



MINUTES

**Southern Nevada District Board of Health Meeting
October 24, 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:
(Present)** Scott Black – Chair, Mayor Pro Tempore, City of North Las Vegas
James Adams – Council Member, City of Boulder City
Nicole Brisson – At-Large Member, Regulated Business/Industry
Olivia Diaz – Council Member, City of Las Vegas (*arrived at 8:54 a.m.*)
Marilyn Kirkpatrick – Vice Chair, Commissioner, Clark County
Tick Segerblom – Commissioner, Clark County
Dan Stewart – Council Member, City of Henderson
Brian Wursten – Council Member, City of Mesquite

(Absent): Brian Knudsen – Council Member, City of Las Vegas
Frank Nemecek – At-Large Member, Physician
Scott Nielson – At-Large Member, Gaming

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

LEGAL COUNSEL: Annette Bradley, General Counsel

**EXECUTIVE
SECRETARY:** Fermin Leguen, MD, MPH, Acting Chief Health Officer

STAFF: Heather Anderson-Fintak, Tanja Baldwin, Ernest Blazzard, Michelle Cintron, Robert Fyda, Amy Hagan, Michael Johnson, Larry Rogers, Joann Rupiper, Christopher Saxton, Jennifer Sizemore, Jacqueline Wells, Leo Vega

I. CALL TO ORDER

Chair Black called the Southern Nevada District Board of Health meeting to order at 8:35 a.m.

II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

III. RECOGNITIONS

- **Environmental Health Badging**
Brianna Lucas, Environmental Health Specialist II
Ryan McGahen, Environmental Health Specialist II
Veena Ramakrishnan, Environmental Health Specialist II
Erik Sumera, Environmental Health Specialist II
Will Thompson, Environmental Health Specialist II

The Oath of Office was administered to new Deputy Health Officers by Dr. Fermin Leguen, Acting Chief Health Officer.

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.

Mr. Richard Tomasso, Advisory Board member, asked the Board to help District staff to help legal vendors. Approximately one year ago, a person came to the Advisory Board meeting regarding the illegal vending issue. Currently, the District has no recourse and there are no ordinances. He asked the Board to listen to staff before there is a major catastrophe.

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

V. ADOPTION OF THE OCTOBER 24, 2019 AGENDA (for possible action)

A motion was made by Member Kirkpatrick seconded by Member Segerblom and carried unanimously to approve the October 24, 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:** September 26, 2019 *(for possible action)*
2. **PETITION #06-20: Approval of Interlocal Contract Between Southern Nevada Health District and the City of North Las Vegas to Provide Services to Support the Racial and Ethnic Approaches to Community Health (REACH) Grant:** direct staff accordingly or take other action as deemed necessary *(for possible action)*
3. **PETITION #14-20 Approval of Amendment to Interlocal Agreement between Clark County; Clark County Water Reclamation District; University Medical Center of Southern Nevada; the Las Vegas Convention and Visitors Authority; the Las Vegas Valley Water District; Clark County Regional Flood Control District; the Regional Transportation Commission of Southern Nevada; the Southern Nevada Health District; Henderson District Public Libraries, Mount Charleston Fire Protection District and the Las Vegas Metropolitan Police Department Adopting the Amended Self-Funded Health Benefits Plan, Effective January 1, 2020;** direct staff accordingly or take other action as deemed necessary *(for possible action)*
4. **PETITION #15-20 Approval of Group Enrollment to Interlocal Agreement between Clark County; Clark County Water Reclamation District; University Medical Center of Southern Nevada; the Las Vegas Convention and Visitors Authority; the Las Vegas Valley Water District; Clark County Regional Flood Control District; the Regional Transportation Commission of Southern Nevada; the Southern Nevada Health District; Henderson District Public Libraries, Mount Charleston Fire Protection District and the Las Vegas Metropolitan Police Department for Establishing New Rates to Renew Health Plan of Nevada Group Benefits Plan, Effective January 1, 2020;** direct staff accordingly or take other action as deemed necessary *(for possible action)*
5. **PETITION #16-20 Approval of Interlocal Agreement Between Clark County and Southern Nevada Health District Vital Records to Purchase Birth and Death Certificates;** direct staff accordingly or take other action as deemed necessary *(for possible action)*

A motion was made by Member Stewart seconded by Member Segerblom and carried unanimously to approve the October 24, 2019 Consent Agenda as presented.

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.

1. **Variance Request for an Existing Septic System, SNHD Permit #: ON0031210, Located at 6075 Starlight Dr, Las Vegas, NV to: 1) Remain Installed Under an Unpaved Driveway; and 2) Allow the Existing Trees to Encroach on the Septic System**; direct staff accordingly or take other action as deemed necessary (*for possible action*)

Robert Fyda, Environmental Health Supervisor, presented the variance request to obtain the approval for a Tenant Improvement in accordance with Section 3 of the *Southern Nevada District Board of Health Regulations Governing Individual Sewage Disposal Systems and Liquid Waste Management* and to allow future building permits to be issued for the existing septic system. Mr. Fyda was accompanied by Mr. Brian Nelson, petitioner. Variance item #1 is regarding the presence of a circular driveway over the existing leach field. Variance item #2 is regarding the presence of trees within 10 feet of the septic system. Staff recommends denial of variance item #1 which would allow the existing driveway to remain. Denial is recommended due to the potential groundwater impact on local domestic wells and other wells downstream which poses greater public health consequences. Staff recommends approval of variance item #2 that allows the existing trees to remain since their presence is not detrimental to the public health.

