



## MINUTES

### **Southern Nevada District Board of Health Meeting March 28, 2019 – 8:30 a.m.**

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

**BOARD:** Marilyn Kirkpatrick – Chair, Commissioner, Clark County (*via teleconference – joined at 9:34 a.m.*)

**(Present)** Scott Black – Vice Chair, Councilmember, City of North Las Vegas  
Nicole Brisson – Regulated Business/Industry  
Michele Fiore – Councilmember, City of Las Vegas  
Frank Nemeč – At-Large Member, Physician  
Scott Nielson – At-Large Member, Gaming  
Dan Stewart – Councilmember, City of Henderson

**(Absent):** Bob Coffin – Councilmember, City of Las  
Tick Segerblom – Commissioner, Clark County  
Rich Shuman – Councilmember, City of Boulder City  
Brian Wursten – Secretary, Councilmember, 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:** Heather Anderson-Fintak, Ernest Blazzard, Michelle Cintron, Amy Hagan, John Hammond, Jeremy Harper, Michael Johnson, Chad Kingsley, Fermin Leguen, Larry Rogers, Joanne Rupiper, Christopher Saxton, John Shannon, Karla Shoup, Jennifer Sizemore, Herb Sequera, Marlo Tonge, Jacqueline Wells, Leo Vega

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

Vice Chair Black called the Southern Nevada District Board of Health meeting to order at 8:34 a.m.

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

#### **III. RECOGNITIONS**

- **Victoria “Tory” Rich, Environmental Health 2019 National Environmental Health Association Scholarship Award Winner**

Victoria “Tory” Rich, Environmental Health Specialist I, was recognized as the 2019 National Environmental Health Association (NEHA) Scholarship Award winner. This year’s essay topic comes from SNHD’s Strategic Plan as one of the Objectives for Goal #3 (Develop and Implement an SNHD Branding and Marketing Plan) and is the fourth year for the Environmental Health NEHA Scholarship contest. Tory won the opportunity to attend the National Environmental Health Association’s annual conference in Nashville, Tennessee. The value of the award is approximately \$2,000.

- Michelle Livings, Lingzi Lu Memorial Award Recipient

In 2013, the American Statistical Association (ASA), in partnership with the International Chinese Statistical Association (ICSA), created the Lingzi Lu Memorial Award in remembrance of Lingzi

Lu, the first-year student in the statistics master's program at Boston University who lost her life in the bombing at the Boston Marathon in April of that year. She was an ambitious, talented, and vibrant student, who looked forward to a career as a master's-level statistician. Through this award, the ASA and ICSA support the studies of similarly dedicated people who are in master's programs in statistics or who have recently earned their master's degree in statistics. The award provides up to \$1,300 for registration and travel support to the ASA Conference on Statistical Practice, which takes place every February. This year's award recipient was the District's Michelle Livings, Biostatistician I. Michelle is a fairly new member of the Office of Epidemiology and Disease Surveillance staff and this program is very fortunate to have her as a team member.

- 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.

Victoria Harding, SEIU/SNHD, reported the Healthy Start program is ending due to loss of grant funds. Ms. Harding reviewed the statistics of the Healthy Start program, indicating the 2018 goal was to serve 454 clients. This goal was reached at 96%, serving 435 clients. They met their target of serving over 56% African Americans and since the beginning of the year, they have served 201 children, 33 pre-natal women and 45 men. This year, they had eleven live births, with only one underweight or premature. Ms. Harding stated this program has done a great job and was on the chopping block in 2014 during layoffs, however, the Board allowed unbudgeted funding to keep the program for a year. During that year all funds were not used as this program managed to get grant funding along the way but is now in need of help again as unfortunately, maternal child health programs are cut all the time. The community definitely needs this program and Ms. Harding hopes the Board will allow the additional funds coming from Clark County to help save this program.

Dr. John Fildes, commenting on the agendized trauma needs assessment tool, noted approximately two years ago the District authorized the Trauma Needs Assessment Task Force to develop a tool that could identify the need for additional services in the community to treat the complex injured patients of trauma centers. This was a broad stake-holders group that met on numerous occasions and deliberated on difficult topics and had wide input from a variety of stakeholders. The current tool is believed to be true and transparent. It is believed to be a tool and not a rule and the first step to determine if there is need for the valley and further, to determine where in the valley that need may exist. Dr. Fildes is available to anyone who would like additional dialogue on this matter.

