



Douglas County

Population 48,478

Area 738 sq mi

Number of permitted establishments 626

Collaborating Agencies

Carson City Health & Human Services (CCHHS)
Douglas County
Nevada Department of Public and Behavioral Health (DPBH)
University of Nevada-Reno

Project Goal

The project goal was to improve the level of environmental health services provided within Douglas County while increasing efficiency and allowing more local control.

Key Objectives

- ⇒ Optimize service delivery in the public health fields of environmental health and infectious disease reporting to the residents of Carson City and Douglas County
- ⇒ Increase efficiency by better utilization of staff and resources in both counties and strengthen cooperative relationships in delivering public health services to residents of northern Nevada.
- ⇒ Provide environmental health services in Douglas County by CCHHS that were being provided by the DPBH.

Project Outcomes Accomplished

Initial

- ⇒ Engaged a stakeholders group comprised of policymakers, community leaders, community health coalitions, the University of Nevada – Reno, and DPBH to analyze and implement a plan for CCHHS to provide environmental health services in Douglas County.
- ⇒ Obtained approval for transition of services from state to county responsibility.

Midterm

- ⇒ Completed an Information Technology Assessment and performed an upgrade to database to support a variety of Window applications in order to allow documentation and storing of inspection data.
- ⇒ Developed a public communication plan and logo.
- ⇒ Tested the software capacity between both jurisdictions.
- ⇒ Initiated daily operations on January 1, 2014.

Final

- ⇒ Described a recommended model for cross-jurisdictional arrangements within the toolkit.
- ⇒ Designed a toolkit to help other jurisdictions analyze the legal and financial implications for cross-jurisdictional sharing arrangements.
- ⇒ Provided information regarding cross-jurisdictional sharing activities to local public health officials, policymakers, and neighboring jurisdictions.
- ⇒ Analyzed service delivery and evaluated the transition plan.

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