Chair Black opened Public Comment.

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

For the record, Vice Chair Kirkpatrick recommended removal of the tree to prevent future septic system issues.

A motion was made by Member Kirkpatrick seconded by Member Segerblom and carried unanimously to approve the Variance Request for an Existing Septic System, SNHD Permit #: ON0031210, Located at 6075 Starlight Dr, Las Vegas, NV to: 1) Remain Installed Under an Unpaved Driveway; and 2) Allow the Existing Trees to Encroach on the Septic System, as recommended by staff, amending it to give the owner a one-year time frame to landscape front driveway.

VIII. REPORT / DISCUSSION / ACTION

1. **Review/Discuss and Approve 2020 Board of Health Meeting Schedule**; direct staff accordingly or take other action as deemed necessary (*for possible action*)

Member Adams asked the Board to consider moving the meeting start time from 8:30 a.m. to 9:00 a.m.

A motion was made by Chair Black seconded by Member Adams and carried unanimously to approve the 2020 Board of Health Meeting Schedule as presented, amending the start time to 9:00 a.m.

2. **Receive Report and Discuss Mobile Vending Quality Improvement Efforts**; direct staff accordingly or take other action as deemed necessary (*for possible action*)
Tanja Baldwin, REHS, Environmental Health Supervisor, and Larry Rogers, Environmental Health Manager, both with Food Operations, presented "Mobile Vending & Illegal Vending Quality Improvement Efforts". ([Attachment 1](#))

There was no action taken on this item.

3. **Receive Report and Accept Recommendation from the October 14, 2019 Advisory Board Meeting**; direct staff accordingly or take other action as deemed necessary (*for possible action*)

The Public Health Advisory Board met on October 14, 2019. After discussion regarding illegal vending, a motion was made to recommend that the Board pursue efforts in support of legislation to expand the illegal vending program and allocate adequate funding.

There was no action taken on this item.

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***)

Member Segerblom asked for an update on the recent gastrointestinal outbreak at Rex Bell Elementary School. Dr. Leguen ensured him that the District was involved and currently the origin is unknown. A full report will be provided to Member Segerblom by Dr. Leguen.

Chair Black reported accompanying Ms. Baldwin on a restaurant opening in North Las Vegas, and it was a phenomenal, eye-opening experience. He encouraged the Board members to take advantage and go for a "ride along" as time permits.

X. **HEALTH OFFICER & STAFF REPORTS (Information Only)**

- CHO Comments
 - Dr. Leguen reported flu season started a few weeks ago and encouraged the community and Board to get immunized.
 - Regarding e-cigarettes/vaping, there have been more than 1,000 injury cases reported nationally, with 400 within the community. The District is working closely with the hospitals and following these investigations.
 - The Hepatitis A Outbreak is waning. The number of cases has decreased to less than four in the last two to four weeks and the District is getting close to being able to declare the end of the outbreak.
 - Mosquito surveillance has ceased as the season ended about two weeks ago.
 - Dr. Michael Johnson, Director of Community Health, presented an update on the Community Health Improvement Plan (CHIP), which also included an update on the vaping/lung disease investigation (**Attachment 2**)
 - Chad Kingsley, Regional Trauma Coordinator and John Hammond, EMS & Trauma System Manager, informed the Board that the Nevada Department of Health and Human Services has released the first draft of the Trauma Regulations via email for review which included a survey for suggestions to those regulations that must be completed by October 31. This is the beginning process, workshops will follow, and the approval process could take six months to a year. Once ratified, the regulations be brought forward to the Board. Mr. Kingsley will send the link to Board members for review. Also, the Regional Trauma Advisory Board has unanimously approved the 2018 Trauma Needs Assessment position and when ready, the District will bring to the Board for review. In addition, Mr. Hammond added they are in the process of editing the Emergency Medical System Regulations and will be going through the workshops in the near future. He expects the regulations to reach the Board in January 2020.

XI. **INFORMATIONAL ITEMS**

1. Administration Monthly Activity Report
2. Clinical Services Monthly Activity Report
3. Community Health Monthly Activity Report
4. Environmental Health Monthly Activity Report

XII. **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.

Mr. Richard Tomasso, Advisory Board Member, noted there is no incentive for illegal vendors to get licensed as there are currently no penalties as an illegal vendor. Until there are penalties and ordinances in place, there will continue to be illegal vendors.

XIII. ADJOURNMENT

The Chair adjourned the meeting at 10:12 a.m.

Fermin Leguen, MD, MPH
Acting Chief Health Officer/Executive Secretary

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