



MINUTES

SOUTHERN NEVADA DISTRICT BOARD OF HEALTH MEETING

March 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 (*in-person*)
April Becker – Commissioner, Clark County (*in-person*)
Scott Black – Mayor Pro Tem, City of North Las Vegas (*via Teams*)
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 Nemec – At-Large Member, Physician (*in-person*)
Shondra Summers-Armstrong – Council Member, City of Las Vegas (*in-person*)

ABSENT: Bobbette Bond – At-Large Member, Regulated Business/Industry

ALSO PRESENT: Judd Abrams, Linda Anderson, Christopher Boyd, Jason Klumb, Deborah
(In Audience) Kuhls, Jason La, Sandra Liberty, Alex Malcolm, Bradley Mayer, Jose Melendrez,
Gina Stiscak, Tod Story

LEGAL COUNSEL: Heather Anderson-Fintak, General Counsel

EXECUTIVE SECRETARY: Cassius Lockett, PhD, District Health Officer

STAFF: Adriana Alvarez, Kristen Anderson, Emily Anelli, Larry Armstrong, Benjamin Ashraf, Jacqueline Ayala, Maria Azzarelli, Tawana Bellamy, Haley Blake, Murphy Boudreaux, Lori Bryan, Cory Burgess, Daniel Burns, Victoria Burris, Donna Buss, Joe Cabanban, Nancy Cadena, Monica Carcamo, Alondra Contreras-Araiza, Andria Cordovez Mulet, Shea Crippen, Rebecca Cruz-Nañez, Corey Cunningham, Cherie Custodio, Gerard Custodio, Jeffrey Dawson, Brandon Delise, Liliana Dominguez, Kaylina Fleuridas, Jason Frame, Kimberly Franich, Nicholas Gabler, Joe Ginty, Xavier Gonzales, Cheri Gould, Jacques Graham, Amineh Harvey, Richard Hazeltine, Corinne Henri, Raychel Holbert, Carmen Hua, Dan Isler, Danielle Jamerson, Jessica Johnson, Horng-Yuan Kan, Mikki Knowles, Theresa Ladd, Heidi Laird, Kendra Lett, Dann Limuel Lat, Josie Llorico, Erick Lopez, Hetal Luhar, Anil Mangla, Jonas Maratita, Azalia Martinez, Blanca Martinez, Geoff Melly, Kimberly Monahan, Samantha Morales, Deborah Moran, Christian Murua, Chika McTier, Semilla Neal, Todd Nicolson, Brian Northam, Veralynn Orewyler, Neleida Pelaez, Jose Perez, Shannon Pickering, Luann Province, Katarina Pulver, Grace Purugganan, Zuwen Qiu-Shultz, Vivek Raman, Emma Rodriguez, Alexis Romero, Lester Rossi-Boudreaux-Thibodeaux, Kim Saner, Aivelhyn Santos, Chris Saxton, Dave Sheehan, Karla Shoup, Jennifer, Sizemore, Cameron Smelcer, Randy Smith,

Rosanne Sugay, Ronique Tatum-Penegar, Candyce Taylor, Sibyl Tharayani, Will Thompson, Rebecca Topol, Greg Tordjman, Tamera Travis, Renee Trujillo, Shylo Urzi, Jorge Viote, Anna Voeva, Donnie Whitaker, Lourdes Yapjoco, Merylyn Yegon, Lei Zhang, Ying Zhang

I. CALL TO ORDER and ROLL CALL

The Chair called the Southern Nevada District Board of Health Meeting to order at 9:03 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 Becker.

IV. RECOGNITIONS

1. Dr. Erick López, Dr. Anil Mangla, Zuwen Qiu-Shultz, Rebecca Topol, Tamera Travis, and Lei Zhang

- Co-authored the published article “*Identifying Factors Associated with Vaccination Status and Mortality Among Older Adults in Nevada During the COVID-19 Pandemic*” in the Nevada Journal of Public Health

2. Dr. Cassius Lockett, Dr. Erick López, Dr. Anil Mangla, Zuwen Qiu-Shultz, Rebecca Topol, Tamera Travis and, and Lei Zhang

- Co-authored the published article “*Factors Associated with Hospital Length of Stay and Intensive Care Utilization Among Pediatric COVID-19 Patients in Southern Nevada: A Multivariate Analysis*” in the MDPI (formerly the Multidisciplinary Digital Publishing Institute)

