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Public Health Advisory Council

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Dear Councilors,

A key function of the Public Health Advisory Council (PHAC) is to advise the Clark County Board of Health (BOH), whose members also serve as the Board of Clark County Councilors, on issues related to the health of our community.

We have been reviewing the requirements and status of the Public Health department's progress in applying for national accreditation with the Public Health Accreditation Board (PHAB). PHAB accreditation provides a framework for health departments to identify performance improvement opportunities, to develop and improve management and leadership, and to develop and sustain relationships within the community.

Benefits of accreditation include:

- Identification of quality and performance improvement opportunities;
- Identification of agency strengths and weaknesses;
- Improved management processes;
- Greater accountability and transparency within the health department; and
- Improved competitiveness for grant funding opportunities.

As part of the PHAB application process, an updated department strategic plan approved by the BOH is required. We have reviewed the Clark County Public Health (CCPH) Strategic Plan, and we believe that the plan aligns closely with the CCPH mission, vision and values. In our role of advisory committee to the BOH, we strongly recommend approval of the Clark County Public Health 2018-2025 Strategic Plan.

Sincerely,

Stephanie Roise-Yamashita, Chair, on behalf of the Public Health Advisory Council

CC: Dr. Alan Melnick
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