



MINUTES

SOUTHERN NEVADA DISTRICT BOARD OF HEALTH MEETING

February 27, 2025 – 9:00 a.m.

Meeting was conducted In-person and via Microsoft Teams

Southern Nevada Health District, 280 S. Decatur Boulevard, Las Vegas, NV 89107

Red Rock Trail Rooms A and B

- MEMBERS PRESENT:** Marilyn Kirkpatrick, Chair – Commissioner, Clark County (*in-person*)
Scott Nielson, Vice-Chair – At-Large Member, Gaming (*in-person*)
Nancy Brune, Secretary – Council Member, City of Las Vegas (*via Teams*)
Scott Black – Mayor Pro Tem, City of North Las Vegas (*via Teams*)
Bobbette Bond – At-Large Member, Regulated Business/Industry (*in-person*)
Pattie Gallo – Mayor Pro Tem, City of Mesquite (*via Teams*)
Joseph Hardy – Mayor, City of Boulder City (*in-person*)
Monica Larson – Council Member, City of Henderson (*in-person*)
Frank Nemeč – At-Large Member, Physician (*in-person*)
Shondra Summers-Armstrong – Council Member, City of Las Vegas (*in-person*)
- ABSENT:** Tick Segerblom – Commissioner, Clark County
- ALSO PRESENT:** Linda Anderson, Toluwanimi Babarinde, Christopher Boyd, Christy Brasher,
(In Audience) Kathryn Kraft, Danny McGinnis, Bradley Mayer, Adriana Saenz, John Sawdon,
Martin Strganac
- LEGAL COUNSEL:** Heather Anderson-Fintak, General Counsel
- EXECUTIVE SECRETARY:** Cassius Lockett, PhD, District Health Officer
- STAFF:** Elizabeth Adelman, Adriana Alvarez, Emily Anelli, Maria Azzarelli, Tawana Bellamy, Nicole Bungum, Daniel Burns, Nikki Burns-Savage, Victoria Burris, Donna Buss, Joe Cabanban, Leslie Carpenter, Robin Carter, Andria Cordovez Mulet, Rebecca Cruz-Nanez, Corey Cunnington, Cherie Custodio, Gerard Custodio, Aaron DelCotto, Brandon Delise, Lisa Falkner, Gimmeko Fisher-Armstrong, Kimberly Franich, Ruby Garcia, Sarah George, Cheri Gould, Jacques Graham, Heather Hanoff, Amineh Harvey, Richard Hazeltine, Carmen Hua, Dan Isler, Danielle Jamerson, Jessica Johnson, Horng-Yuan Kan, Matthew Kappel, Theresa Ladd, Heidi Laird, Dann Limuel Lat, Josie Llorico, Sandy Lockett, Anilkumar Mangla, Jonas Maratita, Chris Elaine Mariano, Blanca Martinez, Eric Matesen, Bernadette Meily, Kimberly Monahan, Samantha Morales, Christian Murua, Semilla Neal, Todd Nicolson, Brian Northam, Verallynn Orewyler, Kyle Parkson, Luann Province, Katarina Pulver, Emma Rodriguez, Larry Rogers, Alexis Romero, Kim Saner, Chris Saxton, Dave Sheehan, Karla Shoup, Jennifer, Sizemore, Randy Smith, Betty Souza-Lui, Angel Stachnik, Bruno Stephani, Amy Stines, Rosanne Sugay, Will Thompson, Rebecca Topol, Danielle Torres, Shylo Urzi, Jorge Viote, Donnie Whitaker, Tiana Wright, Edward Wynder, Lourdes Yapjoco, Merylyn Yegon, Lei Zhang

I. CALL TO ORDER and ROLL CALL

The Chair called the Southern Nevada District Board of Health Meeting to order at 9:00 a.m. Andria Cordovez Mulet, Executive Assistant, administered the roll call and confirmed quorum. 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. OATH OF OFFICE

Ms. Cordovez Mulet administered the Oath of Office to Member Larson and Member Summers-Armstrong.

Chair Kirkpatrick welcomed the new members. Member Larson and Member Summers-Armstrong each outlined their brief biographies.