Mary Ann Cole, APRN, read a prepared statement for the record encouraging the Board to reconsider funding for the Healthy Start Program. ([Attachment 1](#))

Jareef Haderi, on behalf of five Healthy Start Program families, is saddened by the loss of the program and believes it needs to continue as it has been very helpful to his family and the community. Mr. Haderi encouraged the Board to reconsider funding for the Healthy Start program.

Leah Guevara, East Valley Family Services, supports continuance of the Healthy Start Program and urged the Board to reconsider funding.

Bonita Faye, Director, One Stop Career Center of Southern Nevada, supports continuance of the Healthy Start Program and encouraged the Board to reconsider funding.

Adwoa Fosu, Community Health Nurse, Healthy Start Program, asked the Board to support funding for this program.

Darla Hayden, Executive Director, The Lullaby Connection, read a prepared statement for the record supporting continuance of the Healthy Start Program. ([Attachment 2](#))

Edith Felix, a recipient of the Healthy Start Program since 2017, shared her story and urged the Board to provide resources to continue the Healthy Start Program.

Regena Ellis, SEIU, read prepared statements from Shane Taylor, Social Work Chief, Division of Welfare & Support Services and Kim Amato, Baby's Bounty, both urging the Board to continue funding the Healthy Start Program. ([Attachment 3](#)) As a nurse, Ms. Ellis believes this program is important to the mothers and babies and strongly supports the program.

Adrienne Sims, one of the first graduates of the Healthy Start Program, shared her story ([Attachment 4](#)) and encouraged the Board to continue funding of the Healthy Start Program.

Audrey Staves, Founding Services Manager for Early Head Start, Sunrise Children's Foundation, asked the board to reconsider funding for the Healthy Start Program.

Lorraine Oliver, the longest standing nurse in the Healthy Start Program, reported the program has increased the number of graduates from two in 2016 to twenty-three in 2018 and on target to graduate thirty-two in 2019. Ms. Oliver shared the history of the program with the Board, noting that although the program is now unfunded, there is an almost like grant available with funding beginning in October. If this grant is not successful, Ms. Oliver asked the Board if the program could essentially do the same work, but not on the grant parameters, documenting statistics in an alternative manner in order to be prepared to submit a grant application in the next grant cycle (2024). Ms. Oliver asked the Board to consider funding for the Healthy Start Program.

Stacie Sasso, Health Services Coalition, thanked the Board for reviewing the trauma system as a whole. Ms. Sasso asked the Board to continue to look at the trauma needs assessment tool to ensure that it is comprehensive, covers the community and ensures safe growth for the trauma centers.

Maya Holmes, on behalf of the Culinary Health Fund, thanked the Board for thoroughly evaluating the trauma system and tool as their priority is ensuring that there is smart growth in the community based on real, solid data.

Brian Brundage, Nevada Highway Patrol Association, spoke on the need for more trauma centers in Las Vegas and why it is more important to keep the process going and get more trauma centers in the valley as quickly as possible. Mr. Brundage noted, with the limited number of trauma centers, sometimes it is difficult to ground transport from one end of the valley to UMC, Sunrise or Siena, depending on the level of injury. If trauma centers were spread throughout the valley, the time taken to respond would be lower, thereby saving more lives. During the 1 October incident, the trauma centers were overloaded and were unable to account for the number of actual victims. Mr. Brundage noted that although 911 technology and response times have increased, one of the weak links is the lack of available trauma centers.

Cara Evangelista, Impact, was the Chief Stewart of the SNHD Union in 2014 when the Healthy Start Program lost funding and came before the Board for funding. Ms. Evangelista stated that from the March 25, 2019 Finance Committee meeting, she learned the cost of the Healthy Start program was \$600,000. She stated she also learned at that meeting that the District would be receiving an additional one million dollars in taxes from Clark County that was not expected and there will also be a transfer of over one million dollars to the Building Fund. Ms. Evangelista believes that the nurses are asking the Board to vote yes on the agenda budget item to move \$600,000 to fund the Healthy Start Program for one year.

