



MINUTES

SOUTHERN NEVADA DISTRICT BOARD OF HEALTH MEETING

May 22, 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*)
April Becker – Commissioner, Clark County (*in-person*)
Scott Black – Mayor Pro Tem, City of North Las Vegas (*in-person*)
Bobbette Bond – At-Large Member, Regulated Business/Industry (*in-person*)
Joseph Hardy – Mayor, City of Boulder City (*via Teams*)
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: Pattie Gallo – Mayor Pro Tem, City of Mesquite

ALSO PRESENT: Andrew Acuna, Christopher Boyd, Deborah Kuhls, Bradley Mayer, Cameron Pfand, Lisa Rogge, Emily Sidebottom, Jeff Thomson, Nathan White
(In Audience)

EXECUTIVE SECRETARY: Cassius Lockett, PhD, District Health Officer

LEGAL COUNSEL: Heather Anderson-Fintak, General Counsel

STAFF: Adriana Alvarez, Kristen Anderson, Emily Anelli, Maria Azzarelli, Sean Beckham, Tawana Bellamy, Haley Blake, Murphy Boudreaux, Lori Bryan, Cory Burgess, Daniel Burns, Victoria Burris, Belen Campos-Garcia, Nicole Charlton, Andria Cordovez Mulet, Aaron DelCotto, Brandon Delise, Jason Frame, Kimberly Franich, Xavier Gonzales, Jacques Graham, John Hammond, Heather Hanoff, Amineh Harvey, Richard Hazeltine, Dan Isler, Danielle Jamerson, Jessica Johnson, Horng-Yuan Kan, Matthew Kappel, Theresa Ladd, Heidi Laird, Dann Limuel Lat, Josie Llorico, Randy Luckett, Blanca Martinez, Marco Mendez, Kimberly Monahan, Semilla Neal, Todd Nicolson, Brian Northam, Veralynn Orewyler, Kyle Parkson, Luann Province, Katarina Pulver, Emma Rodriguez, Larry Rogers, Alexis Romero, Kim Saner, Aivelhyn Santos, Chris Saxton, Dave Sheehan, Karla Shoup, Jennifer Sizemore, Cameron Smelcer, Randy Smith, Rosanne Sugay, Ronique Tatum-Penegar, Will Thompson, Rebecca Topol, Danielle Torres, Shylo Urzi, Jorge Viote, Donnie Whitaker, 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 9:02 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. RECOGNITIONS

1. Dr. Cassius Lockett and Lei Zhang

- Co-authored the published article “*Towards Optimization of Community Vulnerability Indices for COVID-19 Prevalence*” in the BioMed Central (BMC) Public Health Journal

The Chair recognized Dr. Cassius Lockett and Lei Zhang for co-authoring the article, “*Towards Optimization of Community Vulnerability Indices for COVID-19 Prevalence*” in the BioMed Central (BMC) Public Health Journal. This study aimed to develop the community vulnerability index optimized for demographic-specific COVID-19 prevalence and apply it to Clark County. This study established that the incorporation of additional variables collectively contributed to its value in informing evidence-based policy decisions and guiding targeted interventions to mitigate the impact of COVID-19 on vulnerable communities. On behalf of the Southern Nevada Health District and District Board of Health, the Chair congratulated staff on this publication.

Member Summers-Armstrong joined the meeting at 9:05 a.m.

2. Overdose Education and Naloxone Distribution Program (Lori Bryan, Rebecca Cruz-Nañez, Brandon Delise, Jessica Johnson, Katarina Pulver)

- Best Program of the Year – Nevada Public Health Association

The Chair recognized the Overdose Education and Naloxone Distribution (OEND) program for being awarded the Best Program of the Year by the Nevada Public Health Association. The OEND program is a cornerstone of opioid overdose prevention in Clark County, which is dedicated to saving lives and empowering communities by increasing access to naloxone and providing comprehensive overdose prevention training.

Member Larson left the meeting at 9:07 a.m.

In 2024, the program experienced a remarkable 168% increase in naloxone distribution, providing over 85,000 doses across Clark County. This expansion was accompanied by a significant enhancement of overdose education efforts. By maximizing resource utilization, strengthening community partnerships, and prioritizing equitable distribution, the program is making a profound and measurable impact in the fight against opioid-related deaths. On behalf of the Southern Nevada Health District and District Board of Health, the Chair congratulated staff on this recognition.

