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State-of-the-Art Heart Care

By some measures, Children’s Heart Center Nevada (CHCN) is the second largest congenital heart program in the United States, just behind Sibley Heart Center in Atlanta. CHCN is the only congenital heart program in Nevada performing more than 50,000 annual cardiac evaluations. Patients comprise those detected prenatally, to infants, children, and adults with suspected or diagnosed congenital heart disease.

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The Power of Your Word.

CCMS President Dr. Jeffrey Roth looks at the importance of compassion and empathy when speaking to your patients.

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Dr. Jerry Reeves tells County Line readers about his experience in organized medicine, and the benefits of being an active member in the medical society.

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Our Biggest Night of the Year!

CCMS Executive Director Alexandra Silver encourages all members of the Clark County Medical Society to join us in welcoming incoming president Dr. Daniel Burkhead and the CCMS Board of Trustees at the 65th Annual Installation Dinner & Awards Ceremony June 1 at the Bellagio!

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In the book The Four Agreements, one of the agreements is to “be impeccable with your word.” The author clarifies; Speak with integrity. Say only what you mean. Avoid using the word to speak against yourself or to gossip about others. Use the power of your word in the direction of truth and love…” He describes the word as an entity in and of itself.

This principle goes beyond “keeping your word” or fulfilling your responsibilities. It is being impeccable with words that exit your mouth. He gives an example of a little girl singing; the mother was having a bad day and got annoyed. The mother yelled at her daughter, “stop that awful noise!” The daughter was impacted by her mother’s “word”, and subsequently did not sing in front of others, as she was convinced that she had a terrible voice. Her mother’s “word” was taken in by her daughter, and it made a significant, long term impact.

Every day I learn something from a patient. A patient’s grandmother gave some of the best advice I have ever heard; “chew your words well before spitting them out.” As physicians, we speak from a position of authority based on our education, training and experience. This, coupled with the patient’s compromised position, makes it even more crucial that we watch how we use our word.

Patients will hang on our every word. This was brought into focus by the case of Dr. Robert Montgomery, a cardiothoracic surgeon and an outstanding heart transplant surgeon. He found himself on the other side of the operating room table when he needed, of all things, a new heart. He’d had an underlying genetic heart condition that caused him literally to die from his heart stopping, and it had stopped easily a dozen times throughout his life.

Dr. Montgomery’s experience taught him that physicians must understand that what they say is going to make a difference to patients, even seeming trivial daily interactions. When a physician says, “I’ll be back in an hour”, their patients wait and expect their physician to be back in an hour. That is what patients really pay attention to, and they pay much more attention to those sorts of comments than to the technical information they are presented in terms of informed consent and so on.

In today’s world, the demands on a physician’s time are great. Increased case load and acuity, EHR, and other burdens will affect your practice, and choosing the correct words, demonstrating empathy and compassion can be a challenge. Many years ago, as chief resident on the trauma service, several times I had to deliver the worst possible news to a family, that their 16-year-old son died. Knowing that I had about a minute to tell the family, answer questions, and inform them of the next steps, as multiple other trauma patients were arriving, and other patients needed immediate attention in the ICU–I like many physicians did the best I could, but there is now actually some science to support showing empathy and compassion with your words are beneficial to outcomes.

Dr. Stephen Trzeciak says that spending an extra 40 seconds showing compassion to a patient can make a huge difference. He and his colleagues identified 50 potential mechanisms of action for compassion ranging from effects on physiology, pain, psychology, and neurobiology, to health quality, experience, and patient and physician satisfaction—and 45 potential outcome measures.
The answer appears to be that a kind word and expression of concern from a physician can have a far more powerful effect on patients than was previously thought. A growing body of evidence suggests that offering kindness, empathy, or words of encouragement leads to better patient engagement, a more trusting relationship, better health outcomes, and a less stressful practice for clinicians.

According to Trzeciak, they found “evidence that compassion can reduce systemic inflammatory pathophysiology, leading to enhanced wound healing and better immune function. Compassion can also stimulate better patient adherence, leading to better control of disease progression and a shorter recovery time.” Trzeciak said he is convinced that compassion can improve health outcomes, decrease burnout, and lower the cost of healthcare.

“We see that when people have more trust in their healthcare provider, they’re more likely to follow through on recommended care, they report that they are in better health, and they are more likely to be engaged in their health,” said Jessica Greene, PhD, professor of health policy at Baruch College.

So, beware of the comment at the nurses’ station or outside the patient’s curtain. Patients and families are listening. Use the power of your word for good, a lesson that might also apply to our lives outside of medicine.

Jeffrey Roth, M.D.
President
Clark County Medical Society

Upcoming Events:

CCMS & NSMA

May 1
CCMS President's Roundtable
6:00 p.m. | Spiedini Ristorante at the JW Marriott

May 6
NSMA Legislative Core Group Meeting
6:00 p.m. | Las Vegas & Reno

May 7
Resident/Fellow & Medical Student Committee
5:30 p.m. | CCMS Office

May 8
Community Health & Public Relations Committee Meeting
6:00 p.m. | CCMS Office

May 13
NSMA Legislative Core Group Meeting
6:00 p.m. | Las Vegas & Reno

May 14
Membership Committee Meeting
6:00 p.m. | CCMS Office

May 20
NSMA Legislative Core Group Meeting
6:00 p.m. | Las Vegas & Reno

May 21
CCMS Board of Trustees Meeting
6:00 p.m. | CCMS Office
CCMS Delegate Meeting
7:15 p.m. | CCMS Office

May 23
NSMA Internal Affairs Commission Meeting
6:00 p.m. | Las Vegas & Reno

May 27
CCMS Office Closed - Memorial Day

May 29
NSMA Council
6:00 p.m. | Las Vegas & Reno

June 1
65th Annual Installation Dinner & Awards Ceremony
6:00 p.m. | Bellagio Hotel
In June, the Clark County Medical Society will present the Winged Heart Awards during our 65th Installation Dinner & Awards Ceremony. If you attended our event last year, you will recall the moment when time stood still in that ballroom; when Dr. George Alexander presented the first Winged Heart Award in the First Responder Category to the late Officer Charleston Hartfield’s wife and two children. It was one my proudest moments working here at Clark County Medical Society – to see the physicians and our community come together and honor a man, who on his night off from work, went to a country music festival with his wife and friends and perished. Officer Hartfield put it on the line every day as a police officer, but on 1 October he was off-duty -- just a man at a concert. Gerard Way once said, “Heroes are ordinary people who make themselves extraordinary.”

