



## MINUTES

### **Southern Nevada District Board of Health Meeting August 25, 2016 – 8:30 A.M.**

**Southern Nevada Health District, 280 S. Decatur Boulevard, Las Vegas, NV 89107  
Red Rock Trail Conference Room A and B**

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

**BOARD:  
(Present)** Bob Beers – Chair – Councilmember, City of Las Vegas  
Richard Cherchio – Councilmember, City of North Las Vegas  
Cynthia Delaney – Councilmember, City of Mesquite  
Douglas Dobyne – At-Large Member, Regulated Business/Industry  
Chris Giunchigliani – Commissioner, Clark County (arrived at 8:35 a.m.)  
Marilyn Kirkpatrick – Commissioner, Clark County  
Frank Nemec – At-Large Member, Physician  
Rod Woodbury – Vice-Chair – Mayor, Boulder City

**(Absent):** John Marz – Councilmember, City of Henderson  
Scott Nielson – At-Large Member, Gaming  
Lois Tarkanian, Secretary – Councilmember, City of Las Vegas

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

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

**EXECUTIVE  
SECRETARY:** Joseph P. Iser, MD, Drip, Mac, Chief Health Officer

**STAFF:** Heather Anderson-Fintak, Karen Carifo, Richard Cichy, Rachell Ekroos, Tony Fredrick, Andrew Glass, Victoria Harding, Shandra Hudson, Michael Johnson, Fermin Leguen, Sarah Lugo, Edie Mattox, Sharon McCoy-Huber, Michelle Nath, Verallynn Orewyler, Phillip Pilaes, Jacqueline Reszetar, JoAnn Rupiper, Jennifer Sizemore, Adele Solomon, Rosanne Sugay, Marlo Tonge, Leo Vega, Jacqueline Wells

#### **I. CALL TO ORDER**

#### **II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

#### **III. OATH OF OFFICE**

The Oath of Office was administered by Jacqueline Wells, Executive Assistant to Member Nemec confirming his FY2016-2018 At-Large member term and to Members Beers, Dobyne and Woodbury confirming their FY2016-2017 term as Officers.

#### **IV. RECOGNITIONS:**

- Congratulations to Sarah Lugo and JoAnn Rupiper, whose abstract has been accepted for poster presentation at the 47th National Immunization Conference which will be held September 13-15, 2016 at the Hilton Hotel in Atlanta, GA. The poster presentation is based from a quality improvement project that focuses on increasing adult immunizations. Sarah is a Community Health Nurse who recently received a Silver Syringe award. JoAnn is the District's Employee Health Nurse. Their presentation was co-authored by Simone Kreiger, a former employee who is now a Lieutenant in the United States Public Health Services.
- Two very special employees received Exemplary Service Awards at the 2016 Nevada Summer Institute earlier this month.
  - The Future Leader Award went to Dr. Rosanne Sugay, Clinical Staff Physician

This award honors a member of the HIV service community who exemplifies consistent and extraordinary work.

- The Mentorship Award was earned by Marlo Tonge, Communicable Diseases Manager. This award honors a member of the HIV service community who exemplifies consistent and extraordinary mentoring and professional support to other staff, state, local, and national colleagues.
- Dr. Iser introduced Dr. Fermin Leguen, Director of Clinical Services. Dr. Leguen joined the District on August 15. He is a graduate of John Hopkins University and the University of Havana. Dr. Leguen is the former Medical Executive Director at the State of Florida Department of Health, Chief Medical Officer at Doctor's Medical Center in Miami, FL and Chief Executive Director for the Miami-Dade Health Department. Dr. Leguen has a wealth of experience in public health, epidemiology and disease control.

**V. 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.

Cindy Lake of Southern Nevada Watchdogs expressed concern regarding future Zika abatement.

Regarding Zika, Michelle Johnson of Southern Nevada Watchdogs, expressed concern regarding radical abatement for a potential problem.

