



MINUTES

**Southern Nevada District Board of Health Meeting
February 26, 2015 – 8:30 A.M.
Southern Nevada Health District, 330 S. Valley View Boulevard, Las Vegas, NV 89107
Conference Room 2**

Bob Beers, Vice-Chair, called the Southern Nevada District Board of Health meeting to order at 8:30 a.m.

Vice-Chair Beers confirmed a quorum was present by roll call with Members Beers, Collins, Delaney, Dobyne, Jones, Marz, Osgood, Scow, Smith, and Wood seated.

**BOARD:
(Present)**

Bob Beers – Vice-Chair – 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
Tim Jones – At-Large Member, Environmental Specialist
Chris Giunchigliani – Commissioner, Clark County (arrived at 8:34 a.m.)
Peggy Leavitt, Alternate, City of Boulder City (arrived at 8:37 a.m.)
John Marz – Councilmember, City of Henderson
Frank Nemec, At-Large Member, Physician (arrived at 8:34 a.m.)
Kenneth Osgood – At-Large Member, Physician
Mary Beth Scow – Commissioner, Clark County
Stan Smith – Alternate, At-Large Member, Gaming
Anita Wood – Councilmember, Alternate, City of North Las Vegas

(Absent):

Bill Noonan – At-Large Member, Gaming
Lois Tarkanian – Councilmember, City of Las Vegas
Wade Wagner – Councilmember, City of North Las Vegas
Rod Woodbury, Chair – Councilmember, Boulder City

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

LEGAL COUNSEL: Annette Bradley, Esq.

**EXECUTIVE
SECRETARY:** Joseph P. Iser, MD, DrPH, MSc, Chief Health Officer (Absent)

STAFF: Heather Anderson-Fintak, Patricia Armour, Mary Ellen Britt, Darris Cole, Margarita DeSantos, Marcia Gershin, Andrew Glass, Forrest Hasselbauer, Rose Henderson, Paul Klouse, Cassius Lockett, Sharon Mc-Coy-Huber, Shirley Oakley, Demetria Patton, Jeff Quinn, Patricia Rowley, Jennifer Sizemore, Bonnie Sorenson, Leo Vega, Forrest Hasselbauer Jacqueline Wells

**CALL TO ORDER
PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE
RECOGNITIONS**

- 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.

Jill Perlstein, Community Health Nurse, Maternal Child Health thanked the board for their support and noted that the Maternal Child Health team is now down to 1.5 full-time equivalent nurses.

II. **ADOPTION OF THE FEBRUARY 26, 2015 AGENDA (for possible action)**

A motion was made by Member Giunchigliani seconded by Member Smith and unanimously carried to adopt the February 26, 2015 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:** January 22, 2015 ***(for possible action)***

2. **PETITION #04-15:** Approval of Equipment Lease Agreement with Hologic, Inc. for a Panther Instrument System, DX. Direct staff accordingly or take other action as deemed necessary ***(for possible action)***

A motion was made by Member Giunchigliani seconded by Member Nemec and carried to adopt the Consent Agenda as presented. Member Wood abstained from accepting the minutes but accepted the petition.

IV. **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. **Memorandum #03-15:** Consider/Adopt Amendments to the District's Trauma System Regulations, Southern Nevada Trauma System Plan, and Trauma System Performance Improvement Plan; direct staff accordingly or take other action as deemed necessary ***(for possible action)***

Mary Ellen Britt, Manager, Office of Emergency Medical Services and Trauma System, presented proposed changes. Ms. Britt noted it had been brought to her attention that the current structure of the board was not correct in the document presented to the board and will be corrected.

A motion was made by Member Jones seconded by Member Nemec and unanimously carried to Adopt Amendments to the District's Trauma System Regulations, Southern Nevada Trauma System Plan, and Trauma System Performance Improvement Plan as presented with the exception of updating the information relative to the composition of the Board of Health noted above.

V. **REPORT/DISCUSSION/ACTION**

1. **Review/Discuss Administrative Update: Accreditation;** direct staff accordingly or take other action as deemed necessary ***(for possible action)***

Demetria Patton, Accreditation Coordinator, provided an update regarding the process and accomplishments of Public Health Accreditation and the importance of the District's application.

Member Wood asked how meeting the goals of the voluntary National Accreditation program and Ten Essential Services related to the closure of the North Las Vegas Clinic as those goals are no

longer being met in that area. Ms. Patton clarified that the District is in the beginning stages of the Public Health Accreditation Board (PHAB) process and all documentation has not been submitted or completed, including the Community Health Assessment, Community Health Improvement Plan or Strategic Plan. Andy Glass, Director of Administration, added that one of the foundations of the Strategic Plan is to do a Community Health Assessment, which will indicate the health issues within the community and then move forward with the Community Health Improvement Plan to determine how the issues will be addressed within the community. The District is in the process of collecting data to determine what the issues are within the community and is acutely aware of the needs within North Las Vegas as there have been two clinics previously in North Las Vegas. The District was currently spending approximately \$500,000 annually to serve twelve patients per day at the North Las Vegas clinic. The District has recognized that the North Las Vegas clinic is in the wrong location and is looking for another location for services. Member Giunchigliani asked what would be the cost of gaining accreditation and Mr. Glass responded that it would be \$37,500 over a five year period. Member Beers noted that Ms. Patton works full-time on accreditation and asked that it be included in the cost of accreditation and reported to the board at the next meeting. Member Osgood asked how many health districts are so far accredited, to which Mr. Glass responded fifty-two.