Everyday our physicians go above and beyond to help heal and save their patients. Through the Winged Heart Awards, you have the opportunity to recognize the unsung heroes of the medical world; nurses, healthcare-related non-profits and first responders. Together, you make quite an impact on our community’s quality of life. As I have been working to promote the Installation Dinner, as I tell folks who the honorees are, I am often asked if I need a presenter or testimony because they themselves or their family have been touched by one of our most deserving award winners. They are heroes.

On Saturday, June 1st I hope you will be with us in the Tower Ballroom of the iconic Bellagio Hotel and celebrate the leadership of this unique and one-of-a-kind organization; the Clark County Medical Society. We are the only local organization working and fighting everyday to protect physicians and their patients. During the program, you will learn about our honorees, both individuals and organizations who are committed to making our community better, stronger and healthier.

From the late Sandy Peltyn, to our beloved Vegas Golden Knights to our 2019 Feikes award winner Dr. George Alexander, our lineup is made up of people who have made extraordinary gifts to our health care community. All of these honorees have given and inspired others.
The meeting was called to order by Dr. Roth at 6:16 p.m.

**Action Items:**

The minutes from the March 19, 2019 meeting were reviewed.

**Motion to approve the March 19, 2019 minutes (M/S Reeves/Fiore - Approved)**

**Financial Report: by Dr. Kuhls (written report submitted with verbal additions)**

Written Report:
Profit & Loss Budget Performance (Page 1-6)

- **1600 Building Fundraising campaign $1,500, YTD 7,399**
- **3310 Dues from active members - $3,900, YTD $206,822** Total budget is $230,000 for the year.
- **3312 Dues from New Members - $1,891, YTD to $6,973. Annual budget is $8,000**
- **3335 Newsletter Advertising - $3,052, YTD $33,711. Annual budget is $65,000**
- **3338 Website Advertising - $0, YTD $3,600. Annual budget $2,000**
- **3345 Rental Income - $1,450, YTD $12,150, Annual Budget is $17,800**
- **3365 Pictorial Directory Ad Sales - $1,725, YTD $9,625, This year's budget is $20,000**
- **3435 Installation Dinner Income - $6,446, YTD $8,446. We are trying to account for the dinner in the fiscal year of the event, rather than carrying over to the next year. This year's budget is $90,000**
- **3451 General membership events income - $5,730, YTD $13,580. This year's budget is $55,000**
- **3465 Mini-internship Income - $0, YTD $1,000, annual Budget is $6,000**
- **3435 Installation Dinner. Annual budget $90,000**

***Total Income this month is $25,874, YTD $304,593. Annual budget is $502,100***

Expense Highlights (Round numbers)

- **4000 Operating expenses - $18,018, YTD $152,682, YTD budget is $212,148. Annual budget $282,374**
- **4200 General Office Expenses - $1,701, YTD $16,688, YTD budget is $21,262. Annual budget $29,350**
- **4300 Meeting/Events - $5,200, YTD $22,819, YTD budget is $50,700. Annual budget $92,700**
- **4350 Newsletter & Directory - $0, YTD $22,552, YTD budget is $28,500. Annual budget $36,000**
- **4400 Adv/Legal/Accounting - $1,687, YTD $8,010, YTD $7,874. Annual budget is $10,500**
- **5399 Other building expense is $0, YTD $16,272, YTD budget is $6,999. Annual budget is $10,500**

***Total expenses this month $31,164, YTD $276,602, YTD budget is $356,272. Annual budget is $497,974.***

NET INCOME: $-5,289, YTD+$27,991, YTD budget is $+31,427. Annual budget is $+4,125

Annual Budget – see right column on Profit & Loss Budget

Verbal Additions:

- CCMS is currently projected to be under budget in both income and expenses.
- Dr. Kuhls will pull reports on pending donations and liabilities for the May Board of Trustees meeting at the request of the Board.

**Motion to approve the March Financial Report (M/S Reeves/McHale - Approved)**

**Applicants to go before the BOT:**

New Physicians: Melissa Miles MD, Nicholas Karr MD, Shannon Bagwell MD, Ann Dee Jong MD, Courtney Downs MD, Adam Flood DO, Charles Lin MD, Devon Moore MD, Eric Saltz MD, Michael Tang DO, Gregory Traux DO, Patricia Short MD, Robert Mou MD


Residents: Timothy Keene MD, Tracy Kodiyan MD, Luis Moreno MD, Adam Trujillo MD, Gregory Nikogosyan DO, Katherine Specht DO, Joseph Statros MD, Mahdika Johnson DO, Francisco Rodriguez

Medical Students: Nicole Clifton, Michael Armaneous, Sara Greenwald, Eric Huynh, Brenner Meacham, Erica Barin, Tony Huyah, Christine Do, Lily Chen, Stefano Retis, Devon Kent, Kyler Perry, Jennifer Wuellner