The Chair recognized Dr. Erick Lopez, Dr. Anil Mangla, Zuwen Qiu-Shultz, Rebecca Topol, Tamera Travis and Lei Zhang for co-authoring the article, “*Identifying Factors Associated with Vaccination Status and Mortality Among Older Adults in Nevada During the COVID-19 Pandemic*,” in the Nevada Journal of Public Health. The purpose of this article was to quantify factors related to COVID-19 vaccinations and COVID-19 mortality among older adults who are 65 years of age or older in Clark County. Further, the Chair recognized Dr. Cassius Lockett, Dr. Erick Lopez, Dr. Anil Mangla, Zuwen Qiu-Shultz, Rebecca Topol, Tamera Travis and Lei Zhang for co-authoring the article, “*Factors Associated with Hospital Length of Stay and Intensive Care Utilization Among Pediatric COVID-19 Patients in Southern Nevada: A Multivariate Analysis*,” in the MDPI (formerly the Multidisciplinary Digital Publishing Institute). This article aimed to identify factors associated with hospital length of stay and intensive care unit utilization among children hospitalized with COVID-19. On behalf of the Southern Nevada Health District and District Board of Health, the Chair congratulated staff on these recognitions.

3. Southern Nevada Health District – March Employees of the Month

- Regena Ellis and Sarah Humphreys

The Chair recognized the March Employees of the Month; Regena Ellis, Community Health Nurse in the TB Clinic, and Sarah Humphreys, Community Health Worker in the Southern Nevada Community Health Center. 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.

- 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.

Scott Simons wished to provide public comment on the agendaized variance request. The Chair advised Mr. Simons that he may provide his comments at this time or during the Public Hearing. Mr. Simons advised he would provide his comments during the Public Hearing.

Seeing no one further, the Chair closed the First Public Comment period.

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

A motion was made by Member Nielson, seconded by Member Hardy, and carried unanimously to approve the March 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:** February 27, 2025 and March 10, 2025 *(for possible action)*
2. **PETITION #21-25: Approve the Adoption of the Employee Handbook (previously the Personnel Code);** direct staff accordingly or take other action as deemed necessary *(for possible action)*
3. **PETITION #28-25: Approval of the Amendment to the Interlocal Agreement Between Clark County, Nevada and the Southern Nevada Health District for Medical Core & Support Services for HIV/AIDS Infected & Affected Clients in Las Vegas, Ryan White, Transitional Grant Area;** direct staff accordingly or take other action as deemed necessary *(for possible action)*

A motion was made by Member Hardy, seconded by Member Black, and carried unanimously to approve the March 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. Variance Request for an existing septic system, SNHD Permit #ON0009184, located at 5114 Harrison Dr., Las Vegas, NV 89120 to allow the septic system to encroach on the property line;** 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 5114 Harrison Dr., Las Vegas, NV 89120 to allow the septic system to encroach on the property line. Mr. Isler advised that the petitioner wanted to install a pool and discovered that the septic system was installed too close to the property line, approximately one foot from the property line adjacent to the right of way. Mr. Isler advised that the Health District requested that the petitioner dig trenches along the length of the property line to verify that the leach field was not in the right of way. Mr. Isler advised that the Health District was satisfied that the leach field was entirely on the subject property. Mr. Isler advised that the variance request was to allow the leach field to remain encroaching on the property line and allow the petitioner to proceed with the construction of the pool. Mr. Isler confirmed that staff was recommending approval of the variance, with conditions.

Member Brune joined the meeting at 9:18 a.m.

The Chair opened for Public Comment.

Scott Simons stated that Mr. Isler outlined the variance request and confirmed that he intended to connect to sewers as soon as available.

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

A motion was made by Member Nemec, seconded by Member Larson, and carried unanimously to approve the Variance Request for an existing septic system, SNHD Permit #ON0009184, located at 5114 Harrison Dr., Las Vegas, NV 89120 to allow the septic system to encroach on the property line, with the following conditions:

- 1. Petitioner and his successor(s) in interest shall abide by all local governmental regulations requiring connection to community sewage systems. Use of the ISDS shall be discontinued and the structure it serves shall be connected to any community sewage system constructed in the future to within four hundred (400) feet of the applicant's property line when connection can be made by gravity flow and the owner(s) are notified and legally required to do so.*
- 2. Petitioner and his successor(s) will abide by the operation and maintenance requirements of the most current SNHD Regulations governing individual sewage disposal systems.*

Further to an inquiry from the Chair, Mr. Isler advised that staff was reviewing the regulations and a future update would seek to allow staff to administratively approve these type of variance requests that were due to a lack of available technology at the time, and do not negatively impact public health or property rights.

