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AHEC board members named

Southern Nevada Area Health Education Center, a cooperative program of the University of Nevada School of Medicine, has named 17 members to its advisory board. Members include:

Jerome "Jerry" B. Blankinship, director of the Dept. of Pastoral Care and chaplain for Humana Hospital Sunrise, is an experienced board member, serving many community agencies such as the Campus Ministry Board at UNLV and National Conference of Christians and Jews.

Thomas J. Cinque, M.D., associate dean for Las Vegas, University of Nevada School of Medicine, was involved in the early grant preparations for AHEC and has served as consultant for the Nevada State Legislative Committee on Cost Containment.

Manuel J. Cortez, Clark County commissioner and member of the University Medical Center Board of Trustees for the last 14 years, is knowledgeable about the needs of Clark County's health care system.

Glenna G. Gaudy, area extension specialist, University of Nevada Cooperative Extension, specializes in human development programming in the same four counties AHEC serves.

Patrick S. Harper, DDS, well known throughout Las Vegas for his commitment to AIDS education and treatment. He has been the local AHEC dental representative since November.

Gay I. Kennedy, finance director, Poggemeyer Design Group, Las Vegas.

James R. Kitchen, Ph.D., director, Student Development Center, UNLV, designed the affirmative action plan for the university and served as interim director of Student Financial Services.

Stephen A. Kollins, M.D., Desert Radiologists, Las Vegas, an experienced educator who teaches radiology to medical students and residents as well as participating in continuing medical education programs.

Thomas E. Marinsek, physician's assistant, Virgin Valley Medical Clinic, Mesquite, began his career as an ambulance attendant, took nursing training at the University of New Mexico and later served as Albuquerque's deputy medical investigator.

Dianne Mazzu, third-year medical student, University of Nevada School of Medicine, member of the Alpha Omega Alpha Medical Honor Society, earned the school's Pathology Achievement Award and is a recipient of an NIH Student Research Grant.

Alison R. McPherson, Ph.D., dean, Special Services Administration, Clark County Community College Health Science Center since 1988 and oversees the Health Science Center's dental clinic, clinical laboratory and intake and medical services for all clinics at the site.

Mary Ann Michel, Ed.D., Dean, College of Health Sciences, UNLV, an accomplished health educator, administrator, writer and community service advocate. She has presented numerous professional papers, including one to the First World Congress on Allied Health in Elsinor, Denmark.

Elizabeth C. Nozero, associate general counsel, Harrah's Hotels and Casinos. Before holding this position she spent four years representing the University of Nevada system, including the medical school. She is active in the county and state bar associations and chairs the Nevada Advisory Committee, U.S. Commission on Civil Rights.

Robert A. Shiroff, M.D., Cardiovascular Consultants of Nevada, medical director of the Coronary Care Unit, Humana Hospital Sunrise and experienced member of volunteer boards. He is interested in educating the public about Nevada's problems with drugs, cardiovascular

disease and smoking.

Connie Cole Simkins, editor, Lincoln County Record, Caliente. As a reporter and editor she is attune to programs, people and initiatives that influence her county and her volunteer experience is extensive.

W. Mark Stewart, shareholder, Kafoury, Armstrong and Co., Las Vegas. Active in community affairs, he is also president of the Nevada Association for the Handicapped.

Marie Wakefield, MS, administrative specialist in Guidance and Counseling, Clark County Public Schools and an active participant in curriculum development.

Southern Nevada AHEC works in partnership with the University of Nevada School of Medicine to provide support services and continuing education for health professionals.