0
More Jobs	8
More local jobs	
Pahrump, NV need #3	
Broader professional base for hiring professionals	
Jobs!	
Employment – lack of jobs needs to be addressed. Any job is better than none.	
Employment opportunities	
Employment	
Assistance Finding Jobs	2
Employment: helping to find steady employment	
Help finding employment	
Provide training/education to community at an affordable rate to train those working in these “needs” areas	
MENTAL HEALTH / SUBSTANCE ABUSE TREATMENT (8)	0
More Treatment Facilities	8
Community support and assistance other than drug court and mental health that goes with it	
We need more facilitators who can treat mental health issues in conjunction with drug addiction and a facility that house them locally.	
Drug programs for weed, cocaine, meth, and heroine. Especially for the youth to help with prevention.	
Drug/alcohol detox clinic	
Mental Health	
Substance issues	
Prevention programs	
Treatment (and detox)	
Affordable Treatment	

Affordable adult mental health services	
Mental Health – for medication, stabilization	
YOUTH SERVICES (7)	0
Job Training	
Vocational training and independent living programs for youth	
On-the-job training	
Youth Activities	
Pahrump, Nevada Need #1	1
Community center for youth activities	1
After school and summer youth programs	1
Day Care	
Licensed day care facilities	
Child care for clients to work	
If they get assistance, it usually goes down when they become employed.	
Foster Care	
More foster homes, appropriately trained	1
Respite	
Child care – break from child care – respite	
Educational Attainment	
Educational programs to keep kids in school and make learning fun, exciting, and desirable.	3
Higher education support for youth and adults	
Help for youth to graduate high school	
Mentor	
Mentor program for youth who deal with bullying. Support for youth with hardships.	
SENIOR SERVICES (5)	
More affordable care	4
Senior home care for those not covered by insurance so seniors can remain living at home	

Affordable care for seniors – assisted living, skilled nursing facilities	
Better communication for our seniors here in town to inform them of Medicare services other than local newspapers – 1 sheet	1
Guardianship for seniors	
Quicker, expeditable guardianships (currently takes 30+ days through the courts)	
FOOD (5)	
Food Banks	
Food for our food bank – non-perishable	2
Food for Veterans' food bank – non-perishable (2)	2
We need additional food banks available on more days and times to provide meats as well as toiletries and a system for equality in what is distributed.	
Backpack	
Food – funds for Backpack Program/Kiwanis Food for Thought	
Food for children (the Backpack Program)	1
Food for backpack program	
School backpack program to provide food over weekend.	
Food and nutrition – provide food for children for weekends (throughout Nye & Esmeralda) and provide nutritional information and tech shopping/cooking for all ages.	
HEALTH CARE (4)	0
Access in Pahrump	0
Health care – access, transportation, co pays, prescriptions, medications	1
Health services that you don't have to go to Las Vegas for	
Affordable – prescriptions for all ages – not just one time help	
Hospice	0
A hospice facility with inpatient unit for hospice appropriate patients who need specialized medical attention	
Youth Disabilities/Dental	0
Specialized health care for children with disabilities	1
Health and dental care for kids in foster care	2
Indigent	0

Funding for medical problems – indigent population	
TOBACCO (3)	0
Tax + \$	0
Local tobacco tax option to support prevention programs	
Funding to work on smoke free or tobacco-free multi-unit housing	
80% of people do not smoke	
Cessation	3
Tobacco Prevention and Control	
Cessation and Prevention for all ages	
Policy, Procedures and environmental changes	
Tobacco cessation services for youth and adults	
MISCELLANEOUS (2)	0
Grandparent Program	0
A program that assists grandparents with their grandchildren	
Case Management	0
Case Management housed in community non-profit organizations with funding to overcome barriers like transportation (vouchers for gas/minor car repairs) and utility assistance.	
Parenting Classes	0
Mandatory parenting classes in high school or wherever.	
Protective Services	
Need additional assistance for child adult protective services.	1
Women's Issues	
Women's Issues counseling and services centered around micro-credit opportunities, financial stabilization, housing options, and after-school programs.	1

Summary of Group Discussion: Pahrump is approximately 60 miles southwest of Las Vegas, NV. Pahrump is in southern Nye County while Las Vegas is in Clark County. Clark County, the most populous county in NV has many more resources and services than Nye County which geographically is the largest county in NV. A number of Pahrump residents travel over the mountain to Las Vegas for work and to access medical services. For individual and families with limited funds, transportation is a challenge both in Pahrump because of no public transportation, and for access to services in Las Vegas. It is not surprising that public transportation was considered the number one need in Pahrump followed by the need for services for the homes population in Pahrump.

LAS VEGAS PUBLIC FORUM

**Boys and Girls Club of Las Vegas
2850 South Lindell Road
Las Vegas, Nevada 89146**

Thursday, November 3, 2012

Demographics:

Las Vegas is the most populous city in Nevada and the 28th most populous city in the United States. It is also the seat of Clark County which houses approximately 72 % of the population of Nevada. The U.S. Census of 2010 estimated the population of Las Vegas to be 583,756. The population estimate for the Las Vegas metropolitan area as estimated at 1,951,269. This includes incorporated cities such as North Las Vegas, Henderson, and Boulder City. This also includes a one acre Paiute reservation located in the down town area.

The major employers are casinos, restaurants and resorts which lead to the city's billing as The Entertainment Capital of the World. Las Vegas has one of the highest suicide, marriage and divorce rates in the U.S.

Population distribution for the county is spread out with 25.9% under the age of 18; 62.5% ages 19 – 64; and, 11.6% over the age of 65. The racial make up of the city includes: 61.0% white, 29.0% Hispanic or Latino, 10.5% black, 8.7% Asian and 1% native American.

The median income for a household in the county is \$56,258 family. The per capita income for the county was \$27,422. Approximately 11.7% of the individuals are living below the poverty line, including 22.2% of those under age 18.

The unemployment rate in Clark County for December 2011 was 13.0% versus the Nevada state unemployment rate of 13.4% or the U.S. unemployment rate of 9.6%.

Clark County has public access from outside communities via Mc Curran International Airport, Amtrak and private roads. Las Vegas has an extensive public bus and taxi system that services support the entertainment industry.

