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DISTRICT HEALTH DEPARTMENT WELCOMES PUBLIC HEALTH PHYSICIAN

Mark S. Riddle, MD, MPH & TM joined the District Health Department staff January 5, 2004. He will serve as Public Health Physician and director of the new epidemiology unit. Dr. Riddle holds bachelors degrees in zoology (1992) and human development (1992), a masters degree in public health and tropical medicine (1997), a doctor of medicine degree (1997) and is currently working on a doctorate in public health. Dr. Riddle comes to Washoe County from the U.S. Navy where he most recently worked as a clinical investigator in enteric diseases at the Naval Medical Research Center in Bethesda, Maryland. Dr. Riddle brings a varied academic and clinical background and broad interests in public health to this new position.

Dr. Riddle's responsibilities will include:

- ◆ directing the assessment, surveillance and epidemiology activities of the District Health Department;
- ◆ overseeing data collection, analysis and dissemination and bioterrorism planning, preparedness and response;
- ◆ providing leadership, guidance and supervision for staff in these and related activities; and
- ◆ serving as Public Health Physician, including acting as liaison between the District Health Department and the local medical community.

Dr. Riddle can be reached at (775) 328-2440.

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