



## MINUTES

**Southern Nevada District Board of Health Meeting**  
330 S. Valley View Boulevard, Las Vegas, Nevada 89107  
Conference Room 2  
**Thursday, July 24, 2014 - 8:30 a.m.**

Rod Woodbury, Chair, called the Southern Nevada District Board of Health meeting to order at 8:34 a.m.

Annette Bradley, Attorney, noted a quorum was present at the start of the meeting with Members Woodbury, Beers, Collins, Delaney, Dobyne, Jones, Noonan, Osgood and Scow seated.

**BOARD:**  
**(Present)** Rod Woodbury, Chair – Councilmember, Boulder City  
Bob Beers – Councilmember, City of Las Vegas  
Michael Collins – At-Large Member, Registered Nurse  
Cynthia Delaney – Councilmember, City of Mesquite  
Douglas Dobyne – At-Large Member, Regulated Business/Industry  
Timothy Jones – At-Large Member, Environmental Specialist  
Frank Nemec, At-Large Member, Physician (arrived at 8:41 a.m.)  
Bill Noonan – At-Large Member, Gaming  
Kenneth Osgood – At-Large Member, Physician  
Mary Beth Scow – Commissioner, Clark County  
Lois Tarkanian - Councilmember, City of Las Vegas (arrived at 8:37 a.m.)

**(Absent):** Chris Giunchigliani - Commissioner, Clark County  
John Marz - Councilmember, City of Henderson  
Wade Wagner – Councilmember, City of North Las Vegas

**ALSO PRESENT:** None  
**(In Audience)**

**LEGAL COUNSEL:** Annette Bradley, Esq.

**EXECUTIVE SECRETARY:** Joseph Iser, MD, DrPH, MSc, Chief Health Officer

**STAFF:** Heather Anderson-Fintak, Richard Cichy, Darris Cole, Alice Costello, Rosemary Ensign, Cara Evangelista, Jason Frame, Andy Glass, Victoria Harding, Forrest Hasselbauer, Cassius Lockett, Shirley Oakley, Jacqueline Reszetar, Jennifer Sizemore, Bonnie Sorenson, Leo Vega, Jacqueline Wells

### PUBLIC ATTENDANCE:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Representing</u>
Dolores Bodie	SEIU
Jamey Bailey	SEIU
Ann Markle	Self
Paul Moradkhan	Las Vegas Metro Chamber of Commerce
Dan Musgrove	Dan Musgrove Advocacy, Inc

**CALL TO ORDER**

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

**OATH OF OFFICE: Southern Nevada District Board of Health At-Large Members and Alternates**

The following board members were sworn in:

Kenneth Osgood – At-Large Member, Physician (former alternate)  
Michael Collins – At-Large Member, Registered Nurse (former alternate)  
Douglas Dobyne – At-Large Member, Regulated Business/Industry (former alternate)

- I. **PUBLIC COMMENT:** A period devoted to comments by the general public about those items appearing on the agenda. Comments will be limited to five (5) minutes per speaker. Please step up to the speaker's podium, clearly state your name and address, and spell your last name for the record. If any member of the Board wishes to extend the length of a presentation, this may be done by the Chairman or the Board by majority vote.

Seeing none, this portion of the meeting was closed.

II. **ADOPTION OF THE JULY 24, 2014 AGENDA (for possible action)**

*A motion was made by Member Beers seconded by Member Noonan and unanimously carried to adopt the July 24, 2014 Agenda as presented.*

- III. **CONSENT AGENDA:** Items for action to be considered by the Southern Nevada District Board of Health which may be enacted by one motion. Any item may be discussed separately per Board Member request before action. Any exceptions to the Consent Agenda must be stated prior to approval.

1. **APPROVE MINUTES/BOARD OF HEALTH MEETING:** June 26, 2014 (*for possible action*)

2. **Ratification of Professional Services Agreement** between the Southern Nevada Health District and Dan Musgrove Advocacy, Inc. for the provision of 2015 Legislative Session Legislative Consulting services (*for possible action*)

Member Dobyne asked if a legislative agenda has been composed. Dr. Iser informed that the current agenda is in draft form and a meeting is scheduled later today to finalize and it will be brought forward to the board next month.

*A motion was made by Member Scow seconded by Member Tarkanian and unanimously carried to adopt the Consent Agenda as presented.*

IV. **REPORT/DISCUSSION/ACTION**

1. **Receive Report from the Nomination of Officers Committee: Election of Southern Nevada District Board of Health Officers for FY 2014-2015:** Received from the June 30, 2014 meeting of the Nomination of Officers Committee: Accept Committee Recommendations or take other action deemed appropriate; (Committee: Chair Tarkanian; Members Beers, Crowley, Jones and Litman) direct staff accordingly or take other action as deemed necessary (*for possible action*)

Chair Tarkanian reported the Nomination of Officers Committee met on June 30, 2014 and made the following recommendations for officers for FY 2014 – 2015:

Rod Woodbury – Chair  
Bob Beers – Vice Chair  
Lois Tarkanian – Secretary

Member Noonan remarked as reports to change the composition of board continue to swirl throughout the legislature, the at-large members are willing to take any position that will

benefit the structure of the board.