IV. RECOGNITIONS

1. Brandon Delise, Danielle Jamerson, Maria Cristina Servando, Angel Stachnik

- Certification in Infection Control – Scholarship through the National Association of County and City Health Officials (NACCHO)

The Chair recognized Brandon Delise, Danielle Jamerson, Maria Cristina Servando, and Angel Stachnik for receiving their Certification in Infection Control. For the last 2 years, SNHD was awarded a scholarship through NACCHO to support training for certifications in infection control. The COVID-19 pandemic revealed critical needs and areas to improve infection control in both healthcare and community settings and the scholarships were to increase the capacity of local health departments in infection prevention and control. Certification in Infection Control is a great accomplishment and in line with the NACCHO recommendations to improve infection control and increase local health department's capacity. On behalf of the Southern Nevada Health District and District Board of Health, the Chair congratulated staff on this recognition.

2. Southern Nevada Health District – February Employees of the Month

- Leslie Carpenter and Sandi Saito

The Chair recognized the February Employees of the Month. The Health District, and the Board of Health, recognized those employees that went above and beyond for the Health District and our community and that best represented the Health District's C.A.R.E.S. Values. On behalf of the Board of Health, the Chair congratulated these exceptional employees.

Chair Kirkpatrick expressed her pride in the Health District, which took a lot of work by the Board, leadership and staff. Chair Kirkpatrick advised that the Health District was well respected in the community and the Board had gone above and beyond to ensure that happened. Chair Kirkpatrick advised that, at times, the Board had to make both hard and positive decisions but ultimately the Board's priority was to ensure that the community had access to care and that the Health District

employees received the recognition that they deserved. Chair Kirkpatrick advised that all Board members were committed to staying on the Board to ensure that the Health District continued in a positive way. Chair Kirkpatrick noted that hard decisions were made at the last meeting, however all members remained respectful and avoided heated exchanges, as in the past.

Chair Kirkpatrick noted that this was Dr. Lockett's first official meeting as the District Health Officer. Chair Kirkpatrick noted that staff held an event to recognize Dr. Leguen's tenure at the Health District and the Board members in attendance presented Dr. Leguen with a parting gift. Chair Kirkpatrick indicated that the District Health Officer succession plan was successful and she was excited to see the next direction of the Health District.

Chair Kirkpatrick, for the benefit of the new members, advised that the Consent Agenda was predominantly routine items, such as interlocal agreements. Further, Chair Kirkpatrick advised that, previously, presentations were provided at each Board meeting for the reports under Informational Items, following which, the Board had requested that the reports would only be provided as informational.

- V. 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 Chair closed the First Public Comment period.

VI. ADOPTION OF THE FEBRUARY 27, 2025 MEETING AGENDA *(for possible action)*

A motion was made by Member Nielson, seconded by Member Hardy, and carried unanimously to approve the February 27, 2025 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:** January 23, 2025 *(for possible action)*
- 2. PETITION #21-25: Approval of the Master Supply Agreement for the purchase of a LIAISON XL – Analyzer from Diasorin;** direct staff accordingly or take other action as deemed necessary *(for possible action)*
- 3. PETITION #22-25: Approval of the Interlocal Agreement between the Southern Nevada Health District and the Regional Transportation Commission of Southern Nevada to increase the number of bike share docks and expand access to the bike share network;** direct staff accordingly or take other action as deemed necessary *(for possible action)*

4. **PETITION #23-25: Approval of Intrastate Interlocal Contract between the Southern Nevada Health District, State of Nevada, Department of Conservation, and Natural Resources regarding underground storage tank facilities;** direct staff accordingly or take other action as deemed necessary *(for possible action)*
5. **PETITION #24-25: Approval of the Interlocal Agreement between the Southern Nevada Health District and the Clark County Office of the Coroner/Medical Examiner (CCCOME) to collaborate on the collection of violent death data into the National Violent Death Reporting Systems (NVDRS);** direct staff accordingly or take other action as deemed necessary *(for possible action)*
6. **PETITION #25-25: Approval of the Interlocal Agreement between the Southern Nevada Health District and the Clark County Office of the Coroner/Medical Examiner (CCCOME) to collaborate on the abstraction of drug overdose data for entry into the State Unintentional Drug Overdose Reporting System (SUDORS);** direct staff accordingly or take other action as deemed necessary *(for possible action)*
7. **PETITION #26-25: Approval of the Interlocal Contract between the Southern Nevada Health District and the Clark County School District (CCSD) to provide services to support the CCSD's Safe Routes to School Program;** direct staff accordingly or take other action as deemed necessary *(for possible action)*

A motion was made by Member Nielson, seconded by Member Black, and carried unanimously to approve the February 27, 2025 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.