Public Forum Attendance:

This forum was sponsored by the Grants Management Unit (GMU). There were twenty-three individuals in attendance. The majority of individuals represented service providers and agency board members. The following agencies were represented: Grants Management Advisory Committee (GMAC); CCDFS: Parenting Project; American Lung Association; So. NV Health District; PBS-NV; Rebuilding Together; NCED/VISTA; Positively Kids; NV Community Association (NCA); Family 2 Family; Boys Town; ALFA; ACSCAN; PK9 FACT; CCDFS parent Project; Blind Center; Las Vegas Urban League; SAPA; BGCLV

TOBACCO PREVENTION/CESSATION (8)	8
Impact of Tobacco use costs Nevada \$565 million per year in health care	0
Tobacco Control and cessation	
Tobacco Control and cessation	
Tobacco control & Prevention	
Tobacco prevention & cessation services and other services that offset the health impact of tobacco use and exposure	
EDUCATION (7)	0
Improve Nevada's education systems	
Improved education	
Better education for our children	
Improved schools	
Assistance to Access to Higher Education	2
Help accessing higher education (college)	
Access to education/training resources	
Access to education/ training	
School Readiness	5
Pre-K readiness, equality	
Families need positive parenting skills and support to find resources so children can enter school	
YOUTH (7)	0
Teen Issues	0
Resentment of authority by youth	
Teenage outreach, positive behavioral support, encouragement	

Children in poverty	0
Children in poverty	
Poverty problems for children, safety, education, readiness, culture of poverty	
Youth focused services with mental health, esteem outcomes (reduction in teen suicides)	
Crisis Intervention for Children	5
Crisis Intervention – keep families together and healthy and safe	
In home services providing support to families that are affordable (not just fee for service Medicaid) (all children)	
Children education (prevention and intervention for youth—tutorials, community activities)	
Safety of children: mental health, abuse, attending school	
Child Care	2
Affordable child care	
Child Care Cost for shift workers	
Provide certified child care for \$30 - \$60 K per year working parents	
FAMILY SUPPORT SERVICES (5)	0
Parent Education & Training	4
Parent education and training; support services for children in need	
Parenting Education and Training	
Services to help people qualify for public benefit services	1
EMPLOYMENT (5)	5
Job development/assistance finding employment	
Employment, not just job readiness programs	
Jobs	
HEALTH CARE (4)	0
Affordable Health Care	4
Provide health and dental insurance for working families, \$30 - \$60 per year	
Health Care assistance, and general immediate health needs	
Affordable health care for the uninsured	
Adequate health care, access to health care	
Medical, dental and eye care for those who can not afford this need	
Spanish speaking, community based public health centers	0

DISABILITY (4)	4
Intervention/support services for disabled children and families	
Living facilities for people with disabilities	
Inclusion	0
Individuals with disabilities need to be employed and included in our community rather than segregated	
Education and training for people with disabilities to help the stay independent	
FOOD/NUTRITION (2)	0
Healthy Food	2
Access to healthy food (2 X)	
Access to food in neighborhood grocery store	
Senior food supplements	
Increase in food stamps for seniors	
HOUSING (2)	0
Homeless Services	0
House and supportive services for homeless youth and young adults	
Affordable Housing options	0
Affordable Housing (3X)	
Housing/shelter (foreclosure assistance)	1
Affordable, safe housing	1
Inadequate resources to maintain the home , emergency housing rehab needs, seniors with no heat/ac/water, roofs falling in on them	0
BASIC NEEDS (Family) (2)	2
No sub category	
Safety of parents/families; mental health, working/employment, substance abuse treatment, living environment (housing)	
SUBSTANCE ABUSE (1)	1
No sub category	
Substance Abuse Prevention	
MENTAL HEALTH (1)	1

No sub category	
Child and family mental health services	
DOMESTIC VIOLENCE (1)	1
No sub category	
Decrease domestic violence	
INFORMATION AND REFERRAL (1)	1
No sub category	
Parents need to know where to go for help in dealing with behavioral problems without delay	
Members in the community are unaware of services that are available to them	
TRANSPORTATION (0)	0
No sub category	
Accessible and affordable public transportation	

Discussion Notes: During the meeting the tobacco cessation and related programs expressed a concern about the use of the Funds for a Healthy Needs as it related to the initial settlement grant. There was also a concern expressed that tobacco cessation programs were not listed in the Survey Monkey as one of the basic needs (question 2). The group was advised that tobacco cessation programs could be mentioned under the category "other". That data will be aggregated for the final report.

RENO PUBLIC FORUM

**Human Services Network
Regional Transportation Commission
2050 Villanova Drive
Reno**

Tuesday, November 8, 2011

Demographics:

Reno is the county seat of Washoe County and has a population of 220,500, approximately 50% of the county's population. As of the 2010 census Washoe county had a population of 421,407 up 24.1% from the 2000 census of 339,486. Reno is bordered on the east by Sparks. The combined metropolitan area of Reno-Sparks is informally called Truckee Meadows and consists of about 400,000 residents. Reno is known as "The Biggest Little City in the World" and is famous for its casinos and as the birthplace of Harrah's Entertainment. Washoe county is the second largest county in Nevada. Before the late 1950's Reno was the gambling capital of the United States. Due to the rapid growth of gaming in Las Vegas and Indian gambling in California Reno's business has been reduced. Reno has developed numerous events to increase tourism, which include Hot August Nights, Street Vibrations, The Great Reno Balloon Races, The Best in the West Rib Cook-off and the Reno Air Races. In addition, Reno is the corporate headquarters for numerous companies including Braeburn Capital, Hamilton, Port of Subs, PC-Doctor and International Game Technology.

The 2010 census population demographics for Washoe county reflected 24.0% were children under the age of 18; 64.0% between the ages of 19 – 64; and, 12.0% 65 or older. The ethnic distribution of the population for Washoe county is 77.0% white, 2.3 African American, 2.0% Native American, 5.2% Asian, and 22.0% Hispanic or Latino.

The median income for a household in the county was \$55,658. The per capita income for the city is \$29,687. 12.6 % of the individuals residing in the county were living below the poverty line with 20.4% of the children under the age of 18 .

The unemployment rate for Washoe County in December of 2011 was 12.6 % versus 13.4% for the State of Nevada and 9.6% for the nation.

Public Forum Attendees: The Human Services Network sponsored the forum as a special meeting. There were 31 attendees representing member agencies of the HSN. The following agencies were represented: American Lung Association, American Cancer Society, ACS, Department of Administration/ Grants Management, Citi Care, FBNN, Immunize Nevada,

United Way, PLAN, Catholic Charities, NV State Medical Association, Quest Crisis Counseling, Saint Mary's Hospital, Safe Embrace, Planned Parenthood, Care Chest, RAVE, NNADV, Alzheimer's Association, Washoe County Senior Services, The Continuum, OSP, WCHD, Senator Reid's office, Children's Cabinet, HAWC, NACO/OMAC.

HEALTH CARE (16)		0
Affordable Health Care		9
Access to health care that is comprehensive (and affordable)		
Priority access to health care		
Health care access		
Our community needs affordable healthcare for all citizens		
Access to affordable health care: \$; ins; transport; mental health		
Affordable access to health care for families & children . . . immunizations, well check visits, etc. (dental care, etc.)		
Access to affordable primary & preventive health care		
Increased access to primary and preventative healthcare for those living below 100% of poverty		
Integrated primary medical & dental care, behavioral health & substance abuse prevention & care		
Access to affordable quality health care and prescriptions		
Available medical homes without barriers to access (no cost, low cost, adequate sites)		
Preventative health care services (to address modifiable risk factors associated with chronic diseases		
Local initiatives & collaborations that address chronic disease; outcomes would be behavior change, patient literacy, supports that increase access to structure (?)		
Cancer		0
Preventative cancer screening lvd health		
Cancer research		
Cancer treatment		
Contraceptives		1
Access to contraceptive services for women in need who cannot afford to pay for these supplies		
Health Care for Seniors		0
Children: dental care		2
We need dental care for children, pregnant women, veterans& seniors and anybody of low		