Member Larson returned to the meeting at 9:08 a.m.

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

- Christopher Cooper and Yolanda Villalobos

The Board of Health recognized the May Employees of the Month; Christopher Cooper, Community Health Worker, and Yolanda Villalobos, Medical Assistant, both 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 Southern Nevada Health District and District Board of Health, the Chair congratulated staff on this recognition.

- IV. 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.

V. ADOPTION OF THE MAY 22, 2025 MEETING AGENDA *(for possible action)*

A motion was made by Member Nielson, seconded by Member Black, and carried unanimously to approve the May 22, 2025 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:** April 24, 2025 *(for possible action)*
- 2. PETITION #31-25: Approval of the Interlocal Contract between the State of Nevada, Department of Conservation and Natural Resources, and the Southern Nevada Health District;** direct staff accordingly or take other action as deemed necessary *(for possible action)*
- 3. PETITION #32-25: Approval of the Interlocal Agreement between the Southern Nevada Health District and the City of North Las Vegas for acquisition and relocation of two modular structures;** direct staff accordingly or take other action as deemed necessary *(for possible action)*

A motion was made by Member Nielson, seconded by Member Bond, and carried unanimously to approve the May 22, 2025 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. MEMORANDUM #05-25: Request for Approval of Renewal of Authorization of University Medical Center as a Level I Trauma Center and Level II Pediatric Trauma Center; direct staff accordingly or take other action as deemed necessary (for possible action)

John Hammond, EMS & Trauma System Manager, presented the Renewal of Authorization of University Medical Center (UMC) as a Level 1 Trauma Center and Level II Pediatric Trauma Center. Mr. Hammond advised that the approval from the Board of Health would allow UMC to request the renewal of designation from the Nevada Department of Public and Behavioral Health. Mr. Hammond confirmed that UMC complied with regulations, in good standings with the Health District, and continued to provide all the requirements based on its designation. Mr. Hammond further advised that staff and the Regional Trauma Advisory Board recommended that the Board of Health approve the renewal application.

Further to an inquiry from Member Bond, Mr. Hammond advised that the renewal authorization would be valid for three years.

The Chair opened for Public Comment.

Seeing no one, the Chair closed the Public Comment.

A motion was made by Member Black, seconded by Member Nemec, and carried unanimously to approve the Renewal of Authorization of University Medical Center as a Level I Trauma Center and Level II Pediatric Trauma Center.

2. Variance Request for an Existing Septic System, SNHD Permit #ON0018648, located at 4860 North Bonita Vista Street, Las Vegas, NV to allow the septic system to remain on an undersized lot; 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, SNHD Permit #ON0018648, located at 4860 North Bonita Vista Street, Las Vegas, NV to allow the septic system to remain on an undersized lot. Mr. Isler advised the property was being subdivided into four parcels, with the parcel with the existing septic system and residence being reduced to approximately 0.56 acres, being less than the required 1-acre. Mr. Isler advised that the Petitioner has an agreement for a sewer connection with the City of Las Vegas for the remaining three parcels. Mr. Isler shared that staff recommended approval of the variance, with conditions. Further to an inquiry from the Chair, Mr. Isler advised that the Petitioner wanted to continue using the existing house as a residence and therefore agreed to the septic system remaining now, but not upon the sale of the parcel.

The Chair opened for Public Comment.

Jeff Thomson, representative for the Petitioner, advised that he was available should the Board of Health have any questions, and that the property owner agreed to the staff's recommended conditions.

