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Dear Friends,

It is that time of year again where we invite you to continue your support of the Human Services Network by renewing your membership. We know what a privilege it is to have you believe in what we are all able to do together.

Our friend Erik Schoen recently wrote in a CCI newsletter, "My sincerest hope for all of you is that this time is only, at most, an existential struggle. A time to reckon with who we are, who we thought we were, what we value, and how our lives might change for both better and worse." All of us, including (and especially) HSN, are grappling with our organizational missions in light of the COVID crisis and changing needs for supporting our staff and clients.

The work of growing, finding direction, securing resources, and having difficult conversations is always more powerful when we can do the work together. HSN is proud to be the most long-standing nonprofit member organization in Northern Nevada, serving as a backbone for community building, information-sharing, and promoting good public policy. Thanks to your ongoing support, we have been able to continue the important work of advocating for you, your staff, and the clients you serve.

With membership dues from organizations like yours, we look forward to continuing the important work of the Human Services Network. Our plans for the coming year include:

- Developing innovative approaches to assisting organizations with ideas and challenges in a post-COVID world;
- Using interns to support relationship-building with our wonderfully diverse member organizations;
- Recognizing the outstanding human service professionals in our community with the 32nd Annual Human Service Awards celebration;
- Continuing to provide opportunities to network, learn, and share information through bi-monthly membership meetings and monthly HSN Alerts.

We have never been more grateful for the work of our member organizations than in the last few months. HSN is honored to be a source of information and support, an avenue for celebrating our outstanding people and accomplishments, and a voice to advocate on behalf of our essential work. Our voice - whether we use it for the joyful recognition of our people and accomplishments, or we use it to demand policies that create healthier communities - is more informed, inclusive, and persuasive with your continued involvement. A coalition is only as strong as its membership.

Your ongoing support is vital to our success. Thank you for the continued joy and privilege of working together for the good of all.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Jennifer', written in a cursive style.

Jennifer



The mission of the Human Services Network is to create connections, share information, strengthen providers, and support and advocate for good public policy thus assuring the provision of quality human services in Northern Nevada.

The Human Services Network (HSN) is a dynamic collaborative of people passionate about health and human services. These service providers are passionate about the value that their services contribute so that people in Nevada have the resources they need to not only survive but to thrive. Here are some quick facts about HSN's membership:

HSN hosts six membership meetings per year with the opportunity to hear local experts on topics which directly relate to the human services community.

Member organizations include health care and mental health providers, school districts, and those addressing food security, senior and disability issues, reproductive rights, and more.

Member organizations are located throughout the Truckee Meadows region, Carson City, Dayton, Lyon County, Storey County, and Las Vegas.

As a member of the HSN community you will have opportunities to directly engage partner organizations, key decision makers, and others in conversations around health and human services.

Members have the opportunity to actively participate in the life of the organization through involvement, whether that be at our regular membership meetings, quarterly socials, annual awards events, biennial setting of priorities, advocacy efforts and more!

About the HUMAN SERVICES NETWORK

2019 LEGISLATIVE PRIORITIES

Access to Healthcare and Mental Health. Priorities included workforce development, crisis mental health services, Medicaid fixes, increasing availability of treatment options, ensuring that providers are working collaboratively, and not neglecting ancillary (i.e., transportation, housing) needs.

Revenue Generation and Diversification as Nevada seeks to rebuild robust funding and investments in health and human services.

Education for all the reasons having a strong educational system is important – i.e., children and families are supported, a strong workforce, and attracting new businesses to the area.

Justice reform There is great concern about the unequal application of the law to people of color and individuals experiencing behavioral health issues.

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We Need YOU!

A coalition is only as effective as its membership. Success in each of our program areas is dependent on the participation of the full human services community. It is going to take all of us working together to increase positive impact for our clients and our communities.

More than 877,123 individuals were reported to have been served by the member organizations. Though this number undoubtedly includes individuals served by more than one organization, this number represents nearly 30% of Nevada's population.

For information about membership, contact Jennifer McClendon at (775) 583-8275 or hsnevada@gmail.com.

Past and Current Member Organizations Include:

- AARP
 - Access to Healthcare Network
 - Bristlecone Family Resource
 - CARE Chest
 - Catholic Charities of Northern Nevada
 - Center for Healthy Aging
 - Children's Cabinet
 - Children's Advocacy Alliance
 - City of Reno Police Dept.
 - Communities In Schools
 - Community Chest
 - Community Health Alliance
 - Community Services Agency
 - Consumer Direct Services
 - Crisis Support Services of Nevada
 - Food Bank of Northern Nevada
 - Girl Scouts of Sierra Nevada
 - Healthy Communities Coalition
 - Ron Wood Family Resource Center
 - High Sierra Area Health Education Center
 - High Sierra Industries
 - Immunize Nevada
 - JOIN
 - Lyon County Human Services
 - Nevada Health Services
 - Nevada Primary Care Association
 - Nevada Statewide Coalition Partnership
 - Nevada Volunteers
 - Nevada Women's Lobby
 - Northern Nevada HOPES
 - Northern Nevada International Center
 - NV Advocates for Planned Parenthood Affiliates
 - Planned Parenthood Mar Monte
 - Progressive Leadership Alliance of Nevada
 - Quest Counseling
 - Regional Transportation Commission
 - Ridge House
 - Silver State Fair Housing Council
 - Silver State Health Exchange
 - Social Entrepreneurs, Inc.
 - SPAC
 - The Continuum
 - The Life Change Center
 - The Solace Tree
 - Turning Point, Inc
 - United Way of Northern Nevada and the Sierra
 - University of Nevada, School of Social Work
 - University of Phoenix
 - Volunteers of America
 - Washoe County Department of Social Services
 - Washoe County Health District
 - Washoe County School District
 - Washoe County School District FRC's
 - Washoe County Senior Coalition
 - Washoe Legal Services
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