income in that priority order	
Access to dental care for children as prevention of chronic disease	
Childhood immunizations	4
MENTAL HEALTH & SUBSTANCE ABUSE (14)	0
Substance Abuse: tobacco, alcohol and drugs	9
Tobacco prevention/cessation	
Mental Health and substance abuse treatment and prevention	
Needed mental health and substance abuse treatment services are available	
Tobacco cessation a& prevention	
Support for Interagency solutions for substance abuse	
Inpatient substance abuse assistance	
Priority: comprehensive tobacco cessation & prevention community programs	
Substance abuse services are sorely lacking especially for adolescents. There hasn't been a nonprofit bed for kid's w/drug/alcohol addiction in No. NV for over two years.	
Improved mental health services	5
Immediate access to quality mental health care	
More funding for a variety of mental health services	
Those without health insurance need access to inpatient mental health services	
Available and affordable mental health services	
Mental health services are sorely lacking for adolescents in our area. Any programs servicing teens typically have long waiting lists	
Our community needs access to mental health treatment, regardless of diagnosis &/or income.	
Mental health treatment/services	
Mental health that is easier to access	
Suicide intervention for teens	0
Suicide intervention & prevention in schools with the time to focus on the safety of the kids	
TRANSPORTATION (9)	0
Transportation to life necessities for disabled & seniors	6
Enough transportation for disabled persons to get to medical services	
Transportation for disabled, frail/elderly seniors to be able to get to independent necessities of life	
Transportation for those with disabilities to get to medical services	

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Transportation for those with disabilities to get to medical services	
<i>Note: 3200 seniors are eligible to access services</i>	
General transportation	3
Transportation to bank, shop, employment	
Transportation for essential services—shopping, medical appointments & treatment	
Transportation to : services; health care; education; and, jobs	
HOUSING (5)	0
Affordable Housing	1
Housing: affordable housing (especially for youth 18-25 & single parent households with children	
There needs to be more affordable housing in good areas and/or transitional housing services	
Our community needs better access to affordable housing, including but not limited to HUD, foreclosure issues, entrance barriers (application, deposit, background check, etc), etc.	
Emergency funds to limit displacement	4
We need relief for homeowners to stay in their homes	
Funds for permanent affordable housing for the homeless	
Our community needs financial assistance to prevent continued displacement from homes (e.g., rental assistance, loan mod.)	
FOOD (5)	0
Access to Food	3
Access to nutritional & affordable food	
No one is food insecure	
To develop a centralized food bank because of economy of scale , Evelyn Mount can't achieve this	0
Participation (accessing available) in federal funding	1
Increase participation in the Federal Nutrition programs (SNAP, School nutrition, CSFP, etc.)	
Access to food & utilization of fed. & state programs for nutrition	
Nutritious food to reduce obesity & improve health (youth and seniors especially)	1

DISABILITIES (4)	4
Services for individuals with special needs including respite	
Flexible options for individuals with developmental disabilities statewide—rural	
Programs that promote independence and self responsibility and keeps people in the community w/quality life	
EMPLOYMENT (4)	1
Job Development	3
Opportunities for jobs that provide a living/livable wage	
Jobs that pay a “livable wage”—(nationally competitive wages) Empower families to be independent	
Our community needs to create stable employment opportunities for displaced building trade employees (including undocumented immigrants)	
Training & unemployment	0
Public works training and employment programs	
Access to finding gainful employment for the unemployed	
EDUCATION (3)	0
Support for multi-sector efforts to raise high school graduation rates	1
More funding for K – 12 education	1
Assistance accessing education	0
Our community needs to invest in K-4 reading and other early education to create strong opportunities for the future	1
SENIOR SERVICES (2)	2
Services for seniors that are not means tested	
To assist seniors to insure nutrition and adequate heating for homes	
Comprehensive resources that address an aging community: affordable, adaptable housing; local plans; network for in home services	
FAMILY SUPPORT (1)	1
Child Care safe place to do	0

We need more funding for free child care for those that are looking for work or going to school. Due to budget cuts, child care is only provided for two weeks if you are looking for work	0
Provide funding for Lifespan respite statewide	0
Poor low income family caregivers of those with any form of dementia need respite \$ so they can get a break from care giving for their own health	0
Access teen run away	0
BASIC NEEDS (1)	0
Crisis Services	1
Infrastructure support for safety net services	
Crisis Services	
Emergency Services to help people in crisis—hotlines, emergency food, clothing, shelter, & transportation	
More shelter and food for the homeless	
Shelter (basic needs)	
Long term serves to help stabilize families & individuals: employment, housing, etc	1
DOMESTIC VIOLENCE (1)	0
Assistance for victims of domestic violence	1
NEW THINKING/MISCELLANEOUS	0
Information and Referral	0
To develop public awareness of programming to assist the homeless; Make coupons available for services for the homeless	
Information services – referrals for caregivers—no wrong door (especially respite & mental health)	
Priority: awareness to available services in diverse social areas: Info & Referral	
We need more legal advocacy for those that can't afford lawyers & legal assistance	0
We need more help, support, services and employment for young people aging out of foster care or children's services	0
Require all nonprofit grants to have collaboration w/others and fiscal impact statements	0

Help Access benefits	0
Family caregivers who are younger than 60 and caring for loved ones under 60 need someone to help them with health insurance, disability and family income	
The state should fund & implement outreach programs to connect state and federal services with the needs of the citizens	
THE REAL QUESTION IS WHAT DON'T WE NEED	

NOTE: The HSN members had requested a dialogue as part of the forum. At the end of the meeting, although there was some dialogue, several members did not feel that had an adequate opportunity for dialogue regarding the community concerns. This request may be met during the coming months as further data is collected and the core priorities are established throughout the state, it is anticipated focus groups will be formed. The GMU and GMAC will keep the request for further dialogue in mind as the process continues.

RENO PUBLIC FORUM -- UNR

Sponsored by Disabilities Issues in a Healthy Ecology Class
University of Nevada Reno
Joe Crowley Hall
Reno

Tuesday, November 8, 2011

Demographics: See Reno demographics on public forum for Tuesday, November 8 at Human Services Network (HSN).

Public Forum Attendance: This public forum was sponsored by the Disabilities Issues in a Healthy Ecology Class at the University of Nevada Reno. There were twelve individual present and an interpreter for the deaf. The following agencies were represented by attendees: Positive Behavioral Supports, NATRC/student, UNR instructor, State of Nevada grants management unit, Nevada Center for Excellence in Disabilities (NCED), several students from UNR.

