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Nevada Division of Public and Behavioral Health (DPBH) Electronic Lab Reporting (ELR) Updates

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1. Electronic Lab Reporting (ELR) System

Recommendation:

Increase IT staff to support SNHD data ingestion into their electronic lab reporting system TriSano.

Progress:

- The Division is continuing to evaluate funding options for a contractor IT position. In the interim one of Division's Master Service Agreement contractors are being trained to do the lab onboarding currently targeting 50% of their time to the ELR system.

2. Regulatory Authority

Recommendation:

Utilize regulatory authority to require all laboratories doing business in Nevada to be licensed. Licensure reciprocity with other states for out of state labs.

Progress:

- Office of Public Health Investigation and Epidemiology Unit (OPHIE) staff are continuing to participate in weekly nation-wide conference calls that include discussing the potential to onboard labs to a nationwide system that would streamline reporting and minimize the efforts individual states need to take to onboard labs.
- The Division is finalizing a template for providers across the state to use to report labs via secure email until they are setup with ELR. This template will assist with quality of lab reporting to include ensuring core elements are included to include type of machine being used, county the resident resides in, etc.
- The State Epidemiologist issued a technical bulletin on 9/4/2020 to notify laboratories and healthcare providers of potential enforcement measures that will be taken, if a lab is deemed non-compliant with Nevada law reporting requirements. The technical bulletin provided the data elements required to be

submitted with each lab, outlined the importance of timely reporting, and provided the authority to require reporting and if necessary, take action.

3. Commercial labs experiencing delays in processing and transmitting electronic lab

Recommendation:

Impose penalties for failure to report.

Progress:

- The Division is finalizing the draft policy and procedure and Report of Finding/Plan of Correction template that OPHIE can use to issue citations for violations of the medical laboratory reporting requirements in NAC 441A. The goal of this policy and procedure is to bring the medical laboratory into compliance with the reporting requirements. This framework will allow the Division to move forward in issuing these citations.
- OPHIE sent a warning via email to a lab last week which expressed the citations that would be issued if they did not comply with reporting. The outreach was successful, and the lab is now in the final stages of on-boarding this week. This is a big success because they were sending 300+ paper labs per day and we've been trying to get them on-boarded since May. No other warnings or citations have been given at this time.

4. Develop and promote a webpage dedicated to providing information on:

- Lab reporting
- Contact info for ELR staff
- Forms for ELR
- Description of penalties if labs are not reporting timely

Progress:

The Division is in the process of establishing a webpage to provide the listed information.