

**Application Overview:**

If you are interested in applying for membership on the Regional Opioid Task Force, please complete the application below. If you have any questions related to the Task Force or the application process, please email [administrative.services@clarkcountynv.gov](mailto:administrative.services@clarkcountynv.gov).

**(Note: This document and accompanying materials become public record once it is received by Clark County.)**

**Please select the position you are apply for:** Southern Nevada Health District

**Full name (First, Middle Initial, Last):** Jessica A Johnson

**Home Street Address:** 280 S Decatur Blvd

**Home Address City/State/Zip Code:** Las Vegas, NV 89107

**Mailing Address:** PO Box 3902

**Mailing Address City/State/Zip Code:** Las Vegas, NV 89127

**Employer:** Southern Nevada Health District

**Occupation:** Health Education Supervisor

**Email Address:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Cell Phone:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Best Daytime Contact Phone:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Relevant Affiliations:** Please list below any other committees you are currently serving on. Please list, if applicable, the jurisdiction and term of appointment. If you were appointed by an individual and not by a local jurisdiction, please include that information. If you need additional space, please attach an additional sheet of paper.

Nevada Attorney General Substance Use Response Working Group (SURG)  
AG Appointee, Large urban region. Chair, Prevention Subcommittee – September 2022 – December 2023

**Skills and Experience:** Please provide a brief description of your qualifications for the seat; include any special skills, interests, experience, or training which you possess or have completed that would benefit the work of the Regional Opioid Task Force. If you need additional space, please attach an additional sheet of paper.

With extensive experience at the Southern Nevada Health District, I have successfully led overdose prevention and mental health initiatives, demonstrating my ability to develop and manage impactful programs. I bring a proven track record of securing competitive funding opportunities and coordinating diverse teams to implement evidence-based interventions. My commitment to advancing public health is reflected in my leadership roles within the Nevada Public Health Association and the Attorney General's Substance Use Response Group (SURG), making me a highly experienced and motivated candidate for the Clark County Opioid Task Force. Finally, my current pursuit of a Doctor of Public Health (DrPH) degree with a focus on Implementation Science from Johns Hopkins Bloomberg School of Public Health demonstrates my commitment to continuous improvement and connection to national best practices and strategies.



**A resume and letter of interest is REQUIRED. Please attach it to this application.**

*I certify that the information provided in this application and supporting documentation is true and accurate to the best of my knowledge.*

Jessica A. Johnson  
Jessica A. Johnson (Sep 25, 2023 11:16 PDT)

Signature

Jessica A. Johnson

Printed Name

Sep 25, 2023

Date

You may submit this application and supporting documentation via:

**Hand Deliver or Mail Application to:**

Clark County  
500 S. Grand Central Pkwy.  
Las Vegas, NV 89106  
Attn: Opioid Task Force  
Lobby Hours: Monday through Thursday, 7:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.

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# JESSICA A. JOHNSON

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## EDUCATION

**Doctor of Public Health (DrPH), Johns Hopkins Bloomberg School of Public Health, Baltimore, MD** Anticipated June 2026  
Concentration: Implementation Science, DrPH Candidate

**Master of Public Health, Oregon State University, Corvallis, OR** June 2014  
Track: Health Promotion Health Behavior, Cumulative GPA: 3.95, Graduate Student Council: Health Promotion Track Representative  
Relevant Coursework: Mass Media and Health, Community Organization for Health Promotion, Principles of Health Behavior, Evaluation for Health Promotion Programs, Program Planning and Proposal Writing, Health Policy Analysis, Qualitative Methods

**Bachelor of Arts, cum laude, Lewis & Clark College, Portland, OR** May 2006  
Major: Psychology, Minor: Communications Cumulative GPA: 3.7 Dean's List  
Relevant Coursework: Advanced Topics in Social Psychology, Health Psychology, Developmental Psychology, Cognitive Psychology, Abnormal Psychology, Interpersonal Communication, Organizational Communication, Public Discourse, Advanced Statistics, Psychology Methodology.