HEALTH CARE (11)		0
Access to health care		10
Access to health care affordable options for the working poor		
Affordable health care		
Heath Care for children with disabilities		
Mental Health Services		1
Mental Health/behavior support: community & education		
Mental health treatment especially in rural areas		
Immunizations for low income families		0
CHILDREN (9)		
Basic Services		0
Services for children at risk—Preventive: community, education & financial support		
Children's Health and Welfare: funds for Immunizations, food, school supplies, shelter, support services, etc.		
Education: completion of high school		9

State funding for education	
Education	
<i>There is no mandatory kindergarten</i>	
COMMUNITY EDUCATION (8)	0
Education regarding nutrition	8
Nutrition education for parents of our SES families	
Better nutritional education	
Better idea of what is good food and how to find resources for that	
EQUAL ACCESS (7)	0
Disability Services	7
Education Classes toward health professional, practices, clinics, hospital, etc. about ADA laws and rights for the disabled.	
More community programs for people with disabilities	
Information and Referral	0
Aging and disability resources, where to go, how to get info; more organized	0
Easy Access to interpreters in the community for the deaf	0
BASIC FAMILY NEEDS (6)	0
Housing	1
Jobs & housing: Improved support for all Nevadans	
More affordable housing in Reno, not just for low income families	
More affordable food	0
Employment	5
Unemployment (high rate)	
Help finding employment for college age students and graduates	
Crime (reduction of)	0
COMMUNITY COLLABORATION (1)	1
Nevada need coalitions to work together to streamline resources	
Nevada needs to access federal and private grant monies the have not been	

tapped	
Resource sharing across agencies and all stakeholders: trainings, workshops, data collection, referrals	

Summary of Group Discussion:

The UNR group reached a consensus that education was a primary key to change and effect. The group expressed concern for Nevada's ranking as 49th in the state in education. The group's primary concern with equal access to services for individuals with a disability was the lack of understanding by the professionals and community members regarding disabilities. This led to the conclusion that educating community members was a key to equal access. Further, nutritional resources may reach further with education of the community as to the resources available and then education regarding nutrition and food preparation.

The students that sponsored and developed this forum were: Sharisse Crowe, Jessica Harpster, Mary Helmreich, Deborah Kahue, Kaitlyn Nelson, Tessa Pommer and Holly Utley.

SILVER SPRINGS PUBLIC FORUM

Healthy Communities Coalition
Silver Springs Community Center
2945 Fort Churchill Street
Silver Springs

Thursday, November 10, 2011

Demographics: The Healthy Communities Coalition of Lyon and Storey Counties provided the GMU the opportunity to bring the public forum format to the community. The Coalition represents Lyon and Storey Counties, but also provides services to Mineral County. The total population in the three county area, as of the 2010 census, is 60,762. The Healthy Communities Needs Assessment provides the following description of the community:

“Most of the communities are located in remote areas of each county, distanced from centralized services and without access to the more typical resources of larger cities, such as public transportation, food and clothing retail outlets, recreation programming, health and social services, and mental health services by as much as 70 miles in some areas. Some of the larger communities include, Fernley, Yerington, Silver Springs, Dayton, Hawthorne and Virginia City. Dayton and Fernley are our largest population areas and represent 65% of the population. Due to the distance between the communities (typically no less than 40 miles), one program cannot encompass all of the population centers without duplicating staff or other resources for each area.

The population distribution should be referenced in the “Snapshot of the State by County: population, ethnicity and age” and “Snapshot of the State by County: income, housing costs, cost of food and unemployment rates”.

Public forum Attendance: This meeting was held in conjunction with the Healthy Communities Coalition and was attended by 41 individuals initially. It should be noted that many individuals had to leave prior to the completion of the forum process. The participants represented community service agencies, public agencies and several employers for services within the community. The following is a list to include, but not limited to agencies represented at the meeting: Community Chest and Human Services Network, American Lung Association, Nevada Health Centers, social work intern, Silver Stage Task Force, S Club, Lyon County Human Services, Healthy Communities task force Coordinator, Silver Springs Hospital District Manager, Healthy Communities Coalition volunteer coordinator and Food pantry Manager, Schwan's Food, Rural Mental Health, Nevada Coalition Against Sexual Violence, Pfizer USPA, Carson City Health and Human Services Tobacco Cessation, Rural Nevada Counseling, REMSA cribs for Kids, West Hills Hospital, Dayton Regional Advisory Council, Stagecoach Advisory Council, NV

State Health Division Community Health Nursing, Stand Tall regional Coordinator, Community Chest Employment Program, JOIN, Mineral County Community Health Nursing, Mineral UNCE and Coalition, CLYC and HCC board, Mental Health Clinics, SAPTA, Storey County Sheriff's Department, Lyon County Sheriff's Department, Silver Stage Food Co-Op, Silver State Food Pantry/ Back pack Program, Christian Food Depot, Lyon County 4-H, Community Chest, Central Lyon Youth Connection (CLYC), and citizens from Dayton, Stage Coach and Yerington.

HEALTH CARE (11)	0
Access to and Availability of Health Care services	7
Access to health care	
Silver Springs & Stagecoach citizens are in desperate need for affordable, local dental oral care services	
Access to health care	
We are limited to medical/dental services	
Silver Springs—Stagecoach area communities need affordable, local health care services including a lab, a pharmacy that accepts Medicare programs	
Competent medical services for all. Again, in rural areas complete medical services are not available thus tying into needed transportation services	
Lack of affordable health care	
Affordable health care programs for ages 5-62	
Vision and dental programs for seniors and low income	
Local in home health providers	
Improved access to health care behavior & physical	
Dental Services	2
Dental care insurance/help	
We need dental assistance for people who can not afford dental care	
Lack of affordable dental care for uninsured or under insured	
Affordable Health Care Insurance	2
Lack of health care providers	0
Cancer Research	0

Transportation (10)	1
In and out of the community	5
Stage Coach community needs transportation via a regular bus service for residents to get to jobs, medical facilities, shopping, etc.	
Public transportation to Reno, Fallon, Carson and connections on public highways	
Within the community	4
We lack public transportation to help citizens get access to resources and jobs	
Lyon county has no public transportation system and no taxi services. This is a hardship on low income people and an environmental problem	
Transportation is needed	
Public Transport	
Transportation in rural communities transportation needs are surmount as to be able to receive other services one needs to be able to get there	
Lack of public transportation to access specialized care, etc.	
We lack public transportation	
Storey and Lyon County needs to have transportation available for the rural areas to access services and resources	
Affordable public transportation would allow residents to access regional services & employment opportunities.	
EDUCATION (6)	0
Improved Nevada Education	4
Education: without proper education our aspirations today will dwindle with our younger generations	
Bridge the gap between educators and parents and the community. To work together collaboratively to educate the needs of the students	
Help with education for youth just out of school	
Educational Excellence	
Support in schools to reduce drop out rates	
Schools in rural no Nevada need more computers of students are college and university ready. Two computer labs per high school are not enough	
Improved education especially higher education	
Our children's needs are not being met after high school—transitioning w/skills to college or	

workforce – falling through the cracks	
Coping and Self Esteem	2
Education on life skills and coping skills	
There is a need for education in acquiring self esteem for students and adults	
Education in the elementary years coping with human anxiousness/uncomfortableness	
Bullying: There is a need to educate students, teacher & parents in ways to prevent and/or intervene in school bullying	
Lyon County receives little in taxation or long term, adequately paid employment from private mining companies that take Lyon county resources, yet return little in taxes. Our education and infrastructure suffer	0
Spanish Speaking: We need more access to Spanish speaking advocacy to aid Latino members of the community.	0
NEW THINKING (6)	0
Change of Mind Set/Attitude	3
Ethical leadership as the norm	
Mind set change that emphasizes responsibility for the “commons” and community good	
Break down of the “old boy’s mentality” – more transparency	
Changing our values system to better address domestic violence; working more with children	
Master Settlement Agreement for the Tobacco Settlement	0
Go back and follow the intent of the MSA (master settlement agreement)	
Support for Young People	2
Coping skills and emotional regulation groups for young adults and teens of a preventative nature	
Adult participation in children’s sport leagues	
Volunteers to help with youth and community events	
Educate communities about life skills and how to access basic needs and other services	0
Stagecoach needs a community center where various agencies can be to service the community needs	0