IX. REPORT / DISCUSSION / ACTION

The Chair requested that Member Nielson, as the chair of the Finance Committee, facilitate the items under this section. Member Nielson advised that the Finance Committee meet a day earlier and extensively review all the items. Further, Member Nielson advised that new Board members that the items were reviewed on an annual basis and if they had any questions to contact Dr. Lockett for additional information.

1. Receive, Discuss and Approve the Recommendations from the March 26, 2025 Finance Committee meeting regarding the SNHD Federal Poverty Level (FPL) guidelines; direct staff accordingly or take other action as deemed necessary (for possible action)

Randy Smith, Chief Executive Officer – FQHC, presented the update to the Federal Poverty Level (FPL) guidelines. Mr. Smith advised that the FPL guidelines changed annually in January, with 2025 seeing an increase of 2.9% to the Consumer Price Index (CPI) from 2023 and 2024. The guidelines were used to adjust the sliding fee schedules.

A motion was made by Member Kirkpatrick, seconded by Member Hardy, and carried unanimously to accept the recommendation from the Finance Committee and adopt the Federal Poverty Level Guidelines, as presented.

2. Receive, Discuss and Approve the Recommendations from the March 26, 2025 Finance Committee meeting regarding the SNHD Clinical Sliding Fee Schedules; direct staff accordingly or take other action as deemed necessary (for possible action)

Mr. Smith advised that offering Sliding Fee Schedules, for qualifying patients, was a requirement for HHS, HRSA, and various other pass-through grants. Mr. Smith confirmed that patients were seen regardless of their ability to pay and are not sent to collections to recover outstanding payments. Mr. Smith highlighted the Point of Care Discount, which provides a 50% discount on fees if payment was made at the time of a visit, for patients that had an income of 200% or greater than the federal poverty level, who did not qualify for the sliding fee discount.

Mr. Smith advised that the Health Center served a disproportionately high number of uninsured patients compared to other FQHCs in Nevada and across the country. Mr. Smith believed it was due to the Health District being regarded as a safety net provider in the community. Mr. Smith highlighted the discussion from the Finance Committee meeting on the need to have a more balanced payor mix, the importance of Medicaid and Medicare members, and the opportunity to serve seniors in the community. Mr. Smith confirmed that the Health Center Governing Board has had regular discussion on the need to increase visibility and marketing within the community, engaging the various health insurance plans, and providing outreach in the community to raise awareness of services provided.

Mr. Smith further outlined a market study of fees for FQHCs in Nevada. Mr. Smith shared the results of a patient survey on the sliding fee program. Mr. Smith proceeded to outline the Clinical Sliding Fee Schedules and advised there were no changes from last year.

Further to an inquiry from Member Nemec on the cost of collecting billings, Donnie (DJ) Whitaker, Chief Financial Officer, advised that the eClinicalWorks system generates the systems and the only additional cost would be for postage. Member Nemec inquired as to the potential threats to federal funding for public health. Mr. Smith was concerned about losing the grant and if there were changes to Medicaid, every FQHC would struggle. Mr. Smith further advised that it was key for the Health Center to grow through operations and to increase the payor mix. The Chair expressed the need for the Board members to assist with increasing the payor mix, even if simply including in their newsletters information on the Health Center services. Member Summers-Armstrong inquired as to the Health Center's marketing plan.

Mr. Smith advised that the Office of Communications had internal resources available. Mr. Smith advised that he and his team were eager to avail themselves at senior centers and outreach events to explain the services provided at the Health Center.

Member Hardy inquired as to the process to become a patient of the Health Center. Mr. Smith advised of the metric of 'next available' which would reduce the amount of time for a patient to be seen, and welcome walk-ins and same day appointments. Mr. Smith advised that the goal was to determine the full capacity. Dr. Lockett advised that leadership was trying to address the high no-show rate. Member Larson inquired as to the consequences to patients with multiple no-shows.