1. **MEMORANDUM #04-25: Waiver request to temporarily store waste collected from street sweepers outside of a waste storage bin, as part of a new Solid Waste Storage Bin Facility Permit to Operate application for Nevada Department of Transportation (NDOT), located at 123 East Washington Avenue, Las Vegas, NV 89101;** direct staff accordingly or take other action as deemed necessary. *(for possible action)*

Dan Burns, Environmental Health Manager, presented a request from the Nevada Department of Transportation to waive a portion of Chapter 3-8 of the Southern Nevada Health District Solid Waste Management Authority Regulations, related to the emptying of street sweepers. Mr. Burns advised that the staff recommend approval of the request with conditions. Martin Strganac, District Engineer from NDOT, was also in attendance.

Further to an inquiry from Member Nielson, Mr. Burns advised that the system would be permanent and that the reference to "temporary" was regarding storing the waste temporarily in the storage bins. Mr. Burns clarified that the street sweepers would empty their containers

into bins in a specific portion of the facility that contained waste, the contents would dry out and then transported for final disposal.

Further to an inquiry from Member Summers-Armstrong, Mr. Burns advised that there were residential houses to the west of the facility and the storage bins would only contain street sweeper debris.

Member Hardy state that if there were no street sweepers then the debris would simply remain in the street, which would be in improvement in the health and welfare of the streets.

Mr. Strganac confirmed the location of the facility. Further Mr. Strganac advised that water used by the street sweepers assists in picking up the debris. Therefore, the debris would be wet and would need to dry overnight before it was transported for final disposal. Mr. Strganac confirmed that there was nothing in the debris that was chemically harmful.

The Chair opened for Public Comment.

Seeing no one, the Chair closed the Public Comment.

A motion was made by Member Summers-Armstrong, seconded by Member Nielson, and carried unanimously to approve the Solid Waste Storage Bin Facility Permit to Operate application, including a waiver request, for Nevada Department of Transportation (NDOT), located at 123 East Washington Avenue, Las Vegas, NV 89101, with the following conditions:

- 1. This Facility receives District Board of Health approval, for a waiver of the SWMA Regulations, Chapter 3-8.01, subsection (B)(1) to allow processing of solid waste.*
- 2. This Facility receives District Board of Health approval, for a waiver of the SWMA Regulations, Chapter 3-8.01, subsection (B)(2) to allow transferring solid waste from container to container.*
- 3. This Facility receives District Board of Health approval, for a waiver of the SWMA Regulations, Chapter 3-8.01, subsection (B)(4) to allow the storage of solid waste outside of waste storage bins, trucks and/or trailers.*
- 4. This Facility has passed a final permitting inspection.*

2. Variance Request for an existing septic system located at 4130 and 4140 W. Dewey Dr., Las Vegas, NV 89118 to remain split across two parcels; direct staff accordingly or take other action as deemed necessary (for possible action)

Daniel Isler, Environmental Health Engineer Supervisor, presented the variance request for an existing septic system located at 4130 and 4140 W. Dewey Dr., Las Vegas, NV 89118 to remain split across two parcels. Mr. Isler advised that both parts of the building were occupied by the same tenant and both parcels have the same owner. Mr. Isler advised that the staff recommended denial of the variance request due to the proximity to the Clark County Water Reclamation District (CCWRD), which is directly in front of the property. The petitioner has initiated the permitting process for sewer connection, but required additional time to complete the process. Mr. Isler advised that the owner is under time pressure due to a government contract that needs to be commenced. Mr. Isler advised that if the Board of Health approved the variance request, then staff would recommend a condition that the owner complete connection of the building to the sewer within one year.

Member Black left the meeting at 9:35 a.m. and did not return.

Further to an inquiry from Member Nemeec, Mr. Isler advised that according to CCWRD the processing time for sewer connection was estimated at 10 weeks. Mr. Isler further confirmed that 12 months was a realistic timeframe to connect to the sewer.