Member Nemec left the meeting at 9:11 a.m. and returned at 9:17 a.m.

Member Delaney left the meeting at 9:15 and returned at 9:20 a.m.

A motion was made by Member Giunchigliani seconded by Member Osgood and approved unanimously to move forward with the accreditation process, ensuring that the board has ongoing updates on costs and that the Board be provided the number of health districts available to be accredited and that a letter be prepared on behalf of the Board supporting the organizations accreditation effort.

Member Collins left at 9:37 a.m. and returned at 9:39 a.m.

Member Giunchigliani left at 9:38 a.m. and returned at 9:40 a.m.

2. Review/Discuss Assessment of Maternal Child Health Home Visitation Program; direct staff accordingly or take other action as deemed necessary (*for possible action*)

Mr. Glass introduced Dr. Rebecca Scherr, Assistant Professor of Pediatrics, University of Nevada School of Medicine, who provided an analysis and review of the Maternal Child Health program as promised to the board during last year's budget discussions regarding this program. Vice-Chair Beers asked that the Board be provided zip code coverage for the Healthy Start Initiative and Nurse Family Partnership programs. Member Osgood recommended that the Maternal Child Health Home Visitation Program be evaluated and analyzed as part of the accreditation process.

There was no action taken on this item.

Member Giunchigliani noted that Consent Agenda Item 2, Petition #04-15 did not include the updated gender orientation language and should be revised to include in this petition as well as in all contracts. Annette Bradley, Attorney, will address and follow up.

Vice-Chair Beers called for a caucus at 10:25 a.m. and reconvened at 10:30 a.m. with all members present except Member Nemec who did not return.

VI. 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 requested that notices of all public workshops be emailed to the Board upon posting.

Member Giunchigliani asked to be shown at the next meeting, the process of how people from MCH were offered change in position to the Healthy Start Program, how many nurses were in the MCH program who are bi-lingual and may not have been absorbed into that transfer and their ethnicity.

VII. HEALTH OFFICER & STAFF REPORTS

- CHO Comments
- Building Update
- Budget Update
- Legislative Agenda

Andy Glass, Director of Administration indicated:

- SNHD has been invited by the CDC to join the Twenty Large Cities Group, which is a funding group of the largest cities in the country.
- The Employee Satisfaction Survey will launch in March 2015 to all employees. This survey will be provided by a national group that will collect and analyze data. Member Giunchigliani asked that the survey be sent to the board.
- A contractor has been selected to do necessary renovations at 278 S. Decatur and will be announced next week. The District is still on schedule to occupy the new building by the end of 2015.

Sharon Mc-Coy-Huber, Financial Services Manager, provided a quarterly update of the financial status of the Health District. Member Beers asked that paper copies of budget information be provided in the future.

Mr. Glass reported there is no legislative update at this time.

VIII. INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

1. Chief Health Officer and Administration – January 2015
2. Community Health – January 2015
3. Environmental Health – January 2015
4. Clinics and Nursing – January 2015

IX. 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.

Lorraine Oliver, Community Health Nurse, thanked the board for their support. Ms. Oliver is no longer a Maternal Child Health program nurse and is now part of the Healthy Start Initiative (HSI). Ms. Oliver provided zip code information relevant to the HSI (**Attachment 1**) and discussed statistics related to mortality rates among African Americans.

Member Marz left the meeting at 10:55 a.m. and did not return

Victoria Harding, Interim VP, SEIU stated there have been several incidents over the last few weeks that need to be brought to the attention of the Board regarding the Environmental Health program. Ms. Harding stated that she heard through industry that the Restaurant Association meeting did not go well for Jackie Reszetar, Environmental Health Director. Ms. Harding stated that Ms. Reszetar took this out on her employees and "screamed at the top of her lungs" to the employees to the point where they actually walked out on her. Ms. Harding does not blame Ms. Reszetar because she came to the District from a military background and "communication is not their thing". She does not expect Ms. Reszetar to have answers to questions or have communication skills. Ms. Harding feels that Ms. Reszetar is not a

horrible person, but she is struggling and needs support, training and problem solving skills. Ms. Harding stated that if anyone now questions Ms. Reszetar, they will be disciplined, their supervisors will be disciplined and maybe even management will be disciplined. Vice-Chair Beers asked that a transcript or recording of this public comment be provided to Dr. Iser upon his return. Mr. Glass advised that he would see that Dr. Iser is updated, as well as follow up on Ms. Harding's allegations.

Member Jones stated that he attended the industry meeting and thinks that industry has good respect for Ms. Reszetar and what she does. Member Jones did not perceive any issue of discontent and finds diversion of opinion. As a Board member, he is interested in finding a middle ground.

Member Giunchigliani stated she has heard from someone in industry on the opposite side and also from minority businesses that believe they are being discriminated against or singled out based on direction that is being given. Member Giunchigliani stated there is a management issue that needs to be dealt with for a year and to bring someone in that does not have the expertise to deal with hundreds of staff, let alone this type of industry, sets that person up for failure.

Member Dobyne stated he met with Ms. Reszetar and solid waste staff on February 25 and they were disappointed with Ms. Reszetar's responses and the way the meeting was conducted.

X. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 11:05 a.m.

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

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