**Motion to approve the Member Applicants (M/S Kuhls/Reeves-Approved)**
Written Report:
- The Touro University Nevada College of Osteopathic Medicine Class of 2019 excitedly opened their residency placement envelopes on Friday, March 15 at the inaugural Match Day Celebration. With a 100% residency match/placement rate, more than 20% of the students will stay in Nevada for their residency.
- A record amount was raised for student scholarships during the Touro Annual Gala on March 10. During the awards ceremony portion of the program, CEO & Senior Provost Shelley Berkley presented the Touro Awards of Distinction to the Engelstad Foundation, Findlay RV, and Southern Glazer's Wine & Spirits of Nevada. Monterey and Dr. Jeffrey Brookman were also presented with the Touro Service Award.
- Touro University Nevada held its 13th annual Research Day inside the Michael Tang Regional Center for Clinical Simulation on March 18. Students and faculty from the College of Osteopathic Medicine and the College of Health and Human Services participated in this year’s research Day, which featured nearly 30 presentations.
- The University partnered with the Henderson Police and Special Olympics to host the first ever “Building Blocks Party”, an Inter-Professional Education event for “differently-abled” children and adolescents. The event was held on Sunday, April 7 and welcomed more than 300 children and their families for games and fun. This IPE-sponsored event helped student and police learn how to connect with those who have different needs.
- Spring Commencement is around the corner. It will be held on Monday, May 13 1:30 pm at Westgate Hotel. More than 340 Touro students will be graduating.
- Dr. Derek Meeks who has most recently served in the capacity of interim Vice Dean has been appointed to the position of Vice Dean as of April 1, 2019. Dr. Meeks, a board-certified Emergency Medicine Physician, also serves Touro COM in the capacity of Chair of the Department of Specialty Care. Currently, he is the Director of the Emergency Department at Boulder City Hospital and services on the Board of Directors and Quality Improvement committees.
- Dr. Paul Rennie, Professor and Chair of Osteopathic Manipulative Medicine (OMM), was named President-Elect of the American Academy of Osteopathy (AAO). After spending a year as president-elect, Dr. Rennie will become the 2020-21 president of the AAO, the nation’s largest medical society devoted to fostering neuromusculoskeletal medicine and osteopathic manipulative medicine (NMM/OMM).

Verbal Additions:
Dr. Gilliar thank everyone who participated in the Building Blocks Party, it was a fantastic event!

2019 Clark County Health Outcomes
- Overall Rank: 8 (up from 10 in 2018)
- Length of Life: 5 (down from 3 in 2018)
- Quality of Life: 11 (up from 12 in 2018)
- According to the Rankings, the five healthiest counties in Nevada are Lincoln, followed by Douglas, Pershing, Elko, and Storey counties. The five counties ranked as least healthy are Lyon, White Pine, Carson City, Mineral, and Nye. Eureka and Esmeralda counties were not ranked.
- Health factors are the second aspect of the model and represent what influences the health of a county, and they include five factors: health behaviors, clinical care, social, economic, and physical environment factors. Each of these factors includes its own set of measures.

Clark County Health Factors
- Overall Rank: 11 (up from 12 in 2018)
- Health Behaviors: 3 (up from 12 in 2018)
• Clinical Care: 7 (no change from 2018)
• Social & Economic Factors: 11 (no change from 2018)
• Physical Environment: 16 (ranked last at 16 in 2018)
• When rated for health factors, Douglas, Eureka, Washoe, Elko, and Lincoln counties ranked highest in Nevada. Clark, Pershing, Lyon, Nye, and Mineral counties ranked last in the state. Esmeralda County was not included in the health factors ranking. The 2019 County Health Rankings are available on its website.

• Mosquito Surveillance - As temperatures increase in Southern Nevada, the Health District is reminding the public it is the start of mosquito season for Southern Nevada. It is also urging the public to “Fight the Bite” by eliminating standing water around their home, preventing mosquito bites by wearing an EPA-registered repellent, and reporting mosquito activity to the Health District by calling (702) 759-1633.

Health District surveillance activities include setting traps in potential breeding areas that may include public and private property. The Mosquito Surveillance Program uses a few different types of traps that people may see in parks, washes, drainage ditches, or areas of standing water on public property. Traps set on private property are only placed with the permission of the owner. Each trap provides a different method of attracting mosquitoes and targets specific species. Traps used by the Health District include:

• Encephalitis Vector Surveillance (EVS) traps: Designed to attract host-seeking female mosquitoes using carbon dioxide (dry ice) as the primary attractant. This trap is designed to capture several types of mosquitoes including Culex, Anopheles, and Aedes.
• Gravid traps: Designed to capture egg-laden (gravid) female mosquitoes using a baited water solution intended to simulate stagnant water found in the environment. This trap is designed to primarily capture Culex mosquitoes.
• BG Sentinel Traps: These traps utilize color cues, artificially generated air plumes, and a scent lure to attract mosquitoes. This trap is designed to attract Aedes albopictus and Aedes aegypti.
• Mosquitoes in Southern Nevada have been found with viruses that cause West Nile and St. Louis Encephalitis. In addition to the mosquitoes that can transmit these diseases, the Health District has also identified Aedes aegypti mosquitoes in Clark County. This is the species that can spread diseases like Zika, dengue fever, and chikungunya. To date, no mosquitoes have tested positive for these viruses. More information on the Health District’s Mosquito Surveillance activities is available on its website at www.southernnevadahealthdistrict.org/programs/mosquito-surveillance/. For additional information and prevention tips visit the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention’s website at www.cdc.gov/features/stopmosquitoes/index.html.

• STD Awareness Month - April is STD Awareness Month, an annual observance to raise awareness about the impact of sexually transmitted diseases and to promote the importance of preventing, testing, and treating STDs. In 2017, Nevada ranked first in the nation for rates of primary and secondary syphilis and second in the nation for rates of congenital syphilis. The disease continues to pose increased public health challenges to our community. On Tuesday, April 16, the Health District, the Nevada Division of Public and Behavioral Health, and community partners held a Syphilis Awareness Day event to provide updated information about syphilis to the community and a proclamation from the Governor’s office.

Verbal Additions:
Dr. McHale noted that the Southern Nevada Health District has also reported cases of measles and syphilis to the public.