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

A motion was made by Member Becker, seconded by Member Bond, and carried unanimously to approve the Variance Request for an existing septic system, SNHD Permit #ON0018648, located at 4860 North Bonita Vista Street, Las Vegas, NV to allow the septic system to remain on an undersized lot, with the following conditions:

- 1. If, at any time, a community sewage system becomes available on Bonita Vista Street, the street adjacent to the property, the Petitioner and their successor(s) in interest shall connect to the public system, discontinue use of the ISDS, and properly abandon the ISDS in accordance with the most current SNHD ISDS Regulations.*
- 2. Petitioner and their successor(s) in interest shall comply with all operation and maintenance requirements outlined in the most current SNHD ISDS Regulations.*
- 3. This variance is not transferable to future property owners and does not guarantee replacement in the event of septic system failure. If the existing parent parcel is transferred to a new owner before the proposed Parcel Map MSM-23-600106 is recorded with the Clark County Recorder's Office, or if the child parcel on which the ISDS is located is transferred to a new owner at any time, this variance shall automatically expire and be of no further force or effect.*
- 4. If the proposed Parcel Map MSM-23-600106 is not recorded with the Clark County Recorder's Office within two years, this variance shall automatically expire and be of no further force and effect.*

VIII. REPORT / DISCUSSION / ACTION

There were no items heard.

- 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)**

The Chair requested the back-to-school vaccine flyer and master vaccination calendar be sent to the Board members so they could include in their newsletters. Member Summers-Armstrong requested the materials in English and Spanish.

Member Summers-Armstrong requested a presentation about the Salon Talk and Barbershop Talk programs. Dr. Lockett advised that the key staff member that developed the programs was not available to attend the June Board of Health meeting; however, the presentation has been scheduled for the July Board of Health meeting.

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

- DHO Comments

In addition to the written report, Dr. Lockett advised that in collaboration with community partners, the Health District released the 2025 Community Health Assessment (CHA) which can be found on the healthysouthernnevada.org website. The CHA was a comprehensive evaluation of Clark County's health needs, strengths, and available resources. Dr. Lockett encouraged everyone to read the CHA. On April 30th, the Health District and various community partners met to review the key health indicators and identify the most pressing public health issues in our community. As a result, the top three health priorities selected are: (i) Access to Care, (ii) Chronic Disease, and (iii) Public Health Funding. Dr. Lockett advised that in collaboration with the Health Executive Council, it was determined that substance use was an important health priority to be included in the Community Health Improvement Plan (CHIP). Dr. Lockett advised that recently the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) released data indicating that drug overdose deaths declined almost 30% in the U.S., except for in South Dakota and Nevada. Dr. Lockett confirmed that a drug overdose update would be provided later in the meeting.

Dr. Lockett advised that, on May 6th, the Health District announced an investigation into cases of acute gastroenteritis associated with the consumption of certain frozen half-shell oysters from South Korea. Initially, five Clark County residents reported illnesses involving nausea, vomiting, and diarrhea. Subsequently, more cases were identified. The investigation is currently ongoing. However, two cases from two different restaurants tested positive for the norovirus. Norovirus is a non-enveloped, single-stranded RNA virus, which means that it is resistant to certain disinfectants and super infectious. It is common to cruise ships. The Health District is coordinating with the Nevada Department of Public and Behavioral Health, along with the Food and Drug Administration (FDA) and the California Department of Public Health, as the oysters entered through California ports of entry. During the investigation, it was discovered that there is a statistically significant association with the oysters compared to other food items. A full report on this investigation will be provided at the June Board of Health meeting.

Dr. Lockett advised that some Health District staff participated in the Walk Around Nevada, which celebrated its 20th anniversary. Walk Around Nevada, which is a free app encouraging activity, launched in 2005 and has had over 12,000 people participate. There is a collective log of over one million miles. Those that complete the program, which requires 1,442 miles, receive a t-shirt and spot in the Walk Around Nevada Hall of Fame. To date, the Health District has had approximately 300 participants.

With respect to measles, Dr. Lockett advised that, as of May 16th, the CDC reported 1,224 confirmed cases from 31 states, which did not include Nevada. Of the confirmed cases, 30% are under 5 years old, 38% are between 5-19 years old, 32% are greater than 20 years old, and 1% of the cases have an unknown age. Dr. Lockett noted that it was important to highlight that 96% of the confirmed cases are unvaccinated or their vaccination status was unknown. Further, 13% of the cases were hospitalized, mainly in Texas. Dr. Lockett advised that overall, the risk in the U.S. remains low at this time, and the trend case count was decreasing in wastewater detection. However, with the upcoming summer and fall travel, Dr. Lockett suggested that the community remain vigilant. Dr. Lockett further advised that the Health District and the Clark County School District (CCSD) performed a tabletop exercise to learn and support each other if there is a case identified in our community. Dr. Lockett reminded

everyone, as Member Hardy indicated at the last meeting, there is no magic medicine to treat measles, except to receive the Measles, Mumps, Rubella (MMR) vaccine.