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

**VI. ADOPTION OF THE AUGUST 25, 2016 AGENDA (for possible action)**

*A motion was made by Member Dobyne seconded by Member Delaney and unanimously carried to adopt the August 25, 2016 agenda as presented.*

**VII. 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:** July 28, 23, 2016 (*for possible action*)
2. **PETITION #30-16:** Approval of Interlocal Agreement CMTS#19123 between the City of Henderson (COH) and the Southern Nevada Health District (SNHD) for the use of the COH premises for the set-up and use of SNHD Alternate Department Operations Center (ADOC); direct staff accordingly or take other action as deemed necessary (*for possible action*)

*A motion was made by Member Kirkpatrick seconded by Member Dobyne and carried unanimously to approve the Consent Agenda as presented.*

**VIII. 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.

There were no items to be heard.

**IX. REPORT/DISCUSSION/ACTION**

1. **Review and Approve Board of Health Committees and Committee Memberships;** direct staff accordingly or take other action as deemed necessary (*for possible action*)

**Standing – CHO Annual Review Committee**

Current committee consists of Bob Beers (Chair), Doug Dobyne, Chris Giunchigliani, Frank Nemec, Rod Woodbury

Committee Participation Interest forms were received from Members Beers, Dobyne, Giunchigliani, Nemec and Woodbury.

**At Large Member Selection**

Current committee consists of Chris Giunchigliani (Chair), Bob Beers, John Marz, Rod Woodbury.

Committee Participation Interest forms were received from Members Beers, Giunchigliani and Woodbury.

**Finance Committee**

Current committee consists of Bob Beers (Chair), Doug Dobyne, John Marz, Rod Woodbury

Committee Participation Interest forms were received from Members Beers, Dobyne and Woodbury.

**Nomination of Officers**

Current committee consists of Bob Beers (Chair), Doug Dobyne, Frank Nemec, Rod Woodbury.

Committee Participation Interest forms were received from Members Beers, Dobyne, Nemec and Woodbury.

The Chair asked for additional nominations, there were none.

*A motion was made by Member Giunchigliani seconded by Member Delaney and carried unanimously to approve the Board of Health Committee memberships as self nominated.*

*Committees will consist of:*

**CHO Annual Review Committee**

Bob Beers  
Doug Dobyne  
Chris Giunchigliani  
Frank Nemec  
Rod Woodbury

**At-Large Member Selection**

Bob Beers  
Chris Giunchigliani  
Rod Woodbury

**Finance Committee**

Bob Beers  
Doug Dobyne  
Rod Woodbury

**Nominations of Officers Committee**

Bob Beers  
Doug Dobyne  
Frank Nemec  
Rod Woodbury

- X. BOARD REPORTS:** The Southern Nevada District Board of Health member 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 Giunchigliani asked if/when the pool standards review will be updated in order to eliminate some of the variances and ensure the public that safety is of utmost concern. Jackie Reszetar, Director of Environmental Health advised the pool codes are currently under review and public workshops with all interested parties will occur in September. Dr. Iser added the proposed pool code revisions will come to the Board for review at the

October meeting Member Giunchigliani stated the Board should always be informed if a variance changes. She would like links to the public workshops provided to share with constituents when these meetings are scheduled.

Chair Beers has been involved with the emergency preparedness efforts within the City of Las Vegas and attended the Incident Command System training for elected officials. The role of the Board, in case of emergency, is to gather in one location and be available to make policy decisions for the Incident Commander as needed. Dr. Iser noted the need for a clearer definition of who the policy group is and how it relates to the District. Jeff Quinn, Manager, Office of Public Health Preparedness, has been asked to present a tabletop exercise with the Board to discuss roles have and clarify broader definitions. This exercise will be unannounced and notifications for response will be made by the emergency notification system.

