



## MINUTES

### SOUTHERN NEVADA DISTRICT BOARD OF HEALTH PUBLIC HEALTH ADVISORY BOARD MEETING

April 8, 2024 – 8:30 A.M.

Meeting was conducted via Webex Event

- MEMBERS PRESENT:** Francisco Sy – Chair, Environmental Health (*via WebEx*)  
Kenneth Osgood – Vice-Chair, Physician (*via WebEx*)  
Ronald Kline – Member, City of North Las Vegas (*via WebEx*)  
Paul Klouse – Member, City of Boulder City (*via WebEx*)  
Holly Lyman – Member, City of Henderson (*via WebEx*)  
Reimund Serafica – Member, Nurse (*via WebEx*)  
Jennifer Young – Member, City of Las Vegas (*via WebEx*)
- ABSENT:** N/A
- ALSO PRESENT:** Linda Anderson, Jonathan Cisowski, Lisa Rogge  
(In Audience)
- LEGAL COUNSEL:** Edward Wynder, Associate General Counsel
- EXECUTIVE SECRETARY:** Fermin Leguen, MD, MPH, District Health Officer
- STAFF:** Emily Anelli, Tawana Bellamy, Daniel Burns, Victoria Burris, Andria Cordovez Mulet, April Cruda, Susan Crutchfield, Rebecca Cruz-Nañez, Carmen Hua, Jessica Johnson, Horng-Yuan Kan, Sarah Lugo, Chris Elaine Mariano, Brian Northam, Kyle Parkson, Shannon Pickering, Larry Rogers, Kim Saner, Jennifer Sizemore, Randy Smith, Rebecca Topol, Greg Tordjman, Renee Trujillo, Donnie Whitaker, Lourdes Yapjoco

#### I. CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL

Vice-Chair Osgood called the Public Health Advisory Board meeting to order at 8:36 a.m. Andria Cordovez Mulet, Executive Assistant, administered the roll call and confirmed a quorum was present. Ms. Cordovez Mulet provided clear and complete instructions for members of the general public to call in to the meeting to provide public comment, including a telephone number and access code.

#### II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

- III. **FIRST 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 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 Chair or the Board by majority vote.

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

**IV. ADOPTION OF THE APRIL 8, 2024 MEETING AGENDA** *(for possible action)*

*A motion was made by Member Klouse, seconded by Member Serafica, and carried unanimously to approve the April 8, 2024 Agenda, as presented.*

**V. CONSENT AGENDA:** Items for action to be considered by the Southern Nevada District Board of Health 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/PUBLIC HEALTH ADVISORY BOARD MEETING:** January 8, 2024 *(for possible action)*

*A motion was made by Member Klouse, seconded by Member Kline, and carried unanimously to approve the April 8, 2024 Consent Agenda, as presented.*

**VI. REPORT / DISCUSSION / ACTION**

**1. Update on Mental Health, including substance use and suicide rates;** direct staff accordingly or take other action as deemed necessary *(for possible action)*

Rebecca Cruz-Nañez, Senior Health Educator, provided an update on mental health, including substance use and suicide rates.

*Chair Sy joined the meeting at 8:46 a.m.*

Further to an inquiry from Member Osgood, Ms. Cruz-Nañez advised that there was a decrease in funding but efforts on prevention were at the forefront, and that the Health District worked with the PACT Coalition, the Office of Suicide Prevention, and other community partners.

Member Lyman inquired how community partners could further assist. Ms. Cruz-Nañez advised that the Health District continued to work with all community partners to ensure that everyone was working towards the same goal, without replicating efforts.

Jessica Johnson, Health Education Supervisor, added that there were multiple opportunities to expand efforts. Ms. Johnson added that the Narcan and Naloxone distribution had been a success as additional funds were received from the state to allow the Health District to purchase an additional supply to share with community partners.

- 2. Update on Teen Pregnancy;** direct staff accordingly or take other action as deemed necessary *(for possible action)*

Rebecca Topol, Epidemiology Supervisor, and Susan Crutchfield, Community Health Nurse Manager, presented.

Member Lyman inquired as to the capacity of the Nurse Family Partnership program. Ms. Crutchfield advised that the program could accommodate 200 individuals and was not at capacity.

Further to an inquiry from Member Osgood, Ms. Crutchfield advised that referrals were mainly from community partners. Further, a QR code was created that allowed individuals to self-refer.

- 3. Update on COVID-19 Vaccine Campaign;** direct staff accordingly or take other action as deemed necessary *(for possible action)*

Dr. Chris Elaine Mariano, Community Health Nurse Supervisor, presented an update on Respiratory Syncytial Virus (RSV).

Sarah Hall-Lugo, Community Health Nurse Supervisor, presented an update on COVID-19 Vaccinations.

Member Osgood suggested a collaboration with the Catholic Charities as they deliver home meals to over 5,000 individuals daily. Ms. Hall-Lugo advised that the Health District coordinated with Meals on Wheels and would make a note to follow-up with them further to the new recommendations for individuals over 65 years of age.

Jennifer Sizemore, Chief Communications Officer, presented on the COVID-19 Arm-in-Arm media campaign.

- VII. BOARD RECORDS:** The Southern Nevada District Board of Health Public Health Advisory Board 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 Public Health Advisory Board unless that subject is on the agenda and scheduled for action. ***(Information Only)***

Member Serafica requested an update on unpermitted food vendors.

The Chair requested an update on Tuberculosis and Congenital Syphilis.

## VIII. HEALTH OFFICER & STAFF REPORTS *(Information Only)*

- DHO Comments

Dr. Leguen advised that, as part of Public Health Week, the Health District hosted a State of Public Health and Legislative Advocacy event. Health District staff members provided a comprehensive presentation about Congenital Syphilis. Also, Health District staff members and partners also participated in a presentation and panel discussion about the Overdose Burden in Clark County. The event was very successful.

*Member Serafica left the meeting at 10:03 a.m. and did not return.*

Dr. Leguen further advised that March 24<sup>th</sup> was recognized as World TB Day. As Clark County had experienced several cases of TB in recent months in the school system, Dr. Leguen noted an almost 50% increase from the previous year. Dr. Leguen advised that the Health District had spent over \$200,000 on the recent investigations.

- IX. **SECOND 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. Comments will be limited to five (5) minutes per speaker. If any member of the Board wishes to extend the length of a presentation, this may be done by the Chair or the Board by majority vote.

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

## X. ADJOURNMENT

The Chair adjourned the meeting at 10:06 a.m.

Fermin Leguen, MD, MPH  
District Health Officer/Executive Secretary

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