AMA Report: by Dr. Jameson (written report submitted)
• With all of the chaos in the white house regarding the potential dismantling of the ACA the AMA has taken it upon themselves to be a voice for those who will be most effected by this. Here’s how they are helping:
• On April 1st the AMA and other leading physician organizations filed an amicus brief in the case of Texas vs the United States. Some of these physician organizations include the American College of Physicians, American Academy of Family Physicians, American Academy of Pediatrics, and the American Psychiatric Association. The case at hand involves a district court ruling that states that “the individual mandate is unconstitutional and inseverable.” If the ruling is upheld it would adversely impact every single American and would render certain ACA provisions null and void. Some of these provisions include: protections for pre-existing conditions, children having insurance coverage on their parent’s health insurance plan until age 26, individual marketplace and subsidies based on income and federal funding for Medicaid expansion and Medicaid eligibility expansion. The AMA has made it their highest priority to ensure that millions of Americans who have gained healthcare coverage because of the law will maintain their coverage in addition to their patient protections.

NSBOM: by Dr. Hedger (written report submitted)
• As of 04/04/19, the Nevada State Board of Osteopathic Medicine has the following number of licensees for 2019 (July- June): Total=1786; Current breakdown is as follows: Doctors of Osteopath (DOs): 1,250; Active Physician Assistants (PAs) 116; Active Not Working PAs: 39; Special Licenses: 254; Other Special: 2; Inactive DOs: 94; Interstate Medical Licensure Compact Licenses: 31. NOTE: After the 04/09/19 Board meeting we will be adding 12 DO’s, 4 PAs and 3 residents (SL).
• Complaint statistics as of 04/04/19: Number of New Complaints for 2019: 37; Current open complaints from 2018...
to present: 30; Dismissed Complaints: 35; Letters of Caution/Concern (including those without formal complaints): 22; New Settlement Agreements: 0; and, Fulfilled Settlement Agreements: 0.

- On April 3, 2019, Executive Director, Sandra Reed, and License Specialist, Tammy Sine, gave a presentation on our Board operations, statutes/regulations and licensing requirements, to first year medical students of osteopathic medicine at Touro University’s College of Osteopathic Medicine.
- Executive Director, Sandra Reed and three Board members- Samir Pancholi, D.O., Secretary Treasurer; Swadeep Nigam, Public Member, and Carla Perlotto, Ph.D, Public Member, will all attend the Annual Meeting of Federation of State Medical Boards in Ft. Worth, Texas the last week of April 2019.

CCMS Alliance: (written report submitted with verbal additions by Estela Hansen)

Written Report:
- Had an amazing sold out fashion Show Luncheon last month, thank you to all that attended and or supported us in our cause for Autism Spectrum Disorder. The Billboards will continue to show our donors list for this year, look for them across town. Attended the ceremony of Sunshine Nevada Donors Wall presentation at Tivoli Village
- April Luncheon was a member’s appreciation luncheon At Mona Ami Gabi. We had our annual meeting and presented our new board of directors for 2019-2020.
- Our last Luncheon is on May 7, 2019 at The Smiths Center and will be our Installation of new officers. This is a prepaid luncheon, visit our website for details at ccmsa-lv.org.

Verbal Additions:
- Alliance dues will be going up in parallel with national AMA Alliance dues.
- The Alliance has adopted new social media guidelines.
- The CCMSA Slate has been voted on, and will be presented at the next Board meeting along with the results from the Fashion Show.

Committee Reports:

Bylaws Committee: by Dr. McHale (verbal report)
- The Bylaws committee submitted proposed changes to the Board of Trustees for review.
- The Executive Board discussed and submitted amendments to the proposed changes.

Motion to approve the 2019-2020 Bylaws Recommendations as amended and submit to the membership (M/S Fiore/Reeves-Approved)

CHPR & Subcommittees: by Dr. Hunt (written report submitted with verbal additions by Dr. Roth)

Written Report:

Physician Education

- Thank you to everyone who attended our Disclosure CME on April 3! The event was well received.
- The CHPR Committee is exploring several new CME topics for the Summer, Fall, and Winter, including programming around opioids and legalized marijuana.

Mini Internship Subcommittee
- The Youth Wear the White Coat Internship will be held in fall for high school students.

Resident/Fellows and Medical Students
- Thank you to all the CCMS BOT members who came out to meet the residents and medical students at our mixer on March 23, the event was a great success.

Speaker’s Bureau
- Plans for the revived CCMS Speaker’s Bureau are still underway, Maran will be meeting with CCMS staff to go over next steps and the procedure for application.

Updates
- The 2019 Winged Heart Awards are sponsored by the Las Vegas Golden Knights.
- The CHPR Committee is looking for board members who have not yet been assigned to a committee to help with planning events for FY2019-2020.

Verbal Additions:
- Dr. Roth congratulated the CHPR Committee for the fantastic Resident/Medical Student Mixer at PKWY, and thanked the members of the board who were able to attend.
- Dr. Roth thanked the CHPR Committee and CCMS Staff for organizing the April 3rd Disclosure CME event sponsored by MedPro, which was well attended.
- Dr. Roth encouraged members of the board to participate in the new CCMS Mentorship Program.

Membership Committee: by Dr. Reeves (written report submitted)
- HCPNV active engagement- CCMS Invited and attended their conference at Lake Las Vegas 4.6.19
- Membership Committee voted at March membership committee to eliminate ½ off first year membership.
- Bylaw committee has met and has suggested changes to bylaws for member types
- 60 New CCMS Members through April 2019
- 571 Renewed and Returning CCMS Members through April 2019
- Ongoing SMA, Nellis Airforce Base, VA, and P3 engagement
- Drafted “Why I Joined CCMS” for County Line.