## PROFESSIONAL CERTIFICATIONS

**Certified Health Education Specialist (CHES)** October 2014 - present  
National Commission for Health Education Credentialing, Inc. (NCHEC)

**IC&RC Certified Prevention Specialist (CPS), Las Vegas, NV** October 2017 - present  
Nevada Behavioral Health Association

**Certified Health Coach (CHC), Dallas, TX** November 2015 – present  
The Cooper Institute, Coaching Healthy Behaviors

## RELEVANT EXPERIENCE

**Southern Nevada Health District, Las Vegas, NV** August 2016 – present  
Health Education Supervisor, *April 2023 - Present*

- Supervised and led 8 health educators on a breadth of public health topics including substance use, harm reduction, mental health, injury prevention, suicide prevention, and infectious disease prevention
- Led and oversaw initiatives related to overdose prevention and mental/behavioral health for the health district
- Won competitive applications for federal, state, or local funding opportunities, including review of budgets and scopes of work in collaboration with program manager

Sr Health Educator, *Oct 2019 - Present*

- Mentored, trained, organized, and developed training and program strategic plans for 6 health educators (and preceptor to multiple student interns) on a breadth of public health topics including substance use, harm reduction, mental health, injury prevention, suicide prevention, and infectious disease prevention
- Led the development, community engagement, and prevention activities for CDC's Overdose Data to Action grant, and coordinated biannual reporting for CDC's Overdose Data to Action grant including annual performance reporting, evaluation, and monitoring, and coordinating reporting feedback across 6 SNHD staff and contractors
- Launched a pilot program on public health vending machines in collaboration with local syringe services partner to address emerging needs around overdose prevention, and acted as a local, state, and national resource vending in collaboration with over 30 outside partners and organizations
- Provided legislation research and media appearances, as it pertains to the program area of emphasis, to address policy implications for public health

Health Educator II, *Aug 2016 – Sept 2019*

- Oversaw a development of a local opioid coalition efforts of ~200 members to build capacity, identify community strengths and resources, and influence state and local policy
- Collaborate with population health epidemiologists to effectively assess community needs, and develop programming utilizing health behavior theory to target and implement community-based interventions
- Develop and administer community health education programs including writing and reviewing educational materials, media campaigns, presentations, etc. on multiple program topics including, but not limited to syringe services programs, suicide prevention, opioid poisoning and overdose prevention, community health improvement, and disease prevention
- Act as a local, state, and national resource for syringe distribution via vending in collaboration with outside partners and organizations

**Mike O'Callaghan Federal Medical Center, Nellis Air Force Base, Las Vegas, NV**

September 2014 – August 2016

Clinical Health Promotion Educator

- Conduct evaluation-based activities to identify effectiveness and impact of health promotion services, programs, and policies
- Collaborate with population health planners to effectively assess population needs with the population database, and develop programming utilizing health behavior theory to target and implement programs
- Educate individuals and groups on a variety of health-related topics (lifestyle change) employing age-specific and behavioral learning theory (e.g. adult learning theory, motivational interviewing)
- Utilize motivational interviewing and health coaching skills to provide onsite face-to-face coaching tailored toward the needs of the client

**Healthy Campus Initiatives (HCI), Corvallis, OR**

October 2012 – July 2014

Graduate Assistant

- Coordinated campus-wide community committees around key health issues such as healthy eating, physical activity, and smoke-free policies to prevent chronic disease
- Facilitated and supported HCI to streamline health services for students, faculty, and staff on the Oregon State University campus.
- Supervised six students directly and coordinated a team of ten individuals to market and conduct programs and services to creatively address health improvement related to physical activity and healthy eating.
- Utilized social marketing to develop and implement a cross-campus vegetable consumption promotion campaign.
- Developed and implemented health and wellness trainings for various campus faculty and staff groups in collaboration with the worksite wellness office.
- Aligned efforts from HCI with larger institutional goals, objectives, and requirements to best translate the University's mission into policy and programming efforts.

**Oregon State University College of Public Health & Human Sciences, Corvallis, OR**

April 2013-July 2014

Co- Investigator *Smoke-Free Campus Policy Evaluation*

- Collaborated with key campus partners to design and implement a campus-wide survey to over 35,000 students, faculty, and staff evaluating the smoke-free policy for the Corvallis and Cascades (Bend) campuses.
- Produced a comprehensive stakeholder report for the Corvallis and Cascades campuses and communities.
- Researched tobacco and smoking cessation to better understand the environment for smokers on campus and implement more effective health promotion policies and practices.

**Big Brothers Big Sisters of Southwest Washington, Long Beach, WA**

November 2011 - August 2012

Coordinator: Mentoring Program

- Created the first school-based mentoring program in Ocean Beach using the Big Brothers Big Sisters evidenced-based mentoring model.
- Trained and motivated adults (aged 18 – 65) before, during, and after their “match” meetings with their mentees.
- Responsible for recruiting, interviewing, matching, and monitoring “Bigs” and “Littles” throughout the community.