Mr. Smith advised that the consequence when patients do not show up for appointments was the staff time preparing for the visit. Mr. Smith advised that there were no consequences to the patient missing a scheduled appointment. The goal of the Health Center was to retain the patient. Mr. Smith advised it was incumbent on staff to determine how better to serve patients that were struggling to come in for an appointment, such as providing the option of a telehealth appointment. Mr. Smith advised that appointments were over and double-booked.

Further to an inquiry from Member Hardy on the locations and contact information of the Health Center, Mr. Smith advised that the Health Center provided services at the Main Public Health Center and the Fremont Public Health Center and contact information was available at www.snchc.org. The Chair requested a flyer of services that the Board members could include in their newsletters.

A motion was made by Member Kirkpatrick, seconded by Member Hardy, and carried unanimously to accept the recommendation from the Finance Committee and approve the SNHD Clinical Sliding Fee Schedules, as presented.

3. Receive, Discuss and Approve the Recommendations from the March 26, 2025 Finance Committee meeting regarding the SNHD Clinical Master Fee Schedule; direct staff accordingly or take other action as deemed necessary *(for possible action)*

Donnie (DJ) Whitaker, Chief Financial Officer, presented the proposed updates to the Clinical Master Fee Schedule. Ms. Whitaker advised that the Billing Fee Schedule was reviewed

annually to add new fees or to adjust existing fees based on analysis within the market. Ms. Whitaker further advised that uninsured individuals would see minimal or no impact of the proposed changes, based on the availability of the sliding fee schedules. Ms. Whitaker outlined the review methodology and the proposed changes. Ms. Whitaker outlined there were proposed changes to 305 fees, with 47 being new fees.

Further to an inquiry from Member Summers-Armstrong, Ms. Whitaker advised that the Health District has contracted rates with insurance companies. Mr. Smith advised that the Health Center was still subject to an interim Prospective Payment System (PPC) rate, which was reimbursement methodology for FQHCs that provides a cost-based reimbursement. Once a final rate has been determined, it will assist with planning and forecasting financially.

A motion was made by Member Hardy, seconded by Member Kirkpatrick, and carried unanimously to accept the recommendation from the Finance Committee and approve the Clinical Master Fee Schedule Updates, as presented.

4. Receive, Discuss and Approve the Recommendations from the March 26, 2025 Finance Committee meeting regarding the FY2026 Budget; direct staff accordingly or take other action as deemed necessary *(for possible action)*

Ms. Whitaker presented the FY2026 Budget, which begins on July 1, 2025 and ends on June 30, 2026, with the following highlights:

Highlights

- Staffing was projected to increase to 872.5 FTE, compared to the FY2025 augmented budget of 864.3 FTE.
- General Fund revenues project at \$121.6M, an increase of \$7.3M from FY2025 augmented budget.
- Special Revenue Fund (Grants) decrease to \$61.9M, a decrease of \$17M from FY2025 augmented budget
 - SB118 funding started in FY2025, total of \$10.95M; an estimated \$6.8M is anticipated to be utilized in FY2026.
 - Reduction in grant expenditure request compared to FY2025 augmented budget.

Member Nemec left the meeting at 10:18 a.m.

- Lab Expansion Project, currently underway, was expected to continue in FY2026 with \$8.8M anticipated to be utilized.

Member Nemec returned to the meeting at 10:21 a.m.

Revenues – General & Grants Fund

- Clark County Property Tax revenue is expected at \$38.8M an increase of \$1.8M or 3.0% compared to \$37.7M from FY2025. Pharmacy revenue also increased \$6.1M and Permits and Fees increased \$0.9M from FY2025 Augmentation.

Member Black left the meeting at 10:24 a.m. and did not return.

- General Funds Revenue increased from \$114.2M to \$121.6M, a \$7.3M or 6.4% increase from FY2025 Augmentation.
- Special Revenue Funds decreased from \$78.9M to \$61.9M due to the conclusion of grants and reduction in grant expenditures requested compared to FY2025 Augmentation. Examples: COVID 19 Disaster Relief, Ryan White, Family Planning, Public Health Infrastructure (PHI), and Enhancing Detection Expansion grant.