Verbal Additions:
- The Membership Committee voted to eliminate ½ off first year membership, presented to the Board of Trustees for approval.
- The Board of Trustees decided to table this issue until the May meeting.
NSMA: by Catherine O'Mara (written report submitted)
- Welcome Peggy Miller, new office manager. Sarah Watkins will stay on as bookkeeper at least through the rest of the session.
- NSMA annual meeting is coming up! Expect the kick off letter in mid-April. We look forward to welcoming our delegates to Reno September 13-15. Ron Swanger will be sworn in.
- We are over the hump at the legislature with about a month and a half to go. If you are not receiving our weekly updates, please email Jeanette@nvdoctors.org. Our legislative core group has been very dedicated, meeting every Monday evening.
  - AB239 is NSMA opioid bill
  - AB169 is NSMA's public health initiative to create an MMR.
  - A list of bills will be provided after the April 12 deadline.
- We had an excellent physician day celebrating in Elko, Nevada, thanks to Dr. Fred Fricke. NSMA picked up a few new rural members.
- While weblink continues to move forward - NSMA encourages the county medical societies to continue to reach out to unpaid members for 2019.

Building Committee: by Alexandra Silver (verbal report)
- Construction on the new CCMS fence will begin 4/17/19.

MedPAC/Government Affairs Committee: by Dr. Lehrner (written report submitted with verbal additions)
Written Report:
- Perkins Report – 57 days left. Friday – if not out of committee bill dies. A few financial bills can get waivers. Apr 23 must pass out of first House or bills dies.
- Out of Network Update – can accept speaker’ bill 469 or our counter offer. Hearing on Wed. Payers playing hardball.
- AB310 – eRx our amendment was OKed
- AB300 – veterans information only
- Licensure Discussion – modifications are being made. Still contains license after 1-year residency
- PA bill – dropped no independence
- Opioid law AB 239 – moving toward our position

Bills for review:
- AB239 Revises provisions governing prescriptions for controlled substances. (BDR 54-703) NSMA's revision to the controlled substances act heard on Monday, 4/8/19 in Assembly Commerce.
- AB469 Revises provisions governing billing for certain medically necessary emergency services. (BDR 40-704)
- The Speaker's out of network bill will be heard on Wednesday, April 10. Expected to receive a proposed amendment from the payers 4/7/19. Can accept speaker’ bill 469 or our counter offer. Hearing on Wed. Payers playing hardball
- SB307 Revises provisions relating to the imposition of the death penalty. Removes requirement that CMO, physician, psychiatrist involved in lethal injection. Dr. Ravin asked NSMA to support
- SB323 Revises provisions governing the disciplinary process for certain regulatory bodies which administer occupational licensing. A person who is subject to a disciplinary proceeding may elect to have their hearing conducted by a hearing officer of the Hearings Division of the Department of Administration instead of through the licensing board.
- SB361 Provides for the prescribing, ordering and dispensing of contraceptive supplies by pharmacists.
  1. complete a CE on prescribing or ordering contraceptive supplies (every 3 years)
  2. Patient must complete a risk assessment tool;
  3. Advise Patient to consult with the PCP of the patient upon prescribing
  4. Provide Patient with a written record of the contraceptive supplies prescribed
  5. dispense the contraceptive supplies upon prescription
- SB363 Creates the Nevada Stem Cell Center. Woodhouse has asked NSMA to Support
- SB365 Revises provisions relating to health insurance. (BDR 57-684) Rental Networks Bill – We expect a big amendment to come – hold off until we receive that.
- SB369 Revises provisions relating to increasing the cost of prescription drugs under a pharmacy benefits plan. (BDR 57-735) A PBM and a Manufacturer may not increase the price of a drug during a plan year.
- SB378 Revises provisions relating to the pricing of prescription drugs. (BDR 40-574) Creates the Prescription Drug Affordability Board
- SB276 prohibits a pharmacy benefit manager from accepting from the manufacturer of a prescription drug a rebate or reduction in price in connection with the sale of the prescription drug unless the full value of the rebate or reduction in price is applied to the price paid by the person to whom the drug is dispensed. Section 1 also prescribes the conditions under which a pharmacy benefit manager may accept other remuneration from a manufacturer.
- SB291- Infant Screening
- SB470 – Mandatory Cultural Sensitivity CME 1 unit every cycle. Still working on removing mandatory

Verbal Additions:
- For more information on the Legislative Core Group or to be invited to the weekly calls, contact Dr. Lehrner or Jeannette at NSMA.
- There is an upcoming call on Surprise Billing on 4/17/19.

Nominating Committee: by Alexandra Silver (verbal report)
- 4/15/19 was the deadline for write-in candidates, none were submitted.
- The Slate will be sent to the membership electronically.

Past President's Council: by Alexandra Silver (verbal report)
The date of the next Past President's Council meeting is TBD.
CCMS BOARD MINUTES continued...

Delegate Committee: by Dr. Lehrner (verbal report)
- The NSMA Annual Meeting is Sept. 13-15 in Reno, NV.
- There will be approximately 30 delegate slots for CCMS.
- The Delegate Committee is looking to get a $500 subsidy approved to help offset the cost of travel for delegates.

Installation Planning Committee: by Alexandra Silver (verbal report)
- The Installation Dinner is currently at $90k in collected and promised revenue not including the silent auction, thank you to members of the Installation Planning Committee for all your hard work. The projected budget for this event was $70k.
- There is still a fair bit of sponsorships, table sales, and ticket sales to be collected so please encourage your friends, partners, and colleagues to support this event.
- Judge Douglas Herndon will be swearing in Dr. Burkhead and the 2019-20 Board of Trustees.
- There will be a trio from Las Vegas Academy providing music during the silent auction and cocktail hour.

President’s Report: by Dr. Roth (verbal report)
- Dr. Roth thanked Dr. Reeves and staff for securing an invite to the HealthCare Partners 2019 Annual Provider Conference in Lake Las Vegas and representing CCMS.
- The next President’s Roundtable is May 1st.