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

**V. ADOPTION OF THE MARCH 28, 2019 AGENDA (for possible action)**

*A motion was made by Member Stewart seconded by Member Nielson and carried unanimously to approve the March 28, 2019 Agenda as presented.*

**VI. 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:** February 28, 2019 (for possible action)
- 2. PETITION #07-19: Approval of Interlocal Agreement Between Southern Nevada Health District and Clark County Fire and Rescue Office of Emergency Management:** direct staff accordingly or take other action as deemed necessary (for possible action)

*A motion was made by Member Nielson seconded by Member Nemeec and carried unanimously to approve the Consent Agenda as amended.*

**VII. 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.

*Chair Kirkpatrick joined the meeting via teleconference at 9:34 am*

**Review/Discuss/Approve Variance Request to Permit and Install a New Individual Sewage Disposal System (ISDS) on an Undersized Lot Served by a Municipal Water Supply with a Shallow Absorption Field (APN 129-36-510-085), Joe Franco, Owner**; direct staff accordingly or take other action as deemed necessary (for possible action)

Daniel LaRubio, Environmental Health Engineer/Supervisor, presented the variance request. Staff is of the opinion that granting the variance will not be detrimental or pose a danger to public health and safety. Approval of the variance was recommended with conditions.

*A motion was made by Member Stewart seconded by Member Fiore and carried unanimously to approve the Variance Request to Permit and Install a New Individual Sewage Disposal System (ISDS) on an Undersized Lot Served by a Municipal Water Supply with a Shallow Absorption Field (APN 129-36-510-085) as presented.*

**VIII. REPORT/DISCUSSION/ACTION**

- 1. Receive Education on the Trauma Needs Assessment Tool to Determine Need for Level III Applications**; direct staff accordingly or take other action as deemed necessary (for possible action)

Dr. Iser noted the projected timeline is to bring regulations to the Board that will incorporate this tool in April and this tool and staff recommendations for approval for Level III trauma centers will likely be in June, pending Board actions.

John Hammond, Emergency Medical Services and Trauma System Manager and Chad Kingsley, Regional Trauma Coordinator, provided an overview of the Trauma Needs Assessment Tool and its components ([Attachment 5](#))

It was determined that the tool, if approved, does not need to be put into the regulations as a requirement as the regulations stipulate the need has to be demonstrated, but does not define the tool. If the tool is used as a procedure to make that determination, it does not have to be part of the regulations.

Vice Chair Black queried the Board regarding their opinions of the tool as presented.

Dr. Iser reported that Dr. Fildes wholeheartedly supports adopting the tool as presented.

Member Stewart supports moving forward with the tool and accepting as presented.

Member Nielson believes the tool is a usable source of information and accepts moving forward with the tool as presented.

Member Fiore likes the fact that it is a tool and not a rule and because of that, supports adopting the tool as presented.

Vice Chair Black believes the tool is essential to move forward with the assessment and to properly vet and review the applications.

Chair Kirkpatrick believes the tool is vague and lacks components, however if more information is provided, it could be headed in the right direction. Vice Chair Black suggested that a requirement is made that an explanation is attached to each "Yes" or "No" answer. Dr Fildes agreed that the intent of the answer should be represented with the report. As background, he explained this is part of the same approach the American College of Surgeons used to create a tool, which is hierarchical, and the first step is to determine whether there is need in the community to create new assets and build upon the existing assets in a strategic, wise manner that serves the population well. The tool will be able to show, with dots on a map, where the injured patients are and where they are going, and if clustering is seen in a certain part of the valley that is underrepresented by trauma care, it would provide information to go forward to ask all the other questions that have been brought forward. The tool is step one in the hierarchical approach to determine the spots on the map where injured patents are being picked up by EMS and delivered to trauma centers to see whether the valley is adequately covered.