Dr. Lockett advised that two news releases would be issued today regarding multiple cases of Legionnaire's disease amongst guests who recently stayed at two separate hotels, The Grandview and South Point Hotel. Legionella is a bacteria virus, like norovirus, which causes Legionnaire's disease including severe pneumonia, shortness of breath, fever, and cough. Dr. Lockett advised that bacteria thrives in water systems that are stagnant. Dr. Lockett noted that the investigations involve two hotels that are unrelated, and remediation efforts are ongoing at both facilities. Dr. Lockett advised that both facilities were cooperating to make sure that their water systems were contamination free. Dr. Lockett advised that, to date, there have been five cases identified, with no deaths reported. Dr. Lockett further advised that a Health Alert would also be issued to medical providers to remain vigilant and look for additional cases.

Further to an inquiry from the Chair as to what is the CDC requirements to be considered an "outbreak," Dr. Lockett advised that if there are equal to two cases or more, within a year, it is considered an outbreak. Dr. Lockett advised that on May 15th both facilities were considered an outbreak internally.

Member Larson expressed concern due to the large senior population that frequents the South Point for various weekly activities and inquired how Legionnaires was contracted. Dr. Lockett advised that Legionnaires was contracted through aerosolization and mist from shower heads, water fountains, and any water source that creates a mist in the air. Dr. Lockett advised that the Environmental Health team can pinpoint the specific location through the various sampling strategies and techniques. Further, the Environmental Health team can mitigate exactly which areas to reduce exposure. Dr. Lockett further noted that a confidential survey will also be sent to guests at both locations to allow Health District staff to follow up if necessary.

The Chair noted that typically this situation involved a hotel room or group of rooms, and that the facilities normally have 5-6 different water systems so the specific contaminated water source could be deactivated quickly.

Member Hardy noted that Legionnaires could be treated with antibiotics and individuals should not delay care. Member Hardy noted that this was different from measles, where that is a vaccine for measles but not antibiotic.

The Chair inquired as to the Youth Photo Voice book, copies of which were provided to the Board of Health. Jessica Johnson, Health Education Supervisor, advised that the Youth Photo Voice book was part of the Community Health Assessment, wherein the Health District facilitated six focus groups, one including young people. This project was in collaboration with the Nevada Institute for Children's Research and Policy (NICRP), with a youth leader and youth participation from across the community to identify both strengths and challenges around physical and mental health. The Chair requested that copies of the book be sent to the elected officials in the community.

- Aquatic Health & Regulatory Update

Karla Shoup, Environmental Health Manager, provided an update on the Aquatic Health Program, Key Access and Risk Factor Surveys.

Further to an inquiry from the Chair, Ms. Shoup advised that for the last few years inspectors have been scheduled, which very few being unannounced, so the pool operators are aware of an upcoming inspection.

Ms. Shoup outlined the three main reasons for closing a pool, being an inadequate disinfect level, non-functional gates or breaches in the enclosure, and broken, unsecured or missing drain covers.

Member Nielson advised that last year he received calls regarding a small crack in a drain cover. Member Nielson advised that he thought pool operators now understood that there is a zero-tolerance policy regarding cracked drain covers. Member Nielson advised that pool operators were being proactive by having an inventory of drain covers in stock that would limit the time that a pool would need to be closed. Ms. Shoup noted that each drain cover has an expiration date, which needs to be tracked.

Further to an inquiry from the Chair regarding access to unstaffed properties, Ms. Shoup advised that as the current pool regulations currently refer to 'keys' being provided to allow access to the pool areas, the Health District inspectors interpret that to also include an access code or card.

Member Larson left the meeting at 9:57 a.m. and did not return.

Jeremy Harper, Environmental Health Supervisor, provided an update on the Plan Review Process.