## **XI. HEALTH OFFICER & STAFF REPORTS**

- Dr. Iser discussed “Nevada’s Healthcare Needs a House Call” (**Attachment 1**), which references the District’s Community Health Improvement Plan (CHIP) and how it has engaged the community. Adele Solomon, Accreditation Coordinator, provided a brief overview regarding the 211 system and how it relates to the CHIP. A full presentation will be provided to the Board in the near future regarding access to care goals to include access and navigation, workforce resources and transportation and healthcare insurance.
- Member Giunchigliani reported that the Regional Trauma Advisory Board’s (RTAB) recommendation for the jurisdictions to put funding into their lobbying package for the EMS and Trauma System which entails the trauma registry issue was not adopted by Clark County or the City of Las Vegas and suggested that it move forward with the District’s lobbyist. Dr. Iser noted Senator Woodhouse has determined a funding mechanism and is likely to introduce this year. Many discussions have occurred with Assemblymen Oscarson and Senator Hardy regarding the need for funding. Dr. Iser hopes the Board will want their entity lobbyist to work with the District on this issue as it is to the benefit of the entire county. Member Kirkpatrick asked for costs related to initial setup and maintenance. Dr. Iser will provide presentation given to the Interim Healthcare Committee which contains this information, in addition to full program details.
- Jim Osti, Administrative Analyst, provided a brief overview of the Healthy Southern Nevada Website that was established by SNHD and its partners to 2015 to serve the community in three primary ways:
  - 1) Health Data – The Healthy Southern Nevada website provides 188 health indicators and up-to-date demographic information;
  - 2) Resources – This website has a growing library of local, state and national health and health related resources; and
  - 3) Chip Priorities – Two latest additions to the Healthy Southern Nevada website are the Community Health Improvement Plan (CHIP) and the new and improved Health Indicators.
- Dr. Iser reported the Interim Healthcare Committee met on August 24 for the final time. Ten Bill Draft Requests (BDRs) will go forward related to a variety of health issues. Of the ten, two are directly related to public health, Body Mass Index (BMI) and including E-Cigarettes into the Clean Indoor Air Act.
- Dr. Iser noted the intent is that Dr. Leguen will act as his back-up and fill the role of District Health Officer (DHO) in the near future, which fulfills the order of having another Medical Officer. Dr. Leguen will also continue to fill the role of Director of Clinical Services, as there are no funds available to hire both positions.
- Rachell Ekroos, Chief Administrative Nurse, discussed the District’s collaborative efforts with community partners to increase Medicaid enrollment.

The District has been successfully involved with the Division of Welfare and Supportive Services (DWWS) pilot program that includes placing one of their Eligibility Workers at SNHD on-site at different locations. The District will then justify the need to establish a full-time Eligibility Worker. This person will be connected to all DWWS data bases and state programs which means that approximately seventy percent of enrollments for Medicaid, SNAP, etc can be qualified on-site.

Currently in place is an agreement with Positively Kids, who provides an Eligibility Worker on-site for families and children, the eligible adults in those families and pregnant women. Grant funding for the next nine months has been secured to provide a half-time full-time equivalent (FTE) position to provide the same services. Both of these positions service the Decatur and East Las Vegas Clinics by assisting with the enrollment process and helping clients navigate the system, however they are unable to finalize approvals.

This service is not offered to adults who do not have children; however, once the DWWS program is in place, they will be able to assist these clients.

Also, Three Square has provided a bilingual representative on-site who assists with filling out applications for the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) as well as the Energy Assistance Program.

Dignity St. Rose is on-site a few times monthly, primarily to provide education on other types of community services provided by non-profit organizations.

Ms. Ekroos noted DWWS is currently working on mechanisms to address the reported system abuse and she will follow up with the Eligibility Worker regarding other noted questions.

- Dr. Iser reported working with the state for cost allocation to get an enhanced reimbursement rate for Medicaid in order to cover costs.
- Dr. Iser noted the District has been working with the Department of Education, Training and Rehabilitation (DETR) and youth at-risk to do training for the Aroma Café, located in the District's main building.
- A collaborative agreement with the jail is in place to prevent communicable diseases and will be up and running in the very near future.
- Dr. Iser confirmed the recent reporting of a third area in Florida with indigenous transmission of the Zika virus through Aedes mosquitoes. He is in contact with the state health department staff regarding this issue, as there is currently no funding for Zika in Nevada. The Board was encouraged to ask their respective entities to lobby for Zika funding for this year. The District has a plan in place and has been working with the cities and counties.
- The first identified, diagnosed case of West Nile Virus for the season has been reported. This sample has been sent to the CDC for further testing. Dr. Iser indicated West Nile Virus can be carried by animals and humans.

*Member Nemecek left the meeting at 9:45 a.m. and did not return*

- Jay Boyer, Informatics Supervisor, presented a brief overview of the Office of Informatics program goals, areas of support and funding sources.

The goal of the Office of Informatics is to establish SNHD as a national leader in Public Health Information Systems. This office combines Public Health expertise with Information Technology skills and is composed of Mr. Boyer, one Senior Public Health Informatics Scientist and three Public Health Informatics Scientists.