Expenditures – General Fund

- General Fund employee salaries and benefits for FY2026 total \$78.8M, an increase of \$6.5M or 19% from FY2025 Augmented. FY2026 budget includes a full year of salaries and benefits for vacant positions that were partially accounted for in the FY2025 Augmented budget. Additionally, FY2026 proposed budget includes a 4% COLA, 2.5% Merit and the impact of the 3.25% PERS increase that is effective July 1, 2025 (1/2 of the PERS increase is paid by SNHD)
- FTE changes from FY2025 augmented to FY2026 proposed budget includes 15.7 additional FTE (net); 12 of these positions are new and 3.7 are transfers from other funds.
- General Fund Pharmacy Medical supplies increased from \$23.9M to \$28.4M, an increase of \$4.5M or 44%

Expenditures – Grant Fund

- Special Revenue Funds expenses decreased from \$85.2M to \$70.7M due to the conclusion of grants and reduction in grant expenditures requested compared to FY2025 Augmentation. Examples on conclusion of grants and reduction in request: COVID-19 Relief grants, Ryan White, Family Planning, PHI grant, and Enhancing Detection Expansion grant.
- SB118 revenue is estimated at \$6.8M in FY2026. Anticipated FTE total is 13.4 positions (4 New) with estimated salaries & benefits of \$1.6M.
- PHI Grant revenue is estimated at \$7.1M in FY2026. Anticipated FTE total is 45 positions with estimated salaries & benefits of \$5.8M.
- FTE changes from FY2025 augmented to FY2026 proposed budget includes a reduction of 7.5 FTE (net). There are 12 new positions offsetting transfers and reductions.

Ms. Whitaker further reviewed the:

- Revenues vs. Expenditures combined by Division
- Personnel by Division, comparing FY2023, FY2024, and FY2025
- Capital Improvement Projects
- Three Fiscal Year Activity – General Fund, Special Revenue Fund, Bond Reserve Fund, and Internal Service Fund

Further to an inquiry from the Chair, Ms. Whitaker advised that the End Fund Balance was still above 16.6%.

Dr. Lockett advised that the budget presented did not include a \$3M contingency, which would be included in the next augmentation. Dr. Lockett advised that the recent reductions in March 24, 2025 COVID-19 federal grant funding have been felt across the country. Due to the reductions, the Health District cancelled approximately ten contracts, cancelled purchase orders, moved staff to the general fund, determined vacancy savings, and plan to impose a hiring freeze.

A motion was made by Member Larson, seconded by Member Summers-Armstrong, and carried unanimously to accept the recommendation from the Finance Committee and approve the FY2026 Budget, as presented.

- 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)**

The Chair advised of a new background check process that was being slowly rolled out by the state which would allow for information to be remitted electronically instead of via mail.

The Chair advised of a heat awareness event in May and encouraged all the Board members to attend.

The Chair noted that the Employee Handbook was adopted earlier today; however, requested a review that would allow staff the opportunity to access primary care at the Health District. Dr. Lockett confirmed that he was agreeable to allow staff to access primary care at the Health District and would review policies around FMLA.

XI. HEALTH OFFICER & STAFF REPORTS (Information Only)

- DHO Comments

In addition to the written report, Dr. Cassius Lockett introduced Dr. Xavier Gonzales, who joined the Health District on March 17, 2025 as the new Director of Community Health. Dr. Gonzales brings a wealth of experience and knowledge in community health. Dr. Gonzales has been a university professor in public health and is a certified Community Health Worker Instructor. Dr. Lockett recognized Maria Azzarelli, Manager of the Office of Chronic Disease Prevention, for her dedication and commitment while in the acting director role.

- Measles Vaccination Strategy

Dr. Rosanne Sugay, Medical Epidemiologist, and Shannon Pickering, Community Health Nurse Manager, presented on the surveillance, prevention and response strategy for measles.

Further to an inquiry from the Chair regarding the schools with less than 80% of vaccination coverage, Dr. Sugay advised that the low coverage included exemptions and the timing of reporting to the state. Dr. Sugay advised that the Health District was working with the state to determine the exemption rates. Further, Dr. Sugay advised that the Health District was working closely, and meeting regularly, with the Clark County School District.