Further to an inquiry from the Chair about the staff dedicated to remodels, Mr. Harper advised there are five staff solely dedicated to remodels, and approximately 70% of the models received this year were for drain covers. Mr. Harper advised that in the last 6-8 months, facilities have tried to be proactive, and many of the large resort properties have submitted plan reviews for all their aquatic venues to have drain covers replaced this winter. Mr. Harper advised that approximately 30% of the permitted aquatic venues have submitted plans for remodels, out of 5,100 permitted aquatic venues.

Further to an inquiry from Member Summers-Armstrong regarding the use of a trusted or trained contractor to assist staff and an expedited process and fee, Ms. Shoup advised the surges in plan review were typically short-term and the Health District inspectors were trained and versed in the Aquatic Health Regulations. Further, Ms. Shoup advised that expedited inspections were available, but not for plan reviews. The Chair noted that there had previously been discussion regarding an expedited process and fee; however, it was difficult to find the appropriate balance. Mr. Harper noted that there was a very small number of contractors building pools.

- 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 that related to public health funding:

- State Public Health Funding (previously referred to as SB118 funding) - \$15 million statewide, per capita, non-categorical public health funding; this would allocate \$10.7 over the biennium.
- SB423 – Base funding proposal for public health infrastructure; \$225,000 per county over the biennium

Ms. Rodriguez outlined the newly introduced bills from the Governor's Office:

- SB466 – Revises provisions governing the authority of the State Department of Agriculture relating to food and water. (Department of Agriculture Transfer)

Member Summers-Armstrong inquired whether the Health District would still be able to enforce local rules, once the supervisor was assigned to the Department of Agriculture. Ms. Rodriguez confirmed that was correct. Ms. Anderson-Fintak confirmed that all the Health District's regulations are approved by the state board of health, after they have been approved by this Board of Health. The change would require the regulations relating to food and water to be approved by the Department of Agriculture. Member Summers-Armstrong inquired whether the Department of Agriculture had the expertise that has been developed in the Department of Health and Human Services. Ms. Anderson-Fintak advised that part of SB466 included staff overseeing food and water from the Department of Health and Human Services would move to the Department of Agriculture.

- SB494 – Makes revisions relating to health and human services. (Nevada Health Authority)
- SB495 – Revises provisions relating to health care. (Health Care Workforce)

Ms. Rodriguez advised that AB50, which revises provisions relating to victims of a mass casualty incident (Mass Casualty Database), passed the Second House and was awaiting enrollment. The Chair commended Misty Robinson on the testimony provided in support of this bill.

Ms. Rodriguez outlined the following key bills still under consideration:

- AB205 – Revises provisions governing sexual education. (Sexual Education Consent)
- AB269 – Revises provisions relating to education. (Health Care Workforce)
- AB360 – Revises provisions relating to testing for sexually transmitted diseases. (Syphilis Testing)
- AB326 – Revises provisions relating to the designation of hospitals as centers for the treatment of trauma. (Trauma Designation)
- AB352 – Revises provisions relating to businesses. (Cottage Cosmetics & Food)
- SB295 – Revises provisions relating to food establishments. (Mobile Food Vendor)

Further to an inquiry from the Chair regarding enforcement of SB295, Ms. Rodriguez advised that there were many questions at the hearing on enforcement. Mr. Mayer advised that the language expressly allows an additional level of enforcement to confiscate equipment as part of the enforcement. The Chair stated the growing concern of mobile food vendors hiding

propane tanks around different venues. Member Summers-Armstrong raised growing concerns in Ward 5 with mobile food vendors. The Chair noted that meetings were held with sponsoring legislators for this bill wherein approximately 30 food truck owners attended and raised their concerns. Ms. Rodriguez noted that the Chamber of Commerce and the Nevada Resort Association also opposed this bill. Member Nielson noted the negative reflection on a tourist's experience coming to Las Vegas. Dr. Lockett confirmed the Health District's opposition to this bill.

- Drug Overdose Update

Brandon Delise, Senior Epidemiologist, provided an update on drug overdose deaths nationally and locally. Jessica Johnson, Health Education Supervisor, advised that she, and Mr. Delise, were part of the Clark County Opioid Task Force wherein gaps were identified that may be driving the persistent overdose increases. Ms. Johnson noted how the Health District was addressing the gaps, being (i) the opioid dashboard that is updated monthly with local data including drug check surveillance, (ii) linkage navigators in the Clark County Detention Centers and across five different partners, and (iii) partnering with the Foundation for Recovery. The Chair suggested that staff contact the Clark County School District, with the new superintendent.