John Sawdon, principal and architect at Knit, represented the owner and petitioner. Mr. Sawdon confirmed that the petitioner was not opposed to connecting to the sewer, but reiterated the time constraint. Mr. Sawdon advised that the petition had a contract with the Department of Defense to produce shell casings. Mr. Sawdon advised that the public works process was difficult and could not be completed within 10 weeks. Mr. Sawdon advised that they were finishing construction in the building and would be functional within the next 30-45 days, at which point they would be proceeding with the drawings for the sewer connection and go through the public works process. Mr. Sawdon thought that one year was a reasonable timeframe to accomplish the sewer connection and requested that the one-year timing commence at the date of the Certificate of Occupancy and not the date of the Board's approval.

Chair Kirkpatrick advised that she would not support the time to start at the Certificate of Occupancy, but committed to work with Mr. Sawdon through the public works process. Mr. Sawdon agreed to the one-year timing would start on the date of the Board's approval and committed to return before the Board upon completion of the sewer connection.

The Chair opened for Public Comment.

Seeing no one, the Chair closed the Public Comment.

Chair Kirkpatrick reiterated her proposal that if the Board approved the variance request, the petitioners would have to advise the Board upon completion of the sewer connection. As mentioned by Mr. Sawdon, the petitioner had a government contract with time constraints and required additional time to complete the process to connect to the sewer.

Further to earlier questions, Mr. Sawdon confirmed that there would be between 5-7 employees in the facility, with one side of the building for the manufacturing component and the other side of the building for storage of the manufactured casings. Mr. Sawdon advised that there were two existing restrooms.

Further to an inquiry from Member Bond, Mr. Sawdon advised that they were not aware of the buildings being connected to a septic system until the facility was underway and the commitment was already made to start production. Mr. Sawdon advised that the issue was that the petitioner needs to start producing the casings, and as they have to follow the process of bids, construction, etc. for the sewer connection, they are asking for some time to connect to the sewer system so they can get into production of the committed products. Mr. Sawdon confirmed that they were not opposed to connecting to the sewer, but that they were under a time constraint to start production around April 1st.

Member Nielson disclosed that he knew an Ernie Moody that was involved in the gaming industry, but it could not be confirmed that it was the same individual as the petitioner. Member Nielson confirmed that he did not have any business interest with him and there was not a relationship that would impact him being unbiased on this issue. Member Nielson advised that he did not wish to disrupt the government contract with the petitioner, but

wanted to ensure that if the variance request was granted, the building would be connected to the sewer system within one year.

Further to an inquiry from Member Nemeck, Mr. Sawdon advised that only potable water was disposed of in the septic system.

Further to an inquiry from Member Summers-Armstrong, Mr. Isler advised that the general recourse for non-compliance would be through other agencies, such as the building department and business license. Further to Mr. Sawdon confirming that it was a local business that would be producing the shell casings, Member Summers-Armstrong advised that she did not want to hinder a local business that would be providing jobs, but reiterated that the Board would need commitment of the sewer connection.

Chair Kirkpatrick advised that she would agree to approve the variance request with the conditions to connect to the sewer within one year, provide confirmation of connection, and if connection is not completed within one year then the Health District would work with the appropriate agencies to revoke the Certificate of Occupancy and Business License. Mr. Sawdon confirmed that he would appear before the Board upon completion of the sewer connection. Chair Kirkpatrick advised that she would be agreeable to staff providing written quarterly administrative updates on the process.

After discussion, the following motion was made:

A motion was made by Chair Kirkpatrick, seconded by Member Hardy, and carried unanimously to approve the Variance Request for an existing septic system located at 4130 and 4140 W. Dewey Dr., Las Vegas, NV 89118 with the following conditions:

- 1. Petitioner and its successor(s) in interest shall discontinue use of the ISDS, connect structure it serves to the CCWRD community sewage system, and abandon or remove the ISDS in accordance with SNHD ISDS Regulations within one year of variance approval.*
- 2. Petitioner and its successor(s) will abide by the operation and maintenance requirements of the most current SNHD Regulations governing individual sewage disposal systems.*
- 3. Staff to provide the Board of Health with quarterly administrative updates on the sewer connection.*
- 4. Petitioner and/or staff to advise the Board of Health once the sewer connection is completed.*
- 5. If the sewer connection is not completed within one year of approval, the Health District will work with the appropriate agencies for possible action regarding the Petitioner's Certificate of Occupancy and/or Business License.*

IX. REPORT / DISCUSSION / ACTION

There were no items heard.