*A motion was made by Member Nemec seconded by Member Stewart and carried unanimously to accept the tool as presented with the addition of the requirement to add explanation to each "Yes" or "No" answer.*

*Member Kirkpatrick left the meeting via teleconference at 10:40 and did not return*

2. **Receive Report, Discuss and Approve Recommendations from the March 25, 2019 Environmental Health Fee Committee Meeting;** Committee Members: Chair – Scott Nielson (BOH), Nicole Brisson (BOH), Brian Wursten (BOH), Katherine Jacobi (Nevada Restaurant Association), Virginia Valentine (Nevada Resort Association), Chris Darling (A Track Out Solution), Norberto Madrigal (Lunas Construction), Erica Arthur (Las Vegas Living), Brooke Egan (Lennar); direct staff accordingly or take other action as deemed necessary (**for possible action**)

Member Nielson, Chair of the Environmental Health Fee Committee, reported the recommendation for the Board is to advise that the committee has met, provided comments on

the information given by staff and has asked for additional information for review. The committee is moving forward with the process and the next meeting has been established.

*A motion was made by Member Nielson seconded by Vice Chair Black and carried unanimously to accept the recommendations of the Environmental Health Fee Committee.*

**3. Receive Report, Discuss and Approve Recommendations from the March 25, 2019**

**Finance Committee Meeting**; Committee Members: Marilyn Kirkpatrick, Frank Nemecek, Scott Nielson, Dan Stewart; direct staff accordingly or take other action as deemed necessary (***for possible action***)

Member Nielson, Chair of the Finance Committee, reported the committee met on March 25 and the recommendation was made to approve the tentative 2019/20 Budget at the full Board meeting on March 28, 2019 Board of Health meeting, to include any tax revenue budget adjustments after Clark County notifies the Health District on or before March 31, 2019.

Mr. Nielson believes there should be money and flexibility in the tentative budget to be able to allocate funds to the Healthy Start program should that be decided.

*A motion was made by Member Nielson seconded by Member Stewart and carried unanimously to accept the recommendation of the Finance Committee as presented.*

Jeffrey Share, Budget Director, Clark County, reported the county is currently working with the state to finalize the tax numbers. Although he does not have a solid number, he believes it will be approximately \$200,000 to \$300,000 more than the original number given to the Finance Committee. Mr. Share was not able to attend the District's Finance Committee meeting but noted the earlier mention of an additional one million dollars is incorrect. Final numbers should be around \$23.6M to \$23.7M and he hopes to provide District Finance staff actual numbers no later than March 29. Mr. Share added it was also mentioned earlier that this is a tentative budget, however, in accordance with NRS, the District's final budget is due to Clark County by April 1, so this is both the tentative and final budget for the District.

**IX. BOARD REPORTS**: The Southern Nevada District Board of Health members may identify and comment on Health District related issues. 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. (***Information Only***)

**X. CHO COMMENTS (OR HEALTH OFFICER & STAFF REPORTS)**

- Dr. Iser reported cases of influenza are on a downward trend, there have been fewer reported cases, hospitalizations and deaths.

**XI. INFORMATIONAL ITEMS**

1. Chief Health Officer and Administration Monthly Activity Reports
2. Clinical Services Monthly Activity Reports
3. Community Health Monthly Activity Reports
4. Environmental Health Monthly Activity Reports

**XII.**

**CLOSED SESSION – To Be Held Prior to Adjournment**

Go into closed session, pursuant to NRS 241.015(3)(b)(2), to receive information from the Health District's Attorney regarding potential or existing litigation involving a matter over which the Board has supervision, control, jurisdiction or advisory power, and to deliberate toward a decision on the matter and pursuant to NRS 288.220 for the purpose of conferring with Health District management regarding labor issues; direct staff accordingly or take other action as deemed necessary. (**For possible action**)

*Vice Chair Black closed Open Session at 10:51 a.m.*

*Member Nemec left at 11:25 a.m. and did not return  
Member Fiore left at 11:36 a.m. and did not return  
Member Nielson left at 11:34 a.m. and did not return*

*The Vice Chair resumed Open Session at 11:34 a.m. with Members Brisson and Stewart present.*

- 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.

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

**XIV. ADJOURNMENT**

The Vice Chair adjourned the meeting at 11:35 a.m.

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

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