The Silver Springs Area seriously needs code enforcement for community image beautification to attract new businesses to create local jobs	1
SENIOR AND DISABILITY SERVICES (5)	0
Adult Day Care	5
Need for Adult Day Health Care	
Adult Day Health Care	
Access to Care for those who are not able to care for themselves	
Senior Isolation Training	0
We lack disability Resources/services	0
A protective services system (seniors and children) that actually helps “protect” –system change is needed	0
EMPLOYMENT (5)	0
JOBS--development	4
Living Wage Jobs	
We lack business/industry to provide employment	
Stagecoach needs a environmentally conscious economic ally business that will employ its residents (NOT AVIATION). I am thinking tourism	
Lyon County lacks sustainable and diversified business—we need to attract research development, higher education, medical business, etc. also we lack resources for jobs	
Public services/public works employment programs	
Job Skills	1
Greater job skills such as mine industries so our community is job ready and skill ready when mines come to Yerington	
Finding Jobs: help finding gainful employment to sustain a families basic needs	0
MENTAL HEALTH (4)	0
Improved/more accessible mental health services	4

Services Coordination (case management) is needed	
Mental Health Suicide Prevention Services	
Adequate/accessible mental health & substance abuse treatment services	
Another need is for primary providers to conduct brief intervention especially on youth to determine potential behavioral issues early in development	
Increased mental health services for a variety of issues, including substance abuse	
SUBSTANCE ABUSE: TOBACCO (4)	0
More tobacco cessation/substance abuse programs	4
Access to trg programs	
Tobacco cessation & prevention	
Tobacco Education Prevention Cessation Programs	
Another need is to address the risk of substances, including tobacco, underage drinking and all the consequences associated w/ starting these behaviors early 6 th grade to middle school	
Substance Abuse services in a range that enables family's to heal appropriately	
FOOD & NUTRITION (2)	0
No one is food insecure	2
The Food Bank needs an appropriate truck to provide their services	0
Food Programs for children	0
Food to help with hungry children	
Weekend back pack food program for students so they can stay healthy and fed and attend school	
Access to Food	1
Lack of food stores & financial institutions	
Lack of transportation—what about mobile food?	
Better access to food: to purchase mobile food delivery	
CHILD CARE/EDUCATION (2)	0
Affordable child care for parents so they can work and keep child care expenses affordable	
Affordable child care for the working class poor	

HOUSING (0)	0
Housing is needed	0
We need no cost or low cost housing or shelters for homeless or families in crisis	0

Summary of Group Discussion: Many attendees left the meeting prior to the voting process. Therefore, the data does not reflect the number of attendees that were present at the beginning of the meeting. Discussion centered on the need for services in the rural setting.

HAWTHORNE PUBLIC FORUM

**Pathways to Possibilities Communities Coalition
Maggie's Restaurant
Hawthorne, Nevada**

Thursday, December 15, 2011

Demographics:

Hawthorne is the largest community in Mineral County with a population of approximately 3,311 individuals. The 2010 census reflects a population of 4,772 people in Mineral County. This down by 5.7% from the population recorded in the 2000 Census at 5,071. Hawthorne is the county seat. The primary employer and economic base for Hawthorne is Hawthorne Army Depot. The depot is a U.S. Army ammunition storage site, the largest facility of its type in the world. The depot is run by an independent contractor under agreement with the U.S. government.

The population distribution in Mineral Count, per the 2010 census, was 18.0% were children under the age of 18, 59.0% between the ages of 19 and 64, and, 23% 65 years or older. The ethnic make up of the population is 73% white, 4.1% African American, 16% Native American, 1.1% Asian, and, 9.0% Hispanic or Latino.

The median income for a household for the county is \$35,446. The per capita income was \$23,226. About 19.1% of the individuals in the county are living below the poverty line, including 24.6% of those under 18 and 8.0% over age 65. The unemployment rate in December 2011 was 12.0% versus the 13.4% for the State of Nevada and 9.6% for the nation.

Hawthorne is a geographically isolated community with transportation in and out by private vehicle only with the nearest sizeable community of Yerington (population 4300) 58 miles away.

Public forum Attendance:

This forum was held in conjunction with the Pathways to Possibilities Community Coalition. There were eighteen individuals in attendance. The majority of individuals present were service providers, agency board members and public officials. The agencies represented included, but were not limited to, UNCE, City Commission, Mineral County Tax Assessor, Superintendent, Health Community Coalition, Public Health nurse and clergy.

COMMUNITY LEADERSHIP (11)		11
No sub category		
Community Leadership Training (working with the public)		
Organizational Skills Training		
I believe that the community would benefit from stronger political leadership and cohesiveness among agencies		
<i>Need Collaboration</i>		0
<i>Lack of accountability on all levels</i>		
<i>Awareness: Grand Jury</i>		
<i>Too fragmented</i>		
EMPLOYMENT (6)		6
Jobs		0
Various levels of employment to help fill middle gap		
Employment need more jobs		
Employment Opportunities		
Unemployment: new jobs, training, placement		
Jobs for Adults who have previous felonies in the years past; gotten their life together now		
TRANSPORTATION (6)		6
In and out of the community		0
Geographic Isolation: Limited services in town. If you do not have transportation you have limited access to food/ services		
Transportation to medical services in Reno and Fallon or compensation to travel		
Lack of public transportation both locally & out of town		
Access & means to get to doctors or health services		
HOUSING (6)		6
Affordable Housing		0
Habitable housing that lower or middle income can afford		

Housing—lack of funds to pay for rent	
We need a few more affordable houses for low-income (seniors or low income)	
Houses affordable & up to code	
Housing: safe/clean affordable	
Affordable housing (rental & sales at the various levels of employment)	
Housing up to code	0
Adult care: too many seniors living in unsatisfactory conditions	
The community has closed HUD housing wait list	0
YOUTH ACTIVITIES/SCHOOL (5)	5
More Youth involvement & youth activities: What can we do to engage youth or interest you in activities	5
Youth training, education & employment opportunities are lacking	
We need community business to become involved in a school to work program	
Help with the school system	0
Better supervision of bullying at schools	0
BASIC NEEDS (4)	4
\$ to support service gaps	0
Our community could use additional financial resources to create new programs in service gaps (i.e., transitional housing for the homeless)	
Additional services for all ages	
No clothing stores	0
Some where to buy clothes	
Clothing store for all people	
Clothing: there are no clothing stores in Hawthorne	
Utilities & fuel	0
Utilities—lack of funds to pay for electric & propane	
Cheap fuel –need natural gas	
Gas stations' when gas goes up it does not come down. All of our gas stations are owned by the same person	