- X. 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 Nemec praised Dr. Lockett for his leadership and was impressed with the staff obtaining their Certification of Infection Control. Member Nemec advised that he previously was a member of the certification board for three years and contributed to the exam questions. Member Nemec advised that the exam was very comprehensive and was extremely difficult. Dr. Lockett thanked Member Nemec and advised that staff volunteered to go through the process of certification.

Member Nielson advised that he attended the groundbreaking ceremony for the Southern Nevada Public Health Lab (SNPHL) expansion and congratulated staff on a successful event.

Chair Kirkpatrick requested a special meeting within the next week to discuss potential litigation.

Chair Kirkpatrick advised the new members that Board meetings are normally from 9:00-11:45 a.m. Chair Kirkpatrick encouraged the new members to participate in agenda review calls with Dr. Lockett in advance of the Board meeting.

Due to the upcoming pool season, Chair Kirkpatrick requested an update on lifeguards.

Chair Kirkpatrick recognized Nicole Bungum, Health Education Supervisor in the Office of Chronic Disease Prevention and Health Promotion, for the partnership with Obodo Greengrocer, which was a new grocery store on the westside of the town, offering fresh, local fruits, and vegetables. This area of town is a food desert, so this is an important community addition.

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

- DHO Comments

In addition to the written report, Dr. Cassius Lockett advised of the groundbreaking ceremony for the expansion of the SNPHL. Dr. Lockett advised that the expansion would enhance regional capabilities and capacity to improve the Health District's response time to emerging threats in the community. Dr. Lockett advised that many dignitaries were in attendance including Congresswoman Susie Lee, Member Nielson, Member Black, Member Larson, and representatives of Senator Cortez-Masto, Senator Jacky Rosen and Member Summers-Armstrong. Dr. Lockett advised that attendees were also provided with an opportunity to tour the existing SNPHL. Dr. Lockett thanked all those that were in attendance and recognized the financial contributions from the county and cities.

Dr. Lockett advised that Health District staff was monitoring the current bird flu situation and noted that there were approximately 70 cases in the country, with the majority of exposure was from dairy cattle. Dr. Lockett noted that in Churchill County there was a person working on a dairy farm that was exposed.

Dr. Lockett noted that with the height of the flu season, it was not too late for individuals to receive the flu vaccine. Dr. Lockett advised that the majority of the community being impacted by the flu were over the age of 65.

Dr. Lockett introduced Dr. Robin Carter as the new Medical Director for the Southern Nevada Community Health Center and the new Chief Medical Officer for the Southern Nevada Health District. Dr. Carter advised that she was family medicine trained and has been practicing for approximately 30 years, all over the country and in rural areas. Dr. Carter has also practiced in military medicine.

Chair Kirkpatrick expressed concern regarding measles cases reported in Texas and inquired whether there were any cases in our community. Dr. Lockett advised that measles was eliminated in the US in the year 2000 and the reports from Texas were unusual. Dr. Lockett advised that the last time there was a case in Clark County was in 2018, which had a history of travel. Dr. Lockett had requested that staff start working on the community vaccination rates in anticipation of providing an overview of vaccination rates at the next Board meeting. Dr. Lockett advised that the MMR (measles, mumps, and rubella) vaccine was efficacious, with one dose having 93% efficacy and two doses having 97% efficacy. Dr. Lockett advised that measles was the most infectious germ in the world and anticipated seeing more reported cases.

Chair Kirkpatrick further requested information on immunization schedules that could be shared with their constituents.

- Legislative Update

Emma Rodriguez, Communications & Legislative Affairs Administrator, and Bradley Mayer, Argentum Partners, provided an update on the current legislative session.

Ms. Rodriguez raised Public Health Improvement Funding and advised that \$15 million was included in the governor's recommended budget and advised that state staff confirmed that the funding would be distributed based on a per capita and non-categorical funding.