**WellSpring Community Network, Long Beach, WA**

April 2011 - July 2012

Coalition Coordinator: Youth

- Founded a youth coalition in partnership with local youth and community members through the Community Anti-Drug Coalitions of America's Drug Free Communities Grant to promote positive change for youth on the Long Beach Peninsula.
- Participated in annual budget review for the Youth Coalition.

**AmeriCorps H.O.P.E. (Healthy Options through Prevention & Education), Astoria, OR**

September 2009 - July 2011

Prevention Specialist

- Developed on-going action plans to address primary prevention objectives for children and families in Clatsop County, Oregon.
- Collaborated with community partners to identify resources and communicate regarding prevention program opportunities for families in the community.
- Facilitated family workshops and educational sessions in a variety of settings including afterschool, in the classroom, at community centers, and within religious institutions.
- Participated in local coalition efforts, including Substance Abuse Prevention Coalition, Reduce Underage Drinking Task Force, and Substance Abuse Prevention Coalition.

**Child and Adolescent Health Measurement Initiative** (CAHMI), Portland, OR

June 2006-August 2009

Research Assistant II, *July 2007 – August 2009*

- Led the supervision, coordination, data analysis, database integration, outreach, and profile development of the Within State Profile using the 2005/2006 National Survey of Children with Special Health Care Needs.
- Co-coordinated the SPSS data analysis and content development for the 2007 National Survey of Children's Health.
- Updated and maintained the Data Resource Center for Child and Adolescent Health website (<http://www.childhealthdata.org>), and the CAHMI website ([www.cahmi.org](http://www.cahmi.org)).
- Conducted statistical analyses using Microsoft Excel and SPSS programs as technical assistance to major health care advocacy organizations and state leaders.

Research Intern (non-Student), *December 2006 – July 2007*

- Prepared documents and data dissemination strategies for the 2005/2006 National Survey for Children with Special Health Care Needs.
- Created, updated, and maintained the new CAHMI website ([www.cahmi.org](http://www.cahmi.org)).
- Coordinated major outreach efforts by the CAHMI to various groups of constituents.

Student Assistant, *June 2006 – August 2006*

- Maintained communication between the CAHMI and its affiliates through the creation and implementation of organizational documents.
- Assisted in various research projects aimed to improve children's health care quality.

**PUBLICATIONS**

- Russell, E., **Johnson, J.A.**, Caplan, K., Kosinski, Z., Barnes, N., Allen, S., and Haroz, E. (2023). A scoping review of implementation considerations for Harm Reduction Vending Machines. *Harm Reduction Journal*.
- Allen, S. T., O'Rourke, A., **Johnson, J. A.**, Cheatom, C., Zhang, Y., Delise, B., Watkins, K., Reich, K., Reich, R., & Lockett, C. (2022). Evaluating the impact of naloxone dispensation at public health vending machines in Clark County, Nevada. *Annals of medicine*, 54(1), 2692–2700.
- Braverman, M.T., Geldhof, G.J., Hoogesteger, L.A., & **Johnson, J.A.** (2018). Predicting students' noncompliance with a smoke-free university campus policy. *Preventive Medicine*, 114, pgs. 209-2016.
- Braverman, M.T., Hoogesteger, L.A., **Johnson, J.A.** & Aarø, L.E. (2017). Supportive of a smoke-free campus but opposed to a 100% tobacco-free campus: Identification of predictors among university students, faculty, and staff. *Preventive Medicine*, 94, pgs. 20-26.
- Braverman, M.T., Hoogesteger, L.A., & **Johnson, J.A.** (2016, October). Choosing an effective data analysis strategy: A case example from the evaluation of a university smokefree campus policy. Paper to be presented at the American Evaluation Association conference, Atlanta, GA.
- Braverman, M.T., Hoogesteger, L.A., & **Johnson, J.A.** (2015). Predictors of support among students, faculty, and staff for a smoke-free university campus. *Preventive Medicine*, 71, pgs. 114–120.
- Bethell, C., Read, D., Goodman, E., **Johnson, J.**, Besl, J., Cooper, J., & Simpson, L.A. (2009). Consistently Inconsistent: A Snapshot of Across- and Within-State Disparities in the Prevalence of Childhood Overweight and Obesity. *Pediatrics*, 123 (Supplement), pp. S277-S286.