HEALTH CARE/DENTAL (3)	3
Cost of Health care	0
Lack of insurance coverage. Not eligible for Medicaid but can't afford premiums	
<i>Affordable prescriptions</i>	
Availability of health care providers	0
Lack of medical re in town: How can we shorten the wait time to see a doctor or get care. You call for an appt and it sometimes a week or more til you can get in	
<i>Specialist out of town</i>	
FOOD (3)	3
Access to . . .	0
Mineral County 100% food desert: lack of available fresh food	
More food markets (town only has Safeway)	
Competitive food prices	
Lack of access to affordable food & RX	
MENTAL HEALTH (1)	1
No sub category	
Mental health services	
Drug Counselors/mental health	
DISABILITIES (1)	1
No sub category	
Services for the challenged people and kids	
INFRASTRUCTURE (0)	0
No sub category	
Storm drains system to reduce flood insurance costs	
ACCESS TO SERVICES (0)	0
No sub category	

Services are overloaded & reached capacity over two years ago; service providers are tired	
Not enough support in aide offices (welfare, mental health, etc.) How can we lighten the load of Currently overloaded workers?	
CHILD CARE (0)	0
No sub category	
Child care decent/safe/affordable	
<i>No licensed child care in Hawthorne</i>	
OUTREACH (0)	0
No sub category	
Outreach programs for all ages	

Discussion Notes: During the meeting a specific health care problem was brought to the attention of the group by the public health nurse. Several suggestions were provided that may resolve the issue for the community member. This was reflective of the discussion regarding organizational collaboration and training that was the most significant outcome in the discussion.

HENDERSON PUBLIC FORUM

James I. Gibson Library
100 W. Lake Mead Parkway
Henderson, Nevada

Wednesday, February 8, 2012

Demographics: *See demographics for Clark County and Las Vegas in 11/3/2011 forum and "Snapshot of the State by Counties"*

Public Forum Attendance:

The conference room for the forum was provided by the Henderson Public Library, who also provided publicity. The forum was attended by nine community members representing the Southwest Medical Association; Henderson Fire Department; Giving Life Ministries; Christ the King Catholic Charities; Catholic Charities CCFS Parenting Project; and, Our Savior's Church.

FAMILY SERVICES (13)	0
Parenting Training	7
Provide parenting education/training in easily accessed multiple locations	
Parenting (i.e., overcoming substance/gambling dependency, and discipline skills)	
Funding for unique programs that work w/youth & families, --money that supports staffing (all economic levels)* (see note below regarding juvenile fire setters program)	
Parent services for pregnant teens	
Case Management	4
Money for staffing programs	
Family Support Services	2
Support for people that fall outside low income or age. But don't have money for basic needs and services where to go	
To strengthen family and community values through education	
Hygiene items for homeless and low income families such as toothpaste, deodorant, toothbrushes, combs, razors, feminine produces and shaving cream.	
Education	0
Make higher education available to all students who qualify for college	

FOOD (4)	3
Awareness of where distribution centers (faith based, etc.) can access volunteers and money	1
Staples	0
Senior Food Programs	
Shelf stable non perishable food items to supplement low income such as spaghetti, rice, beans, tuna and baby food products	
Food: grants/funding for food service providers	
Accessible food programs and more food stamps: Basic Human Needs	
EMPLOYMENT (2)	2
No sub category	
Financial Assistance for job searches (inc. counseling & transportation)	
Jobs; cottage industries; employment for youth	
Assistance with barriers to obtaining employment such as funds for NV ID, birth certificates, background checks & public transportation	
HEALTH CARE (2)	2
No sub category	
Access to quality and inexpensive health care	
DENTAL CARE (1)	1
No sub category	
Increased access to low cost dental services: available services cost too high & long wait lines	
UTILITIES (1)	0
No sub category	
Increase in eligibility income guidelines for energy assistance	1
Utility Assistance for low income/no income families	
SENIORS (1)	1
No sub category	
Elders support and transportation –addressing “real” (e.g., health, food, housing needs) & “intangible” needs (esp. loneliness)	
Helping seniors with RX	

TRANSPORTATION (0)	0
No sub category	
Increased availability of transportation resources for homebound individuals	
Transportation for the aged to destination & cheaper day to day bus routes for low income	
HOUSING (0)	0
No sub category	
Housing/shelter: open bank funding to purchase repo'd houses *	
TOOLS/INFORMATION AND REFERRAL (0)	0
No sub category	
Information on where and how to obtain services	

Summary of Group Discussion:

One attendee reported seniors feeding their pets the food provided through meals on wheels. Several food programs have recognized the significance of pets in the lives of individuals, especially seniors who may be home bound or isolated. The programs have expanded to include the distribution of pet food.

There was discussion about the development of a resource manual to assist programs in referring individuals to needed services. 2-1-1 and the Aging, Disabilities and Resources Centers (ADRC's); and, the availability of other resources guides was discussed. The availability of S.H.I.P and Gov Cha services and Nevada check up program for children was also discussed.

* Note group was informed of the upcoming Governor's workshop on home foreclosures and attendees were sent the announcement of this event.

LAS VEGAS: THREE SQUARE

4190 N. Pecos Rd
Las Vegas, Nevada

Thursday, February 9, 2012

Demographics:

See demographics for City of Las Vegas/Clark County in 11/3/2011 forum and "Snapshot of the State by Counties"

Public Forum Attendance:

The location for the forum was provided by Three Square. The forum was attended twenty-one individual representing the following agencies: Sunrise Baptist Church, A Simple Solution, Department of Family Services – parenting project; Clark County; Boys and Girls Club of Las Vegas; Three Square; CCSD HOPE; Jewish Federation; NV PEP; CCSD Wraparound; BGCLV; Nevada Partners; Blind Connect; CRB Silkworth House; UNLV I Care; Progressive Fellowship; Progressive Pilgrims; and, a community volunteer.

FOOD (10)	2
Food and Nutrition	8
Food Insecurity: meals for home bound (six month wait list for meals on wheels)	
Food for Kids	
Produce in food deserts	
Food & Nutrition for Seniors	
There are over 6000 homeless students in CCSD we need more weekend food for kids	
Increase SNAP outreach	
More fruits & vegetables and nutritious food for schools	
Education on how to use foods and prepare nutritious meals	0
EDUCATION (8)	8
Lack of Resources & funding	
Access to affordable early childhood education—need more centers in low income areas, need it to be affordable focus on 3 – 5 year olds	

Dropouts: There is a need for community based drop out prevention	
More teachers less students per classroom	
Education & School social workers: more funding to provide adequate class sizes & proper utilization of RTI (response to instruction); For social workers: availability at more schools to lower case loads.	
FAMILY SUPPORTS (11)	0
Case management and assistance with process	6
Assistance with forms	
Assistance in having some sort of permanent address (<i>folks are unable to apply for benefits, such as SNAP as they don't have a permanent address</i>)	
Assistance in receiving help in getting valid ID Cards	
Mailing address for homeless	
Help with ID process (<i>folks are unable to obtain copies of documents (birth certificates, ID cards, social security cards) necessary to pursue public benefits or to initiate employment</i>).	
Youth Services	2
Children: after school funding of programs/ transportation to and from/ nutritional information for kids	
More teen pregnancy prevention & self esteem groups/ transportation to transport children to the extracurricular activities	
Stop or control increasing rate of teenage pregnancy	
Utilities	0
Energy Assistance	
Assistance in ability to pay utility bills	
Family Training	3
Provide better child/foster care (i.e., training foster parents)	
Continuing parent education so both parents and children may benefit in the future	
Health "education" continue to teach children the importance of being healthy—integrated into school curriculum. We must teach the whole child.	
Information and Referral	0
Resource Directory	
HEALTH & DENTAL CARE (6)	0
Health Care	3