Executive Director’s Report: by Alexandra Silver (verbal report)
- All three medical schools have signed on to support the Installation Dinner.
- The GiveSmart website will be up and running for ticket sales soon, CCMS will send out a notice when it is live so please share with your friends and colleagues to ensure this event is a success.
- Please ask your practices or vendors to purchase an ad in the program to support CCMS and get exposure. CCMS Staff will send the advertising form to the BOT.
- Sandy Peltyn’s son will accept the Distinguished Service Award on her behalf.
- Our first TV spot for the Winged Heart Awards was on Sunday evening on Fox 5.
- We have already matched our 2018 Winged Heart Award nominations, and are hoping to exceed by a larger margin so please share within your networks.

OLD BUSINESS - None

Future Board of Trustees Meeting – May 21, 2019 6 p.m.

Adjournment: 7:53 p.m.

CCMS ALLIANCE
2018-2019 CCMSA Co-Presidents

Every year we conduct our annual meeting with the April Luncheon. This years meeting was a member’s only luncheon. We expressed our appreciation to each member with a small gift. With great company and a raffle, our members enjoyed catching up with each other.

One of the items on our agenda for our annual meeting was the increase of membership dues. The American Medical Association Alliance has increased their dues by fifteen dollars and because the CCMSA collects unified dues for county, state and national, a vote was approved to increase our membership dues to cover the increase of the AMAA. In other words, the increase from eighty-five dollars to one hundred dollars per year simply reflects the increase of the AMA Alliance component and the increase will be effective June 1, 2019. We take this opportunity to invite spouses of physicians to join us and help us build a healthier Southern Nevada.

Our last and most favorite Luncheon is the May Hat Luncheon. This special event will be on Tuesday, May 7, 2019 at the Smith Center. At this luncheon, we will be awarding the funds raised from the Fashion Show to Sunshine Nevada, New Vista and UNLV Project F.O.C.U.S. We will also install our new board of directors for the 2019-2020 calendar year. This will be a prepaid luncheon and we will not be able to accept walk-ins, so for those planning to attend please RSVP on our website at CCMSA-lv.org.

We wish everyone a Happy Mother’s Day, and thank you for your continued support.

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HEALTH DISTRICT UPDATE

Health District works with community partners to address high rates of syphilis and congenital syphilis in Southern Nevada

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In 2017, Clark County ranked first in the nation for rates of primary and secondary syphilis and second for rates of congenital syphilis. Cases of congenital syphilis have been steadily increasing at an alarming rate in Clark County. In 2016, there were nine reported cases, in 2017 there were 20 cases, and in 2018 there were 24 cases of congenital syphilis in Clark County.

To address this issue, the Southern Nevada Health District’s Office of Epidemiology and Disease Surveillance collaborated with the Nevada Division of Public and Behavioral Health to develop a Congenital Syphilis Academic Detailing Packet that contains resources for providers and patients.

Academic detailing is an innovative one-on-one outreach technique that helps medical providers deliver education-based care to their patients. Each academic detailing packet provided by the Health District contains both provider and patient education material along with disease reporting information, case management resources, and recommended discussion points for providers to discuss with their patients. The resources are created using current, evidence-based sources of data to assist medical professionals in providing the most up to date, effective treatments for their patients.

Health care providers treat many different patients who have many different needs and have competing demands for their time. The Health District can connect with its partners in the health care sector to share its resources. These connections and shared resources can lead to more effective treatments, better outcomes for patients, and ultimately the elimination of syphilis in Nevada.

This initiative is vital to improving the health of Southern Nevadans. Rates of all STDs and HIV in Clark County are higher than in Nevada as a whole and in the nation. In 2017, Clark County’s primary and secondary syphilis rate was 24.1 per 100,000 population compared to the U.S rate of 9.5. The congenital syphilis rate was 76.7 per 100,000 live births. The U.S rate was 23.3.

2017 Clark County rates for Chlamydia, Gonorrhea, and HIV:
(Rate per 100,000 population)

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If left untreated, sexually transmitted diseases can increase a person’s risk of giving or getting HIV. In women, they can cause infertility or pregnancy complications. The Health District and partner initiative encourages patients to interrupt the increase of STDs with these three steps:

1. TALK: Talk openly about STDs with your partners and health care providers.
2. TEST: Get tested. It’s the only way to know if you have an STD.
3. TREAT: If you have an STD, work with your provider to get the right medicine.

These high rates of syphilis and cases of congenital syphilis should never be an acceptable outcome. All of this can be prevented with early detection which is accomplished by testing all pregnant women for syphilis – this is not just recommended; it’s required by statute. In Nevada, state law dictates that pregnant women be tested during the first and third trimester of their pregnancy. With the continued support of its partners, the Health District is confident that syphilis elimination is an achievable goal in Southern Nevada.

More information about syphilis is available on the Health District website at www.southernnevadahealthdistrict.org/Health-Topics/syphilis/ and on the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention website at www.cdc.gov/std/syphilis/default.html.
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You may choose to participate in more than one committee. We solicit active participation from committee members to achieve the most success in shaping the CCMS. Committee assignments begin in September and end in June 30th of the following year. Please provide a first and second choice of the committee that you are most interested in and email to membership@clarkcountymedical.org.

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TAKE A SEAT …

“Be the Voice” for fellow physicians at the 2019 NSMA Annual Meeting

Strong Leadership is needed – and it is needed NOW. Be a part of the solution!
Be the voice for your fellow physicians and medical community!
Sign up to be a CCMS Delegate today! Here’s how it works:

If I sign up as a delegate, what happens next? Does it cost anything?
- As a CCMS Delegate you will attend three (3) required preparatory meetings prior to the annual meeting to discuss resolutions to submit to the House of Delegates at the annual meeting. Meetings are April 16, 2019, May 21, 2019 and June 18, 2019 and are held at the CCMS Office immediately following the CCMS Board of Trustees meetings at 7:15 pm.
- Delegates must attend the 2019 NSMA Annual Meeting from Friday, September 13 - Sunday, September 15, 2019 in Reno at The Row, located on 407 N Virginia Street, Reno, NV 89501.
- CCMS Delegates are at least partially reimbursed for the meeting registration. Reimbursement Fee to be determined.