Member Dobyne clarified that the time frame for appointing elected officials to the board does not overlap with the time for selecting at-large members.

*A motion was made by Member Noonan seconded by Member Osgood and unanimously carried to accept the Report and Recommendations from the Nomination of Officers Committee for FY 2014 – 2015.*

V. **PUBLIC HEARING / ACTION:** Members of the public are allowed to speak on Public Hearing/Action items after the Board's discussion and prior to their vote. Each speaker will be given five (5) minutes to address the Board on the pending topic. No person may yield his or her time to another person. In those situations where large groups of people desire to address the Board on the same matter, the Chair may request that those groups select only one or two speakers from the group to address the Board on behalf of the group. Once the public hearing is closed, no additional public comment will be accepted.

1. **PETITION #14-14:** Consider/Adopt Proposed Revision to Southern Nevada Health District Nursing Services Immunization Fee Schedule; direct staff accordingly or take other action as deemed necessary (***for possible action***)

Bonnie Sorenson, Director of Clinics and Nursing Services, presented proposed changes to the district's immunization fee schedule to reflect current program costs, an accurate reflection of cost to deliver the vaccine and price increases from vendors. These changes will be effective August 1, 2014. Ms. Sorenson stressed that families with an economic need will still not be turned away and at this point in time, "economic need" is a verbal determination. Dr. Iser added as the district is able to do billing, patients will be encouraged to apply for and get on Medicaid or some other insurance under the exchange. Ms. Sorenson noted that many of the district's clients are in this country illegally and will not qualify for any other pay source, but still require vaccinations.

Member Osgood asked if a market survey has been done to determine the maximum allowable in the private sector and suggested that when moving forward, a market survey be done to determine what can be collected from the third party payers and factor that into the equation when determining billing. Dr. Iser stated that the electronic health records system and billing modules are still work in progress and he has met with Medicaid Fee for Services to discuss what services, as an essential provider, can be billed and reimbursed through Medicaid.

Member Beers asked if it would be possible to email the board a financial overview of the aggregate of what is spent administering vaccines and the revenue/difference and how much is coming from the property tax fund. Dr. Iser noted this information could be provided and added that in general, 8010 dollars are used for vaccines for people that cannot afford insurance, which are primarily undocumented individuals and some who fall through the cracks as there will be with the Affordable Care Act.

Member Scow asked if the district sold vaccines to other groups to which Dr. Iser responded was not allowed.

Member Jones confirmed that issues with storage capacity and vaccine accountability have been resolved.

Ms. Bradley informed that the district, on average, administers over 170,000 vaccines annually.

Member Osgood asked if the district has ever entered into contracts with physicians to

distribute vaccines in return for getting reporting data and explained this was something that he had successfully done some time ago in New Mexico. Ms. Sorenson stated many of the physicians handled by the state are VFC providers and the district is responsible for making sure they are following the rules related to VFC. As long as these providers are following the VFC rules, they are allowed to provide VFC immunizations at their private practice.

Dr. Iser explained that "VFC" is Vaccines for Children, a specific CDC program that provides vaccines at low cost, subsidized to health districts, health jurisdictions and pediatricians who are VFC providers.

*A motion was made by Member Beers seconded by Member Tarkanian and unanimously carried to Adopt Proposed Revision to Southern Nevada Health District Nursing Services Immunization Fee Schedule.*

*A motion was made by Member Jones seconded by Member Tarkanian and unanimously carried to go into Closed Session at 8:58 a.m.*

## **CLOSED SESSION – To Be Held Following the Public Hearings**

VI.

Go into closed session pursuant to NRS 241.015(2)(b)(2) to receive information from the Southern Nevada Health District's attorney regarding potential or existing litigation involving matters over which the Board has supervision, control, jurisdiction or advisory power and to deliberate toward a decision on the matter and NRS 288.220 to receive a report on the status of labor negotiations; **(for possible action)**

The Chair reconvened Open Session at 9:26 a.m.

VII.

### **REPORT/DISCUSSION/ACTION**

1. **PETITION #15-14:** Revocation of the Southern Nevada District Board of Health's March 24, 2011 Approval of Petition #16-11 and Resolution #01-11 Which Established An Insurance Fund in Accordance with the 2008 – 2011 Collective Bargaining Agreement Between the Service Employees International Union and Southern Nevada Health District; direct staff accordingly or take other action as deemed necessary **(for possible action)**

*A motion was made by Member Beers seconded by Member Delaney and unanimously carried to Approve the Revocation of the Southern Nevada District Board of Health's March 24, 2011 Approval of Petition #16-11 and Resolution #01-11 Which Established An Insurance Fund in Accordance with the 2008 – 2011 Collective Bargaining Agreement Between the Service Employees International Union and Southern Nevada Health District.*

VIII.