Member Nemec left the meeting at 10:53 a.m. and did not return.

Member Summers-Armstrong inquired whether the Health District had a relationship with the Nevada Department of Corrections. Mr. Delise advised that the Health District works with the Nevada Department of Corrections for Naloxone training, which is done approximately three times a year.

Further to an inquiry from Member Bond, Mr. Delise advised that the data presented was only Clark County residents, and did not include tourists or temporary residents. Mr. Delise advised that the identifier for whether an individual was homeless was not accurate as an individual can claim a parent's or friend's residence. Mr. Delise further advised that the data shows that most overdoses are people that live in a residence, at a 3:1 ratio. Further, Mr. Delise advised that over the last few years overdoses have occurred within the 30-45 age group, with a recent high rate in the 60-65 age group. Further to an inquiry from the Chair, Mr. Delise advised that staff were working on accurately connecting EMS records and historical records with non-fatal overdose and fatal overdose, which should be available later this year.

Ms. Johnson noted that prevention programs were key and ensured that public safety partners and hospital partners were distributing Naloxone. Ms. Johnson advised that in 2024, the Health District did 83 training courses for over 1,300 people. Also in 2024, with nearly 100 partner agencies, the Health District distributed over 82,000 Naloxone doses; the distribution is on track this year to surpass last year's doses. The Chair noted that often more than one dose of Naloxone was needed. Mr. Delise advised that the Health District distributed the 4mg Naloxone nasal spray. Typically, 1-2 doses of the 4mg Naloxone brings back 85% of individuals who were overdosing, with the remaining 15% that may require three or more doses.

Ms. Johnson noted that the Health District distributes fentanyl and xylazine test strips to the community. In 2024, the Health District distributed over 122,000 test strips in partnership

with 54 agencies. Also, Ms. Johnson advised that the Health District instituted a mail-based distribution program, The Strip Club, for the test strips. Further, the Health District was the first in the continental U.S. to launch public health vending machines. Ms. Johnson further advised that the Health District started a 24/7 linkage for public safety at hospitals called the Southern Nevada Post Overdose Response Team (SPORT). Ms. Johnson also advised that the Health District was working with the Foundation for Recovery on an Overdose Ambassador Program, wherein they will go door-to-door in neighborhoods with elevated overdose risk and offer individuals Naloxone. Also, the Health District was working with county libraries to provide Naloxone kiosks.

Further to an inquiry from Member Bond on opioid settlement distribution, the Chair noted that many health districts/departments across the county did not receive opioid settlement funding. Dr. Lockett noted that the staff was doing a fantastic job and that funding sources were currently under review.

Member Black inquired whether the Health District had a capability of tracking utilization of Naloxone and the test strips, and whether there was concern about the shelf-life and loss of efficacy of the Naloxone. Mr. Delise advised that the Health District requests agencies to report if the doses provided to them are used, with approximately 5% of the Naloxone that is distributed does get reported of when it was used. Ms. Johnson noted that the best practice nationally was to provide Naloxone and the test strips without a lot of barriers. Ms. Johnson advised that the Health District strongly requests that the use is reported to the Health District, but it is not required. With respect to the shelf-life, Ms. Johnson advised that the Naloxone distribution team has worked with the agencies distributing Naloxone to encourage them to track the expiration date, along with the expiration dates being track by the Health District. Mr. Delise added that the Health District collects the Naloxone that will not be used in less than 6 months from expiry to be redistributed to agencies that consistently distribute Naloxone to a high-risk overdose group.

Member Brune left the meeting at 11:10 a.m. and did not return.

Further to an inquiry from Member Hardy regarding education that stimulants do not protect from an opioid overdose, Ms. Johnson advised that there was misconception, and education is provided in the overdose response training. Further, Ms. Johnson advised that education is provided on the death data about polysubstance use overdose, to ensure that they have an awareness, and that Naloxone is available to them.

XI. 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

XII. 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 the Second Public Comment portion.

XIII. ADJOURNMENT

The Secretary adjourned the meeting at 11:13 a.m.

Cassius Lockett, PhD
District Health Officer/Executive Secretary
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