What is a resolution?
- Resolutions determine the Association’s policies and priorities.
- Example resolutions are available online at the CCMS Website at www.clarkcountymedical.org (Any CCMS member can submit a resolution to the delegation committee)

Can I attend the annual meeting if I am not a delegate?
- YES, you can and you should for the following reasons...
  1) Network with people who coordinate efforts for all legislative medicine-related issues dealing with tort reform and regulatory issues that affect physicians every day.
  2) Voice your opinions and give valuable input as to the mission and purpose of our organization.
  3) Exchange ideas with physicians from throughout the state about many topics from problems with hospitals or insurance companies, to public health issues.

How does the society determine the number of county delegate seats?
- Each county society is allotted one (1) seat per every 20 members
- CCMS is entitled to approximately 30+ representatives in the House of Delegates—the final numbers of seats are determined by NSMA 45 days preceding the annual session.

SIGN ME UP AS A CCMS DELEGATE TODAY!
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Why I Joined

Jerry Reeves, M.D.
Member since 2014

Physicians are such an impressive bunch. Where else can you find high-performing students who have pursued more than 20 years of truly challenging courses of study to serve people in need in their community? These are people of genius and compassion.

I have been blessed to help children and adults with difficult life challenges in the military, private practice, medical schools, managed-care organizations, state health boards, community coalitions, large and small organizations, and national organizations in collaboration with truly inspiring physicians of multiple specialties who were blooming where they are planted.

Thus, it only makes sense that I would seek to actively collaborate with the physician leaders in Clark County Medical Society and Nevada State Medical Association. We mentor undergraduates, medical students, residents, and fellows who are our future. We meet weekly to assess and improve draft Nevada legislation to protect the safety, quality, and access to healthcare services available to Nevadans. We provide social networking friendships and professional development opportunities for hard-working physicians who benefit from collegiality with their peers.

Look, we have seen many changes in healthcare the past 10 years, not all of them good. Incentives are misaligned, prices are too high, wasteful practices are rampant, and we have too many silos. But, patients trust us more than anybody to make things better. We must join together to speak up for patients and our communities. If not us, who?

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Check out the new Clark County Medical Society website to renew your membership, read the latest news, and receive notice of upcoming CCMS events.

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The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) is reporting 465 cases of measles in 19 states so far this year. This is the second-greatest number of cases reported in the United States since measles was eliminated in 2000. The Southern Nevada Health District reported two confirmed cases of measles in Clark County the last six months. The CDC is urging people to protect themselves before traveling, especially to international destinations.

The Passover holiday begins on Friday, April 19, and it is a popular time for families to travel. The CDC is reminding everyone that measles is highly contagious and spreads through the air when an infected person coughs or sneezes. Immunization recommendations for families who are traveling internationally include:

- Infants 6 months through 11 months of age should receive one dose of MMR vaccine.
- Children 12 months of age and older should receive two doses of MMR vaccine separated by at least 28 days.
- Teenagers and adults who do not have evidence of immunity against measles should get two doses of MMR vaccine separated by at least 28 days.

Measles is so contagious that one person can infect nine out of 10 people around them if they are not protected. The measles virus can also cause serious health complications, such as pneumonia, encephalitis, and even death.

Parents are encouraged to vaccinate their children using the recommended schedule for the MMR vaccine. Everyone 6 months and older should be protected with the vaccine before traveling to an international destination.

The Health District’s Immunization Clinics provide services at public health centers throughout Southern Nevada. Immunization services are available at the following locations:

- Main Public Health Center, 280 S. Decatur Blvd., Las Vegas
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- Mesquite Public Health Center, 830 Hafen Lane, Mesquite
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Yet the statistics indicate there’s still a disconnect for patients. More than 84 million U.S. people have prediabetes—that’s 1 in 3 adults—and 9 out of 10 people don’t know they have the condition, according to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC).

This May, International Mediterranean Diet Month, presents an opportunity to educate patients on the benefits of a healthy diet and how it can help reduce their risk for type 2 diabetes and other chronic disease.

**Benefits of a Mediterranean diet**
The Mediterranean diet is a healthy approach to eating that people from countries around the Mediterranean practice. Key elements of the Mediterranean diet highlight eating mostly plant-based foods which include:

- Fruits
- Veggies
- Nuts
- Legumes
- Whole grains

The diet does not limit fat consumption but instead encourages making better decisions when choosing what types of fats to eat. It does emphasize monounsaturated and polyunsaturated fats. Healthy fats such as olive oil, for example are substituted for butter. Herbs and spices, which can promote health, replace salt as seasoning. The Mediterranean diet also encourages limiting red meat consumption to a few times a month, while eating fish and poultry twice weekly, drinking red wine in moderation and incorporating regular exercise.

Following a Mediterranean diet has been found to reduce heart attacks, strokes, and certain types of cancers. It can also lower LDL cholesterol, and may help in the prevention of other chronic diseases such as type 2 diabetes.

Even if patients don't practice the Mediterranean diet, a diet that incorporates more plant-based foods can prove beneficial.

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**Offering tips for nutrition**
To help patients understand the positive impact that lifestyle changes such as eating more fruits and vegetables can have on their health, especially in the prevention of type 2 diabetes, it's important that they be aware of their risk for prediabetes.

Screening your patients with the online prediabetes risk test allows you to perform additional blood tests and then refer your patients to a National Diabetes Prevention (DPP) lifestyle change program in their community or online. DPPs have been proven to empower patients to make lifestyle changes that become habits, including dietary improvements and increased physical activity in support of their health.

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You may also request **FREE** materials or learn about e-referral to the Nevada Tobacco Quitline by calling **702-759-1270**.
By some measures, Children’s Heart Center Nevada (CHCN) is the second largest congenital heart program in the United States, just behind Sibley Heart Center in Atlanta. CHCN is the only congenital heart program in Nevada performing more than 50,000 annual cardiac evaluations. Patients comprise those detected prenatally, to infants, children, and adults with suspected or diagnosed congenital heart disease. All doctors are board certified in their specialty.