**CONFERENCES AND WORKSHOPS**

- 2023 Southern Nevada Substance Misuse and Overdose Prevention Summit**, Las Vegas, NV August 2023  
Panel Presenter
- Discussed partnership strategies between public health, public safety, and healthcare
- Nevada Public Health Association**, Las Vegas, NV September 2022  
Panel presenter
- Discussed opportunities to address and improve behavioral health and substance use in Nevada
- 2022 Southern Nevada Substance Misuse and Overdose Prevention Summit**, Las Vegas, NV August 2022  
Primary Presenter
- Presented a workshop on best practice messaging for fentanyl overdose prevention and youth
- Nevada Harm Reduction Conference**, Las Vegas, NV & Reno, NV July 19 & 20, 2022  
Panel presenter
- Discussed experience working with harm reduction programs in Nevada
- Nevada Public Health Association**, Las Vegas, NV September 2021  
Primary presenter
- Presented research on harm reduction vending machines as a tool to reduce Nevada's opioid epidemic
- 2021 Southern Nevada Substance Misuse and Overdose Prevention Summit**, Virtual August 2021

- Primary Presenter
- Presented a workshop on working with rural communities in Nevada on harm reduction efforts  
**2021 Rx Summit**, Virtual Summit (scheduled for Nashville, TN) April 2021
- Primary presenter
- Presented research on public health vending machines and Nevada's opioid epidemic  
**Nevada Public Health Association**, Las Vegas, NV September 2020
- Primary presenter
- Presented research on the forces of change assessment for Clark County's Community Health Assessment  
**2020 Southern Nevada Substance Misuse and Overdose Prevention Summit**, Virtual August 2020
- Primary Presenter
- Presented a workshop on local support for primary prevention of substance use  
**2020 Rx Summit**, Virtual Summit (scheduled for Nashville, TN) April 2020
- Primary presenter
- Presented research on public health vending machines and Nevada's opioid epidemic
  - Presented research on coalition building related to the opioid epidemic in Southern Nevada  
**Nevada Opioid Summit**, Las Vegas, NV August 2019
- Primary presenter
- Presented on capacity building strategies for local health departments to address opioid misuse prevention at the community level  
**Council of State and Territorial Epidemiologists**, Raleigh, NC June 2019
- Primary presenter
- Presented data to action strategies for local health departments to address substance abuse prevention and mental health promotion  
**National HIV Prevention Summit**, Atlanta, GA March 2019
- Primary presenter
- Presented research on harm reduction vending machines as a tool to reduce Nevada's opioid epidemic and prevent infectious disease outbreak  
**Nevada Public Health Association**, Las Vegas, NV September 2018
- Primary presenter
- Presented research on harm reduction vending machines as a tool to reduce Nevada's opioid epidemic  
**US Conference on AIDS**, Orlando, FL September 2018
- Primary presenter
- Presented research on harm reduction vending machines and Nevada's opioid epidemic  
**American College Health Association**, San Antonio, TX May 2014
- Primary presenter
- Presented evaluation questions, key findings, and concerns regarding the first-year evaluation of the Oregon State University Smoke-Free Policy implementation.  
**Oregon Public Health Association**, Corvallis, OR October 2013
- Primary presenter
- Presented evaluation questions, key findings, and next steps from the first-year evaluation of the Oregon State University Smoke-Free Policy implementation.

#### LEADERSHIP AND AWARDS

- Substance Use Response Group**, Nevada Attorney General Las Vegas, NV September 2021-present
- Appointee, Large urban region Chair, Prevention Subcommittee
- Nevada Public Health Association** Las Vegas, NV January 2020-December 2022
- President
- Southern Nevada Injury Prevention Partnership** Las Vegas, NV July 2018 – January 2020
- Chair, Southern Nevada Health District
- Core Values Recognition – “Knowledge”** Las Vegas, NV February 2018
- Southern Nevada Health District
- Southern Nevada Opioid Advisory Council (SNOAC)**, Las Vegas, NV August 2016 - present
- Co-Chair, Southern Nevada Health District
- Council to the Dean of Public Health & Human Sciences College Graduate Council**, Corvallis, OR March 2013 – June 2014
- Health Promotion & Health Behavior Masters track representative
- Oregon Master of Public Health – OSU Service Award Nominee**, Corvallis, OR May 2014
- Oregon Master of Public Health Student Poster Series**, Corvallis, OR February 2014 – April 2014