Durable Medical Equipment (DME) : lack of services for these products	
Clark and rural seniors of Nevada having access to health services and daily monitoring of services	
Due to lack of permanent record unable to monitor the health and nutritional status	
<i>Lack of access to Medicaid</i>	1
<i>Accessibility to DME</i>	
<i>Reduction in Medicaid match</i>	
Dental	2
Access to affordable health care, especially dental for adults	
Dental assistance	
Dental Care	
HOUSING (4)	4
No sub categories	
Affordable housing for people at 20% of AMI—particularly disabled, formerly homeless	
Secure housing for seniors and children	
Foreclosure: There is a need for foreclosure prevention	
Rent voucher easier access to section 8	
TRANSPORTATION (4)	4
No sub categories	
Transportation cost/lack of	
Transportation	
Help with transportation ; i.e. bus passes & transportation to appointments	
Affordable transportation: \$5 a day isn't affordable	
Families have a difficult time accessing services due to a lack of transportation	
DISABILITIES (3)	0
No sub categories	
Additional blindness services	3
No or poor quality deaf services for children, adults & seniors	
EMPLOYMENT (2)	2
No sub categories	
<i>Lack of jobs</i>	

Unemployment: Lack of jobs	
Unemployment: There is a need for general workforce development services	
DRUG AND ALCOHOL ABUSE/ MENTAL HEALTH (1)	1
Drug and Alcohol Awareness and treatment	
Mental Health	
Mental Health: We need to acknowledge the challenge exists and begin to address especially for youth	
We need more mental health services, (PSR, BST, counseling) for families with private insurance, HPN or amerigroup.	
SENIORS (0)	0
No sub categories	
Help low income seniors with chronic disease get nutritious food when they have no transportation	
Lack of free services for seniors (or reduced fee)	
Services: Affordable day care/ co-pay or medical payment/ affordable RX & equipment	
Clark County seniors lack access to oral health care to consume nutritional needs; especially those with low SES	

Summary of Group Discussion:

The two major issues that we raised in discussion during this forum was a need for providers to have a current community resource guide available so that appropriate service referrals can be made; and, the need for homeless and other individuals to have a permanent address and access to necessary support documents to allow them to apply for public benefits.

Many providers were not aware of the current guides in print or of the availability of information through 211 or the Aging Disabilities Resource Center (ADRC's). There was discussion on the duplicative efforts that may be occurring because there are numerous resource guides available; how information can be updated on the websites; and, access to the information and referral guides.

Individuals are required to have a government ID, social security cards and/or birth certificates to apply for benefits or to start employment. They are often unable to obtain this information due to lack of a permanent address or funds.

LAS VEGAS: EAST VALLEY FAMILY SERVICES

1800 E. Sahara Avenue
Las Vegas, Nevada

Thursday, February 9, 2012

Demographics:

See demographics for City of Las Vegas/Clark County in 11/3/2011 forum and "Snapshot of the State by Counties"

Public Forum Attendance:

The location for the forum was provided by East Valley Family Services. The forum was attended by thirty-seven (3) individuals who represented the following: East Valley Family Services; Senior Citizens Law Project; CCDFS Parenting Project; City of Henderson; Senator Harry Reid's office; SAFY, Inc.; NV PEP; Olive Crest; NV Child Seekers; UUMC—Senior Centers; and, several private individuals to include, but not limited to senior citizens and parents.

EDUCATION (21)		3
Provider Training		10
Outreach education on available resources for housing, health care, employment disability services		
Public service employee training (customer service) for WIC, Welfare Offices, social services, etc.		
Cultural competent training to reflect demographics of population serviced		
Customer service informing customer how whatever program functions at their individual intellectual level		
Bi lingual services with staff able to interpret/explain		
Educating Students		4
Affordable tutoring for kids just barely passing the subject		
Better funding for higher education		
Raising standards of education		
Larger Financial Aid for college (FAFSA): Grants for low income students without parents/guardians		
Information and Referral		2
Information on Resources available where to look		

Government	2
Better Government	
Funding for libraries	
SENIORS (20)	1
Sr Food and Nutrition	8
Food= more funds for the senior commodity program	
Increase the rate of reimbursement for Title III-C meals (home bound and congregate)	
Availability of congregate meal service for seniors (very few in So. Nevada)	
Transportation or deliver food to handicap in senior programs	
Increase funding for senior food banks (just as 3 square, helping hands, etc.) to increase # of seniors that have access to food	
Sr Legal Services	4
Senior legal services in general	
Senior legal services to help plan for incapacity	
Legal services for seniors	
Sr Housing	2
Senior Independent Living Housing: how this functions and where to get information	
Jobs for Sr	2
Assistance for job displaced seniors: specific job training and internships	
Sr Services RX/ home modifications	1
Sr Adult day care	
Programs to keep seniors in their own home w/services: meals on wheels, medication assistance, homemaker services, personal care assistance	
Home modification funds to assist seniors with ramps or grab bars	
Sr Transportation	1
Funding –transportation for seniors for non specific : RTC is proposing to discontinue bus service taking seniors from “housing complex” to markets, physicians, etc. They have no way to move around.	

Elder Abuse Protective Service	0
No specific comments	
FAMILY SUPPORT SERVICES (17)	0
Parent Training	7
Parenting Education and Training: providing education and training to parents and families in need of support	
More parenting classes	
Education funding parent education on how to deal with the stressors of today's economy. Leads to domestic violence and child abuse	
Child Care Subsidies	5
Assistance (proper) childcare/medical/food for people with jobs	
Funding access for child care	
Child care for families both working; Parents must be on TANF to be eligible	
Child Care access for job seekers	
After school child care	
I believe we need a greater availability for child care subsidies for children to be in educational day care while parents work	
Child safety on going to school, or after school crossing streets	
Assistance to complete benefits applications	2
Help people fill out forms to access help that is available that they don't know about—come to East Valley for help	
Services to help fill out all applications, resumes and answer questions	
Assuring community immigration status will not be affected by applying for benefits for children	
Teen Pregnancy	1
Support and education for teens to aid in prevention of teen pregnancy	
Support for caregivers of aged and disabled family members	1
No additional comments	