**BOARD REPORTS:** The Southern Nevada District Board of Health members may identify emerging issues to be addressed by staff or by the Board at future meetings, and direct staff accordingly. Comments made by individual Board members during this portion of the agenda will not be acted upon by the Southern Nevada District Board of Health unless that subject is on the agenda and scheduled for action.

Member Jones attended the National Environmental Health Association (NEHA) Conference and observed presentations by several Environmental Health staff members. Member Jones commended staff on their presentations and professionalism.

Member Osgood, in conjunction with Agassi Boys and Girls Club, is launching a health education program for elementary schools, enrolling children who are part of AmeriGroup Medicaid. Dr. Osgood has worked with the district's nutritionist, who prepared outlines of health nutrition programs in great detail. He shared this information with AmeriGroup, who is interested in

modifying their benefit plan to possibly include food supplement types of programs and was very excited to receive the outline.

**IX. HEALTH OFFICER & STAFF REPORTS**

- CHO Comments
  - Dr. Iser introduced Dan Musgrove, the new lobbyist for SNHD who will represent the district locally and at the state legislature. Mr. Musgrove will be working very closely with Dr. Iser to promote the legislative agenda. Mr. Musgrove thanked the board for the opportunity to represent the district and indicated there are some challenges facing the district in terms of what the legislature perhaps wants to do next session. The next few months should be spent ensuring the legislature and the community stake holders understand the mission, importance and the new guidance of the district. In response to Member Jones, Mr. Musgrove identified some of his other clients as AmeriGroup, Valley Health System of hospitals, WestCare, Sub-Contractors Legislative Coalition, Barrett-Jackson and LegalZoom.
  - Dr. Iser continues to participate in the Committee on Southern Nevada Mental Health Issues meetings, a group of individuals considering setting up a board/entity such as the district, ultimately reporting to the state Department of Health.
  - In September the district will be hosting a Nurse TB course that is sponsored by the national TB Center.
  - Dr. Iser continues to meet with members of the community and professional staff. He recently met with Dr. Andy Eisen of Touro University and will be meeting with Dr. Schwenk of UNR School of Medicine.
  - Dr. Iser recently attended the 2014 National Association of County and City Health Officials (NAACHO) Annual Conference and has been elected to their board.
  - Bonnie Sorenson, Director of Clinics and Nursing Services and Dr. Cassius Lockett, Director of Community Health and staff have written grants that may bring in significant amounts of money over the next three years. A new three-year budget outlook will be prepared if/when these funds are received.
  - Negotiations for the lease at 333 S. Rancho has ended and 30-40 Environmental Health staff should be moving to that facility by the end of September. Plan Review will be co-located with City of Las Vegas Plan Review and considerations will be made to co-locate with county plan review, although discussions have not begun. Ratification of lease will be brought to the August board meeting.
  - The board retreat is proposed for September 25, from 8:30 – 1:00. The final mandated services document and Public Health 101 will be discussed. Fifty to sixty minutes will be allocated for each Division Director to discuss their entire program, then approximately fifteen minutes to discuss one specific program in-depth. Dr. Iser asked the board for any suggestions they may want to discuss at the retreat. Member Beers asked that the district develop a template for reporting to the board so the same fiscal year comparisons are consistent (for example always this FY first, then next FY). Member Noonan asked if the district had any role in medical marijuana placement of locations or inspections, to which Dr. Iser advised it does not. Member Beers feels there is a clear role for public health, specifically in the manufacturing process of medical marijuana, but it is not recognized by the legislature yet.
  - Mr. Glass noted the district is looking at five buildings, Valley View, the former Dillard's store on Maryland Parkway at Boulevard Mall, 278 S. Decatur, the former Metro/IRS building at Decatur/Oakley and the campus of four buildings at Charleston/Campbell. A meeting is scheduled for this afternoon to review the offers.

**X. INFORMATIONAL ITEMS**

1. **Chief Health Officer and Administration**
  - A. Monthly Activity Report – June, 2014
2. **Community Health:**

- A. Monthly Activity Report – June, 2014
  - 3. **Environmental Health:**
    - A. Monthly Activity Report – June, 2014
  - 4. **Clinics and Nursing:**
    - A. Monthly Activity Report – June, 2014
- XI. **PUBLIC COMMENT:** A period devoted to comments by the general public, if any, and discussion of those comments, about matters relevant to the Board's jurisdiction will be held. No action may be taken upon a matter raised under this item of this Agenda until the matter itself has been specifically included on an agenda as an item upon which action may be taken pursuant to NRS 241.020. Comments will be limited to five (5) minutes per speaker. Please step up to the speaker's podium, clearly state your name and address, and spell your last name for the record. If any member of the Board wishes to extend the length of a presentation, this may be done by the Chairman or the Board by majority vote.

Seeing no one, the Chair closed this portion of the meeting.

XII. **ADJOURNMENT**

The Chair adjourned the meeting at 9:59 a.m.

Joseph P. Iser, MD, DrPH, MSc  
Chief Health Officer/Executive Secretary

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