



## MINUTES

**Public Health Advisory Board Meeting  
January 9, 2017 – 8:30 A.M.  
Southern Nevada Health District, 280 S. Decatur Boulevard, Las Vegas, NV 89107  
Red Rock Trail Room A and B**

Chair Jones called the Public Health Advisory Board Meeting to order at 8:30 a.m.

**BOARD:** Tina Coker – Member, City of Henderson  
**(Present)** Timothy Jones – Member, Environmental Health  
LeQawn McDowell – Member, City of Las Vegas  
Kenneth Osgood – Member, Physician  
Rich Shuman - Member, City of Boulder City

**(Absent):** Matthew Anderson – Member, City of North Las Vegas  
Michael Collins – Member, Registered Nurse  
Tim Marleau – Member, City of Mesquite

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

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

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

**STAFF:** Andrew Glass, Shandra Hudson, Mike Johnson, Fermin Leguen, Edie Mattox, Michelle Nath, Adele Solomon, Jacqueline Reszetar, Jacqueline Wells

**I. CALL TO ORDER**

**II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

**III. OATH OF OFFICE:**

The Oath of Office was administered to Member Coker by Michelle Nath, Executive Administrative Secretary.

**IV. 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 no one, the Chair closed this portion of the meeting.

**V. ADOPTION OF THE JANUARY 9, 2017 AGENDA (for possible action)**

*A motion was made by Member Osgood seconded by Member Coker and unanimously carried to adopt the January 9, 2017 agenda as presented.*

**VI. CONSENT AGENDA:** Items for action to be considered by the Public Health Advisory Board 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/Advisory Board Meeting**: October 10, 2016; direct staff accordingly or take other action as deemed necessary (**for possible action**)

*A motion was made by Member Osgood seconded by Member McDowell and carried unanimously to approve the consent agenda as presented.*

## **VII. REPORT/DISCUSSION/ACTION**

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

Adele Solomon provided the Board with an update on accreditation activities. She reported the Health District has been approved to apply for accreditation and she will be attending training in February. The Community Health Improvement Plan (CHIP) is progressing; the Performance Improvement Measures are being finalized and the policy is in development. She furthered the Quality Improvement and Workforce Development Plans were approved. The Workforce Development Plan indicated most employees wanted more background in public health so classes have been set up with UNLV on a credit accruing basis to obtain a certificate in public health.

Chair Jones inquired about the timeline for accreditation. Ms. Solomon responded documentation will be submitted over the course of one year, scheduled to begin in February. This is followed by the Board's site visit; therefore, the longest timeline foreseeable would be July or August of 2018.

*There was no action taken on this item.*

2. **Review/Discuss Community Health Improvement Plan (CHIP)**; direct staff accordingly or take other action as deemed necessary (**for possible action**)

Adele Solomon reported Laura Culley, MD, UNLV School of Medicine, has been working on the policy and funding priority of the CHIP. As she was unable to attend the Board meeting, Ms. Solomon provided the update on the CHIP activities. She reported the policy and funding activities include developing strategies to meet gaps for provider disparities for identified risk areas. The data from the Healthy Southern Nevada website were used to determine the locations for highest social economic needs. As a result, community health mobile services have been created to provide these services: 1) primary care; 2) dental; 3) x-ray and mammogram; and 4) social needs assessment.

*There was no action taken on this item.*

3. **Discuss and Approve Recommendations to the Southern Nevada District Board of Health on January 26, 2017**; direct staff accordingly or take other action as deemed necessary (**for possible action**)

There were no recommendations to forward to the Southern Nevada District Board of Health on January 26, 2017. Chairman Jones stated the Public Health Advisory Board would continue its focus on accreditation activities.

*There was no action taken on this item.*

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

- CHO Comments

Dr. Iser reported funding loss from the state in Ryan White B funds. He added the Health District has lost about 1/3 of flexible dollars from the general fund, from \$29 million to approximately \$20 million. Monies from this fund have been previously used to support all the various programs, and there are no longer the general fund dollars to cover any programs if grant dollars are rescinded. The loss of \$1.7 million dollars in Ryan White B funding would have impacted 17 positions but the staff members have been reassigned to other programs.

It was estimated the Health District would be applying for \$1.3 Million in federal funds for Epidemiology and Laboratory funds which would have bolstered the District for two seasons; however when the CDC assigned the funding it was reduced to \$95,000.

Dr. Iser provided a legislative update and noted Body Mass Index has been added back as a requirement from schools. Legislative efforts are underway to add e-cigarettes into the Clean Indoor Act; and the Health District is pursuing two funding mechanisms for the EMS and trauma system and Vector Control program.

- Groundwater and Air Monitoring Activities at the Nevada National Security Site Presentation:

Darwin J. Morgan, Director of Public Affairs, U.S. Department of Energy, National Nuclear Security Administration, Nevada National Security Administration, presented on the groundwater and air monitoring activities at the Nevada National Security Site (NNSS). Mr. Morgan distributed the 2015 Environmental Report Summary and provided an overview of some of the key pages in the report. Included in the report is a history of the site and the activities occurring at the site. National security remains a priority and experiments are conducted on nuclear material that supports the nation's stock pile to understand what is happening to the nuclear weapons that still remain in the arsenal. At the end of the presentation, Mr. Morgan extended an invitation to the Board to tour the site.

- 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.

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**X. ADJOURNMENT**

The Chair adjourned the meeting at 9:45 a.m.

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

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