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PURPOSE

The purpose of this report is to provide information to the Board and public regarding the status of the Exchange’s partnerships with Community Health Worker Programs across the state.

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As a part of our expanded outreach efforts, the Exchange has entered into an inter-local agreement with the University of Nevada Las Vegas (UNLV) to support the training and certification of 10 Community Health Workers (CHW) who will also become Certified Application Counselors (CAC). UNLV will train CHWs from underserved populations who are leaders in their community. Additionally, some of the CHWs will be from rural and frontier communities. All will help integrate, enroll, and refer Nevadans to the appropriate health insurance and health care services.

Each CHW will be assigned a specific population and attend events and collect data from their own community. A standardized questionnaire for all CHW is being developed that is both culturally and linguistically sensitive. The CHWs will identify individuals not enrolled in health insurance and will schedule appointments to help them enroll.

The Exchange has entered into a grant partnership with the State of Nevada’s Division for Public and Behavioral Health (DPBH) to expand their statewide CHW training class from 20 students to 42 students beginning in August 2016. All of the CHW students will also be CACs. DPBH will also offer the CAC certification to CHWs who have already completed existing training and will

provide CAC certification training to CHWs who are working under an existing grant called Connecting Kids to Coverage.

Finally, in an effort to assure an inclusive, state-wide geographic and demographic mix to our partnerships, the Exchange is awaiting a grant proposal from the University of Nevada Community Health Sciences (CHS) program. The CHS proposal will allocate the grant funds to train and educate CHS students as CACs who will in turn provide outreach and education to underserved populations, identifying individuals not enrolled in health insurance and scheduling appointments to help them enroll.