Planning committee member and Corvallis campus representative

**CERTIFIED INSTRUCTOR**

- Suicide Alertness for Everyone (safeTALK), LivingWorks** November 2019
  - Certified facilitator for Suicide Alertness for Everyone (safeTALK) curriculum.
- Substance Abuse Prevention Skills Training, Prevention Solutions** June 2019
  - Certified facilitator for IC&RC Substance Abuse Prevention Specialist curriculum.
- Group Lifestyle Balance, University of Pittsburgh, Pittsburgh, PA** February 2015
  - Facilitated this evidence-based program for adults diagnosed with pre-diabetes or obesity in a clinical setting.
- Safe Dates, Hazelden, Salem OR** January 2010
  - Facilitated this evidence-based program for high school students in a school setting.
- Strengthening Families Program, University of Iowa, Salem OR** May 2010
  - Facilitated this evidence-based program for families with children aged 10-14 in a community setting.
- Allies in Action, Girls Inc., Portland, OR** April 2010
  - Facilitated this bully prevention program for 5<sup>th</sup> grade girls in a school setting.
- Friendly PEERsuasion, Girls Inc., Portland, OR** February 2010
  - Facilitated this substance abuse prevention program for 5<sup>th</sup> grade girls in a school setting.

**PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS**

- Nevada Public Health Association (NPHA)** September 2014
- American Evaluation Association (AEA)** April 2013
- Psi-Chi International Honor Society – Psychology (Psi-Chi)** May 2006

**TECHNICAL SKILLS**

Proficient in PC and MAC applications, including Windows, MAC OSX, Microsoft Word, Microsoft Excel, Microsoft Power Point, Microsoft Publisher, iWork 09, and Internet applications. Basic knowledge of Microsoft Access, Microsoft Visio and Adobe Acrobat Professional. Proficient at Statistical Package for the Social Sciences (SPSS). Proficient at Canva software. Adept with Stata statistical software.

**STUDY ABROAD**

- Psychology Internship, Brisbane, Queensland, Australia** May 2005 - July 2005
  - Created programs to educate students on body image, alcohol and drug abuse, gambling addiction, and stranger danger.
  - Developed a curriculum of interactive activities for children to be presented within the Queensland school district.
  - Researched child psychology and development to determine age-specific learning activities.
- Rotary Youth Exchange, Araçatuba, São Paulo, Brazil** August 2000 - July 2001
  - Integrated into São Paulo life through living with a host family and education system.
  - Represented United States and Oregon/Southwest Washington Rotary District 5100.
  - Presented to Rotarians and community members my experience living and learning abroad.

**LANGUAGE**

Intermediate conversational Portuguese, and basic French and Spanish knowledge.



September 25, 2023

Jessica A. Johnson  
280 S Decatur Blvd  
Las Vegas, NV 89017

Dear Members of the Clark County Board of Commissioners,

I am writing to express my interest in being appointed to the Clark County Opioid Task Force to represent the Southern Nevada Health District. Upon reviewing the mission and objectives of the task force, I am confident that my academic background, professional experience, and dedication to public health make me a highly qualified candidate for this role.

In my professional experience at the Southern Nevada Health District, I have led overdose prevention and mental/behavioral health initiatives, with a laser focus on addressing the opioid crisis. I have successfully secured competitive funding opportunities and led diverse teams in the implementation of evidence-based interventions. My role in launching a program on public health vending machines, in collaboration with the local syringe services program, underscores my innovative and pragmatic approach to public health and a commitment to collaboration with community partners. This work is grounded in with a solid foundation in public health education, including my current pursuit of a Doctor of Public Health (DrPH) from Johns Hopkins Bloomberg School of Public Health. My Master of Public Health degree from Oregon State University further strengthened my expertise in health promotion and behavior, with a track record of academic excellence. These academic achievements reflect my understanding and commitment to advancing public health knowledge and practice.

In addition to my academic and professional achievements, my resume details my involvement in research and presentations at various conferences demonstrates my dedication to disseminating knowledge and contributing to the field of public health. These underscore my commitment to addressing substance use and harm reduction in Nevada, and a commitment to community impact and outcomes. Furthermore, my leadership roles within the Nevada Public Health Association and the Nevada Attorney General's Substance Use Response Group (SURG), as well as my involvement with local coalitions and advisory councils, reflect my ability to collaborate effectively with diverse stakeholders, a crucial skill for to represent the Southern Nevada Health District on the Opioid Task Force.

In conclusion, my combination of education, professional experience, research contributions, and leadership roles makes me a highly qualified representative for the Southern Nevada Health District to the Clark County Opioid Task Force. I am eager to contribute my expertise and passion for public health to this crucial endeavor and help address the opioid crisis in our community. Thank you for considering my application. I am enthusiastic about the possibility of serving the community in this capacity and am dedicated to making a meaningful impact on the opioid epidemic in Clark County.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Jessica A. Johnson', written over a white rectangular area.

Jessica A. Johnson  
CC: Cassius Lockett, PhD, Director, Disease Surveillance and Control, Southern Nevada Health District