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Health District, ACS to review local trauma system

LAS VEGAS – What are the challenges regarding the local trauma system and how can they be addressed? The American College of Surgeons (ACS) Trauma System Evaluation and Planning Committee will present its preliminary report about Southern Nevada’s regional trauma system between noon and 1 p.m., Thursday, July 21 at the Embassy Suites, 4315 Swenson, to review the system’s progress since its 2004 introduction.

The ACS review is the first since it provided input into the development of a coordinated trauma system within Clark County in 2004. The committee made several recommendations, which have been implemented into the trauma system. The Southern Nevada Health District oversees the Clark County Trauma System and is supported by the Regional Trauma Advisory Board to ensure a quality system of patient care for trauma victims.

“During the past several years, we have seen significant progress that has lead to very positive trends and changes in our community,” said Dr. Lawrence Sands, chief health officer. “Conducting a comprehensive review of our still-developing trauma system affords us the opportunity to receive valuable feedback and benefit from the expertise and input of the ACS. This will help guide the system’s future development and ensure Southern Nevadans have access to high quality trauma care when they need it most.”

Even with increased education to prevent injuries, they are the leading cause of death for people between the ages 5 and 44 and, according to data, the leading causes of injury for all ages remain motor vehicles crashes, falls and firearms.

The ACS review will tackle several issues including the viability of the local trauma system, any recommended changes to the configuration of the system, protocols to be used or updated, the accessibility and availability of data collection, as well as funding sources.

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