HOUSING (11)		0
Subsidies		8
Funding access for emergency housing		
Housing: emergency aid		
Housing emergency housing for families that have lost their home		
Low cost housing! Is there any agency that know what is available that is not in the paper?		
Funding for emergency housing		
Rental assistance—lack of; If no wage for boiays (?) you can use CC or soc services; due to lack of hours or job		
Housing assistance for families with limited money		
I believe we need more “Housing First” services. Rapid rehousing with case management		
Utilities/ Services Support		3
Funding access for emergency power: utilities		
Utilities/electric		
Cost of utilities		
NV energy power: help pay bills		
Utilities = funds are now out for the Project Reach for Seniors		
HEALTH/DENTAL CARE (10)		
Health Care		10
Insurance for those with low income family that don't have insurance. Don't qualify for Medicaid or Medicare and are citizens		
Affordable health and dental care		
Affordable health benefits		
Cost of medical care and pharmacy		
Health care for low income adults		
Medical: need basic fund for dental, vision, hearing: Sr can't afford (low income)		
Adult health care support for more clinics		
Adult health care—more low income clinics		
Health resources for uninsured; but not homeless		
Adult health: non insured people more affordable		
Medicaid: There has been a lot parents who do not have nay type of insurance who have children with disabilities, who get their application denied 2 – 3 times just because they make hundred or two		

over what their annual income should be. There should be more funding for children.	
Funding for medical care for people with no insurance	
Health care cost aid to young adults without parent/guardians due to death of parent/guardian resulting in insurance coverage stopping after the death of parent or guardian	
Hearing vision and dental	
Affordable Dental Services	0
MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES (6)	6
No sub categories	
Suicide Prevention	
Mental Health need free services plus RX	
Funding for children who have been diagnosed with mental disabilities	
Rehabilitation services for sexually exploited children	
Services for domestic violence, human & sex trafficking victims	
DISABILITY SERVICES (2)	2
No sub categories	
Assistance with diapers for children with disabilities	
Help for disabilities and other benefits	
FOOD (3)	3
Food Distribution	0
Food distribution to no only seniors also to the younger community	
More food pantries programs	
Price of food	
Benefit Access	0
SNAP program make it easier to qualify	
FOSTER CARE (1)	1
No sub categories	
Funding for children who have been placed in child welfare agencies	

Mental health treatment for children who have been removed from their homes by child protective services	
TRANSPORTATION (1)	1
No sub categories	
Transportation to medical appointments	
Transportation to doctor's appointments and to pick up free food	
Assistance with transportation to children's doctor's appointments	
Transportation—there are a lot of communities that are low income families and do not have a car or the money to take the bus to get to one place or another. It would be a good idea for parents that are in need to get a bus pass or some type of help to get there children around.	
SUBSTANCE ABUSE (0)	0
No sub categories	
Substance abuse counseling ages 18 and under	
Resources for substance abuse prevention	
EMPLOYMENT (0)	0
No sub categories	
Jobs: how to get them; where to train for them!	
I believe we need more vocational job skills training and job placement services	
How to help people to apply for jobs. When people can not or don't have the education to use a computer to apply	
Employment: Las Vegas needs job training	

LAS VEGAS: DR. WILLIAM U. PEARSON COMMUNITY CENTER

**1625 West Carey
North Las Vegas, Nevada**

**Friday, February 10, 2012
9:00 am**

Demographics:

See demographics for City of Las Vegas/Clark County in 11/3/2011 forum and "Snapshot of the State by Counties"

Public Forum Attendance:

The location for the forum was provided by the Pearson Community Center. The forum was attended by eighteen community members who represented the following: S Kelly Consulting; NV PEP; So NV Health/Tobacco Control; Tonopah Common Garden; Veteran's Administration; NAACP; Clark County Social Services; Black Caucus; Housing and Urban Development (HUD); Senator Reid's office; Shorts 4 Tots; 100 Black Men; LV Urban League; VUFS: Families First of Mesquite

FAMILY SUPPORT (11)		1
Parent Training and Advocacy		5
Lack of parenting education/training in the community		
Education and support of parent & Empowerment of parents to strengthen families		
Family Advocacy		
Teen Pregnancy Prevention		
Domestic Violence Issues: shelter; food; services (health, education, transportation). Stat info African Americans and Hispanics		
Foster Care Child Protective Services		3
Disproportionate number of African American & Hispanic children in foster care programming		
Lack of oversight on the many grants filtering into the community for foster kids		
Group homes/programs focusing on youth, i.e., delinquency, foster, homelessness, etc.		
More funding for CASA (court appointed advocacy)		
The disproportionate amount of ethnic children being taken from their homes by DFS		

EX offender Re-entry	1
Re entry programs which include housing, jobs and education in prison	
Children's Services	1
Child care affordable	
After school care for kids with disabilities	
Home Health Care providers for kids with disabilities	
HEALTH CARE (6)	0
Preventative	5
Preventative health care information and outreach with an emphasis on children	
Raising Children's immunization rates here in Nevada (with a focus on 0 – 3)	
Medical assistance for families	
Preventative Health Care: access to education & access to health care providers	
Access to health care including coverage of tobacco cessation	
We need to address the number 1 cause of preventable death : we need resources for tobacco control and prevention	
Prescriptions	0
Cost for seniors and for uninsured & under insured	
Mental Health	1
Community based mental health services geared toward the demographics of the community	
Mental health treatment: counseling; prescriptions; and training	
Mental health services for children	
Affordable Accessible Community Health Care Centers	0
EMPLOYMENT (4)	4
No sub categories	0
Jobs, education and training of minority males; and, young male support	
Jobs—minority opportunity: OJT- on the job training; internships; youth summer training/jobs: There is a disparity in the community	
Employment: job readiness and vocational training	
Jobs	
Employment	

INFORMATION & REFERRAL (4)	4
No subcategories	0
Information on resources and processes to access resources –generated to community: output of information & general population	
Information distribution of resources available: i.e. brochures; tv ads; radio and churches	
Information based community agencies that contact all service provided info as well as access information	
BENEFIT ACCESS (4)	0
Training Component	4
Proper training of the service providers staff: i.e., cultural sensitivity, interpretation of the law, etc.	
Lack of oversight/accountability of quality of service or proper education of service providers (certification)	
Under cover Boss (3)	
Increase TANF and decrease requirements	0
HOUSING (3)	3
No sub categories	0
Housing for homeless, especially veterans	
Low income housing	
Housing	
Affordable senior housing	
Housing/shelter affordable and accessible income for all low income individuals	
Housing assistance (transitional) especially veterans	
Temporary & permanent housing for homeless veterans; funds to help homeless veterans in the process of obtaining stability	
Furniture bank to help homeless veterans once they are housed	
EDUCATION (1)	1
No sub categories	0
Increased HS graduation rates	
NUTRITION (1)	1
No sub categories	0

Focus on healthy eating	
Funding for neighborhood gardens!	
TRANSPORTATION (0)	0
No sub categories	
Affordable means of transportation i.e., bus passes for agencies participants	

GROUP DISCUSSION:

PUBLIC FORUM INPUT SUMMARY OF CLARK COUNTY

Community # of attendees	LAS VEGAS 11/3/11	HENDERSON 2/8/12	LAS VEGAS 2/9/12	LAS VEGAS 2/9/12	LAS VEGAS 2/10/12	TOTALS
	31	9	21	37	18	116
Family Supports: Children and Seniors	4	13	11	17	11	56
Education	7		8	21		36
Health Care	4	2	6	10	6	28
Senior Services				20		20
Housing			4	11		15
Food		4	10			14
Employment	5	2			4	11
Tobacco Cessation	8					8
Service Delivery/ Benefit Access					4	4
Information & referral					4	4
Dental		1				1