Ms. Rodriguez outlined the four bills that had hearings recently:

- AB76 – Revises provisions related to cannabis. (Cannabis Consumption Lounges/NV Clean Indoor Air Act)
- AB104 – Revises provisions relating to water. (Water Rights)
- SB24 – Provides for the certification and regulation of emergency medical responders. (Emergency Medical Responders)
- SB43 – Revises provisions relating to environmental protection. (Solid Waste and Water)

Ms. Rodriguez outlined the following bills that were being monitored:

- AB50 – Revises provisions relating to victims of a mass casualty event. (Mass Casualty Database)
- AB102 – Revises provisions relating to emergency medical services. (Emergency Medical Services)
- AB208 – Restricts the use of certain products by governmental entities and government-funded entities. (Patented Products Usage)
- AB244 - Enacts prohibitions relating to the use of disposable foodware containers containing polystyrene foam by certain food establishments. (Polystyrene Ban)
- SB78 - Revises provisions relating to boards, commissions, councils and similar bodies. (Board Consolidation)

Member Brune left the meeting at 10:23 and did not return.

Further to inquiries from Chair Kirkpatrick, Brian Northam, Environmental Health Manager, advised that he was the chair of the Registered Environmental Health Specialists (REHS)

board and at their last meeting, they reviewed the proposed amendment to SB78. Mr. Northam advised that the bill would cause the REHS board to be consolidated into a board with engineers, architects and land surveyors. Mr. Northam advised that that the proposed consolidated board would have two REHS (one from Clark County and one from Washoe County), a member appointed by the state health officer, up to 3 engineers, 2 architects, and 1 land surveyor. Mr. Northam advised that the board's main priority was to maintain the list and educational requirements of those licenses, address any disciplinary matters or conflicts of interest, and investigate complaints. Mr. Northam advised that the concern was that the REHS members, which are largely representative of governmental staff, would be outweighed by the private industry. The members appointed to the REHS board currently had two members of the public; however, the proposed consolidated board would not have any members of the public.

Member Nemeč left the meeting at 10:31 a.m.

Mr. Mayer advised that there was a cottage food bill being introduced.

Mr. Mayer advised of proposed amendments to the food vendor bill from the last session, that included requirements to inspect home kitchens and requirements of hand-washing. Member Summers-Armstrong requested continued updates on the food vendor bill amendments from the last session.

*Member Nemeč returned to the meeting at 10:34 a.m.
Member Bond left the meeting at 10:34 and did not return.*

Further to an inquiry from Chair Kirkpatrick, Mr. Mayer advised that the current handwashing requirement was to be conducted on the food cart; however, the proposed revision would require the use of any handwashing station that was near by, as opposed to on the cart.

Ms. Rodriguez advised the Board of the Health District's capabilities to submit fiscal notes. The Health District received 19 requests from LCB, with 18 submitted as no impact and one submitted that could not be determined.

Further to an inquiry from Member Gallo, Chris Saxton, Director of Environmental Health, advised that the addition of home kitchen inspections would require additional inspectors. Mr. Saxton advised that the current regulations did not allow food prepared for public consumption to be prepared in home kitchens.

Chair Kirkpatrick advised that she, Senator Doñate, Assemblywoman Cinthia Moore and Health District staff met with food truck vendors to hear their concerns.

XII. INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

1. Administration Division Monthly Activity Report
2. Community Health Division Monthly Activity Report
3. Community Health Center (FQHC) Division Monthly Report
4. Disease Surveillance and Control Division Monthly Activity Report
5. Environmental Health Division Monthly Activity Report
6. Public Health & Preventive Care Division Monthly Activity Report

XIII. 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.

Cara Evangelista advised that she had previously been a health inspector at the Health District and now worked with industry on environmental health activities. Ms. Evangelista wanted to address the concerns regarding the REHS board. Ms. Evangelista advised that she and her business partner hold REHS licenses. Ms. Evangelista advised that she had dealt with the REHS board and its executive director, who had always been responsive to issues. Ms. Evangelista was concerned with moving the oversight of REHS licenses to a board that was predominantly comprised of private industry representatives. Ms. Evangelista proceeded to address the proposed changes to the food vendor bills. Ms. Evangelista stated that her company represented thousands of food permit vendors that have put a lot of effort into protecting the public with their food handling. Ms. Evangelista indicated that it would be impossible to regulate home kitchens and it would be unfair to the existing permitted individuals that have put all their effort into protecting the public properly.

The Chair advised that as part of the legislative session there was a public opinion page and encouraged individuals to register and submit their comments.

Seeing no one further, the Chair closed the Second Public Comment portion.

XIV. ADJOURNMENT

The Chair adjourned the meeting at 10:45 a.m.

Cassius Lockett, PhD
District Health Officer/Executive Secretary
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