Further to an inquiry from Member Hardy regarding the use of post-exposure prophylaxis, Dr. Sugay advised that the CDC recommended the use of post-exposure prophylaxis within 72 hours of exposure. Dr. Lockett advised that if there was an outbreak in a school, with the use of post-exposure prophylaxis with 72 hours of exposure, students could return to school with the caveat that there would still be a 10-15% risk that a student may contract measles.

Further to an inquiry from Member Hardy, Dr. Sugay advised that, in an outbreak situation or for international travel, infants can receive the MMR vaccine at 6 months. Dr. Sugay confirmed that the first vaccine is at 6-12 months and the second vaccine at 4-6 years. Dr. Sugay advised that adults may receive the vaccine at any time, except for those born before 1950 as they may have previously been exposed to measles.

Member Hardy inquired as to the downside of receiving the vaccine. Dr. Sugay advised that the only downside for the majority of individuals is slight pain at the injection site.

- Legislative Update

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

Ms. Rodriguez outlined the following bills that the Health District supported:

- AB186 - Revises provisions governing pharmacists. (Pharmacy)
- AB205 - Revises provisions governing sexual education. (Sexual Education Consent)
- AB360 - Revises provisions relating to testing for sexually transmitted diseases. (Syphilis Testing)
- AB269 - Revises provisions relating to education. (Health Care Workforce)
- SB244 - Requires Medicaid to provide coverage of certain treatments for obesity. (Medicaid Obesity Treatment Coverage)
- AB394 - Authorizes the Board of Regents of the University of Nevada to require certain institutions to adopt emergency response plans related to opioid overdoses. (Opioid Response)

Mr. Mayer outlined the following bills that the Health District opposed:

- AB352 - Revises provisions relating to businesses. (Cottage Food)
- SB295 - Revises provisions related to food establishments. (Mobile Food Vendor)

Member Summers-Armstrong inquired about the bill that expanded vending in parks. Mr. Mayer advised that it was AB140, which provisions did not directly touch the Health District. Further, Member Summers-Armstrong inquired whether the legislators in both houses were respective of the concerns raised by the Health District on AB352 and SB295. Mr. Mayer advised that as the hearings took place recently, it would take a few days to receive any feedback from the legislators.

Member Nemec left the meeting at 11:25 a.m. and did not return.

Ms. Rodriguez outlined the following additional bills that staff has been working with bill sponsors to amend:

- AB40 - Revises various provisions relating to environmental hazards. (Environmental Hazards)
- AB326 - Revises provisions relating to the designation of hospitals as centers for the treatment of trauma. (Trauma Designation)
- SB276 - Revises provisions relating to water. (Water Quality)
- AB350 - Revises provisions relating to cemeteries. (Cemetery Regulations)

Ms. Rodriguez advised that during Public Health Week, on April 8th, there would be a presentation in the Senate Health and Human Services Committee on Public Health and SB118 Funding Impacts.

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.

Alexander Malcolm, a property owner and apartment building owner, commented on the aquatics department. Mr. Malcolm advised that the Highlands Apartment Homes were built by his family in the 1980s, which is one of the premier single-story rentals in Las Vegas. Mr. Malcolm stated that over the years, they have a history of working closely with various city agencies to maintain compliance and safety for their communities. In recent months, Mr. Malcolm noted that they have experienced criminal activity, including homelessness and a serial arsonist, which required them to hire private security. Mr. Malcolm wanted to express his concern and disappointment with the aquatics department. Mr. Malcolm stated the excessive and unnecessary amount of scrutiny on behalf of the Health District's aquatic department and their inspectors. Mr. Malcolm described overzealous enforcement in some instances. Mr. Malcolm stated that the Highlands Apartments had some of the nicest pools and spas available to their residents. Mr. Malcolm advised that, within the last year, they received correction lists with over 100 comments and complaints from inspectors, which resulted in the closure of their facilities along with fines. Mr. Malcolm stated that inspections had taken place when their pools and spas were closed, which he indicated was not fair. Mr. Malcolm stated that senior inspectors would train inspectors at their property. Mr. Malcolm stated that their community pools and spas were not disaster areas, nor places for hazards. Mr. Malcolm stated that they would like to work together with the Health District to maintain their facilities and provide these amenities to their residents.

The Chair requested Mr. Malcolm's contact information and advised that an aquatic health update would be provided at the next Board of Health meeting.

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

XIV. ADJOURNMENT

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

Cassius Lockett, PhD
District Health Officer/Executive Secretary

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