The primary areas of focus are:

- Infectious disease surveillance
- Electronic laboratory reporting
- Syndromic surveillance and health systems integration

The Office of Informatics supports and coordinates with numerous programs within SNHD including the Office of Epidemiology and Disease Surveillance, Emergency Medical Service and Trauma Systems, Vital Records, Environmental Health/Vector (Mosquito) Surveillance, SNHD Public Information Web pages, Information Technology in evaluating and selecting public health software systems. This program also has established partnerships with the State of Nevada bio-surveillance system hosting, trauma system upgrade and electronic laboratory reporting systems.

Currently, Informatics is working on deliverables for the following grants:

- HIV Ryan White
- Epidemiology
- Laboratory and Health Information Systems Capacity (ELC)
- ELC – Ebola Supplemental
- CDC Public Health Preparedness

## **XII. INFORMATIONAL ITEMS**

- A. Chief Health Officer and Administration Monthly Activity Report
- B. Clinical Services Monthly Activity Report

- C. Community Health Monthly Activity Report
- D. Environmental Health Monthly Activity Report

In regard to the Environmental Health Monthly Activity Report, Member Kirkpatrick has found many businesses to have a solid waste certificate; however, illegal dumping is occurring. Jackie Reszetar, Director of Environmental Health advised Solid Waste staff performs regular surveillance and if an area is identified, please report it to Ms. Reszetar and she will send staff to assess, observe and report. Member Kirkpatrick would like to know the status of the 101 solid waste cases reported on the Environmental Health activity report (number substantiated/fined). Ms. Reszetar will provide this update.

Member Kirkpatrick recently received several calls related to a bed bug infestation at a drug and alcohol facility. All patients were released and the facility was shut down. Member Kirkpatrick inquired about the process of closing this type of program and dislocating patients. Ms. Reszetar explained it is the District's responsibility to address the complaint by doing surveillance and provide recommendations for mitigation; closure would be the decision of the facility. Dr. Iser added bed bugs do not carry diseases and recommendation for mitigation is the extent of the District's charge.

Member Kirkpatrick mentioned visiting a facility that has forty auto repair businesses within one industrial park having two dumpsters which she believes violates the solid waste code. Many did not have business licenses; however, they had solid waste permits. As she watched some of them leave, she observed them illegally dumping between Carey and Cheyenne near Betty Lane. Ms. Reszetar advised Member Kirkpatrick to make a formal complaint and investigators would be sent to assess and provide legal action if needed. Dr. Iser added citizens may also take pictures, particularly of the license plate, which then provides a tracking mechanism. Member Dobyne stated from personal experience he knows when a complaint is submitted to Solid Waste it is acted on expeditiously and resolved. As a point of clarification, Member Dobyne noted a Solid Waste permit is not obtainable without a business license. Ms. Reszetar will work with Member Dobyne to restart the quarterly meetings in order to address the issues of falsification of documents and gaps in the process.

- XIII. 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.

Victoria Harding, SNHD, SEIU, noted on July 27, an email was sent in the pool program to rescinded the policy that any imminent health hazard that could be fixed on sight. For instance, if an inspector went in and there weren't enough life guards, the inspectors would not wait for adequate staffing, the facility would be closed, with a closure fee. During the collective bargaining session in 2014, for the very first time, the pool program had a closure due to an imminent health hazard that wasn't closed. The debate was regarding a pool latch that could be fixed on site, which was Industry friendly. It is difficult to try to be industry friendly and something like a lifeguard situation occurs when the industry calls for additional lifeguards when the inspectors are on site, but cannot guarantee that the appropriate staff will present the next shift or the next day. The employees have done a good job putting public health first while being industry friendly, but these assessments are made on a case-by-case basis. Being industry friendly had started to bleed over into the food industry as well, where closures weren't closures. For example, if an industry didn't have hot water, as long as they could get a plumber in to fix it while the inspector was on site, they were not closed or cited. Ms. Harding does not believe this edict has been rescinded yet.

Regena Ellis, SNHD, SEIU, noted the Community Health Improvement Plan (CHIP) presentation would be beneficial to all employees.

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

**XIV. ADJOURNMENT**

The Chair adjourned the meeting at 10:11 a.m.

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