The center is under the co-direction of its founder, Bill Evans, and fellow senior pediatric cardiologist, Gary Mayman. Additionally, in Southern Nevada, Ruben Acherman directs fetal cardiology, Abe Rothman and Al Galindo jointly direct catheter intervention, Carlos Luna directs the transesophageal program, Ric Samson directs electrophysiology, with additional pediatric cardiologists Rob Rollins, William Castillo, John Alexander, Tina Kwan, and Andy Kim each providing pediatric cardiology, fetal cardiology, or transesophageal echocardiography support. In Northern Nevada, Katrinka Kip, Joe Ludwick, and Shilpi Garg all provide pediatric and fetal cardiology care to Reno and the surrounding communities. Statewide congenital heart surgery is under the direction of Mike Ciccolo and assisted by Juan Lehoux, Nevada’s sole board-certified congenital heart surgeons. Overall, CHCN outcomes compare favorably to other congenital heart programs in country, including Boston Children’s Hospital in the east to Stanford’s Lucille Packard in the west, and many others in between.

The cardiologists and surgeons receive support from a staff of more than 100, including the state’s only congenital heart program psychologist and social worker. Members of CHCN’s Family Assistance and Support Team (FAST) embrace every patient and family with special psycho-social needs in conjunction with our non-profit charity, the Children’s Heart Foundation of Nevada (CHF). CHF’s mission is to provide emotional, educational, and financial support to families effected by congenital heart disease. Further, CHCN funds an active, in-house research program that annually expands knowledge in the field of congenital heart disease. The program also participates in a number of nationwide clinical trials.

Specialty programs are highly developed and include fetal cardiology, interventional cardiac catheterization, electrophysiology, event monitor testing, exercise evaluations, tilt-table testing, diagnostic imaging with transthoracic, transesophageal echocardiography both 2-dimensional and 3-dimensional rendering, 3-dimensional magnetic resonance and computed tomographic scanning, and cardiac surgery.

The fetal cardiology program has the highest percent prenatal detection of congenital heart disease in the United States, now at 85-90%. The average detection rate is less than 40% in most of the country, including the largest urban areas such as Los Angeles, San Francisco, Chicago, Houston, Atlanta, and New York. Prenatal detection is vastly superior to mandated congenital screening with newborn oxygen saturation testing. Prenatal detection allows proper fetal diagnosis and planning for delivery at the state’s only congenital heart inpatient center at Sunrise Children’s Hospital. Planning also includes psychological counseling for expectant parents and prenatal tours of the hospital units to reduce family stress. The prenatal program is a unique statewide collaboration between obstetricians, maternal fetal medicine specialists, pediatric cardiologists, and congenital heart surgeons.

CHCN’s interventional cardiac catheterization specialists, both trained at Boston Children’s Hospital, use state of the art transcatheter techniques. Device closure of atrial septal, ventricular septal, and patent ductus arteriosus, great artery and other vessel stent placements, dilation of stenotic valves, and placement of transcather valves and other devices are some of the procedures performed. Previously practicing at academic institutions on each coast, both joined CHCN because they saw a center dedicated to the access and care for all patients, something lacking at their previous institutions. Our volumes for interventional procedures are some of this highest in the country, leading to our specialists having more experience and some of the best outcomes in country.
Electrophysiology (EP) care encompasses a wide range of diagnostic devices and procedures ranging from event monitors to highly complex 3-dimensional interventional procedures. Our EP program is led by a senior physician, trained at the University of Michigan and Northwestern University in Chicago. A division chief and professor of pediatrics at his previous academic institution, he joined CHCN to build a top EP program that put patient needs at the forefront. CHCN provides real-time pacemaker telephone monitoring for patients throughout Nevada surrounding states. CHCN is the only center in Nevada performing tilt table testing for children suspected of having postural orthostatic tachycardia syndrome.

Complex congenital heart 3-dimensional MRI and CT rendering necessary for proper diagnosis and therapy by interventional cardiac catheterization or congenital heart surgery is performed by our expert radiology partners at Sunrise Children's Hospital in both inpatient and outpatient settings. These specialized and highly technical services are not available anywhere else in the state. Comparisons of images presented at national meetings by other major centers in the United States demonstrates the superior quality and diagnostic value of images performed by the radiology team in Nevada.

Children's Hospital of Los Angeles trained Mike Ciccolo has performed thousands of congenital heart surgeries during his outstanding 20-year tenure in Nevada. Texas Children's Hospital trained Juan Lehoux recently joined us from New York City's Montefiore Medical Center, and he has special training in ventricular assist devices and cardiac transplantation. Our surgical results are among the best in the country with the vast majority of procedures having 100% survival. Even when including the most difficult cases, CHCNs overall surgical success rate is 98%.

Children's Heart Center Nevada has a strong commitment to education. CHCN is one of four institutions, and the only private medical practice, in the State of Nevada accredited by the Accreditation Council of Continuing Medical Education to provide continuing medical education. We conduct educational programs for physicians, nurses, and other healthcare providers. Additionally, all of our physicians are faculty with the University of Nevada, Reno School of Medicine, the newly-accredited University of Nevada Las Vegas, School of Medicine, and the Touro University Nevada, School of Medicine. We also serve as a training facility for medical students, residents, nursing students, physician assistant students, and ultrasound techs from throughout the state.

Finally, we guarantee universal access to our program’s care. We provide for all insurances, all forms of Nevada and surrounding states Medicaid programs, Champus, Medicare, and charity care for those who are uninsured. All receive the same care including noninvasive testing, invasive procedures, and surgery if necessary. In 2020, CHCN will celebrate our 40th anniversary in Nevada. We humbly thank the entire medical community for trusting us with their patients and their families.
SAVE THE DATE!

THE CLARK COUNTY MEDICAL SOCIETY

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HONORING DR. DANIEL BURKHEAD & THE CCMS BOARD OF TRUSTEES
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