



MINUTES

SOUTHERN NEVADA DISTRICT BOARD OF HEALTH MEETING

June 22, 2023 – 9:00 a.m.

Meeting was conducted In-person and via Webex Webinar

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*)
Frank Nemeec, Secretary – At-Large Member, Physician (*in-person*)
Scott Black – Mayor Pro Tem, City of North Las Vegas (*in-person*)
Bobbette Bond – At-Large Member, Regulated Business/Industry (*in-person*)
Nancy Brune – Council Member, City of Las Vegas (*Call-in User 3*)
Joseph Hardy – Council Member, City of Boulder City (*in-person*)
Brian Knudsen – Mayor Pro Tem, City of Las Vegas (*in-person*)
Tick Segerblom – Commissioner, Clark County (*in-person*)
- ABSENT:** Pattie Gallo – Council Member, City of Mesquite
Michelle Romero – Mayor, City of Henderson
- ALSO PRESENT:** Linda Anderson, Hannah Branch, William Covington, Forrest Darby, Bradley
(In Audience) Mayer, Javier Rivera-Rojas, Stacie Sasso, Dorian Stonebarger, Gina Stroughter,
Cassidy Wilson
- LEGAL COUNSEL:** Edward Wynder, Associate General Counsel
- EXECUTIVE SECRETARY:** Fermin Leguen, MD, MPH, District Health Officer
- STAFF:** Adriana Alvarez, Heather Anderson-Fintak, Jonna Arqueros, Jacqueline Ayala,
Maria Azzarelli, Tawana Bellamy, Haley Blake, Amanda Brown, Dan Burns,
Nikki Burns-Savage, Joe Cabanban, Andria Cordovez Mulet, Fidel Cortes,
Rebecca Cruz-Nanez, Liliana Davalos, Jason Frame, Tamara Giannini, Joe
Ginty, Victoria Harding, Amineh Harvey, Richard Hazeltine, Carmen Hua, Daniel
Isler, Michael Johnson, Stacy Johnson, Mikki Knowles, Theresa Ladd, Fernando
Lara, Josie Llorico, Cassius Lockett, Cortland Lohff, Sandy Lockett, Randy
Lockett, Alicia Mitchell, Kim Monahan, Deborah Moran, Semilla Neal, Todd
Nicolson, Brian Northam, Verallynn Orewyler, James Park, Kyle Parkson, Nelly
Pelaez, Jessica Penney, Luann Province, Yin Jie Qin, Jeff Quinn, Larry Rogers,
Alexis Romero, Kim Saner, Dave Sheehan, Karla Shoup, Jennifer Sizemore,
Randy Smith, Candice Stirling, Will Thompson, Rebecca Topol, Greg Tordjman,
Michelle Villanueva, Jorge Viote, Donnie Whitaker, Lourdes Yapjoco

I. CALL TO ORDER and ROLL CALL

The Chair called the Southern Nevada District Board of Health Meeting to order at 9:01 a.m. Andria Cordovez Mulet, Executive Assistant, administered the roll call and confirmed quorum.

II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

III. RECOGNITION

1. Jessica Penney, MD (CDC Epidemic Intelligence Service Officer), Ying Zhang, PhD (Senior Scientist), Rachel Bryant, MPH (CSTE AEF), Cassius Lockett, PhD (Director of Disease Surveillance and Control)

- Published “Pediatric Intracranial Infections Investigations – Clark County, Nevada, January-December 2022” in the CDC Morbidity and Mortality Weekly Report

Dr. Jessica Penney, the primary author, along with Dr. Zhang, Ms. Bryant, and Dr. Lockett, achieved a significant milestone with the publication of their study on Pediatric Intracranial Infections Investigations in Clark County in 2022 in the weekly epidemiological digest known as the CDC Morbidity and Mortality Weekly Report. This exceptional accomplishment serves as a magnificent example of the exceptional work conducted by our Disease Surveillance & Control staff. The Chair, on behalf of the Board of Health, extended their warmest congratulations to Dr. Penney and the entire team for their well-deserved recognition. The Chair, on behalf of the Board of Health, further thanked them for their commitment to the Health District and our community, as their dedication plays a vital role in safeguarding the health and well-being of our residents and communities.

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.

Forrest Darby, representing Tiburon Estates, stated that their complex had to close their jacuzzi due to a chip in a drain cover that was considered an imminent health hazard. Mr. Darby brought the chipped drain cover, which he stated was a tiny chip. Mr. Darby stated that Tiburon Estates was requesting to be placed in the Self-Management Program outlined in Appendix A under the Aquatic Facility Regulations. Mr. Darby also submitted comments in writing prior to the meeting that will be affixed to these minutes.

Member Nemeč joined the meeting at 9:07 a.m.

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

V. ADOPTION OF THE JUNE 22, 2023 MEETING AGENDA (for possible action)

A motion was made by Member Nielson, seconded by Member Black, and carried unanimously to approve the June 22, 2023 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: May 25, 2023 (for possible action)

A motion was made by Member Hardy, seconded by Member Bond, and carried unanimously to approve the June 22, 2023 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.

There were no items heard.

VIII. REPORT / DISCUSSION / ACTION

1. **Receive and Discuss a Legislative Update;** direct staff accordingly or take other action as deemed necessary (*for possible action*)

Bradley Mayer of Argentum Partners provided the Board of Health with an update of the recent legislative session related to the following bills that affect the Health District:

- SB419 – Makes revisions relating to public health
- AB172 – Revises provisions governing collective bargaining for certain public employees
- SB361 – Revises provisions relating not solid waste
- AB220 – Revises provisions relating to water conservation
- SB92 – Revises provisions relating to sidewalk vendors
- SB172 – Revises provisions governing the ability of a minor to consent to certain health care services
- SB439 – Revises provisions relating to communicable diseases
- SB434 – Revises provisions related to retirement
- AB158 – Revises provisions relating to emergency medical services
- AB434 – Revises provisions governing prescription drugs
- AB120 – Revises certain provisions governing voluntary health care service
- AB53 – Revises provisions relating to sale of tobacco products
- AB232 – Revises provisions governing the taxation of other tobacco products
- SB117 – Revises provisions relating to community health workers
- SB22 – Revises provisions relating to the publication of legal notices
- AB219 – Makes various changes to the Open Meeting Law
- AB40 – Revises provisions related to inspections of food establishments
- SB441 – Revises provisions relating to public health (repeals SB4)
- AB7 – Revises provisions relating to electronic health records
- AB135 – Revises provisions relating to homelessness
- AB363 – Revises provisions relating to professional and occupational licensing
- AB52 – Makes various changes to Open Meeting Law
- AB132 – Requires the establishment of a Regional Opioid Task Force in Clark County
- SB261 – Revises provisions relating to local governments
- SB2 – Revises provisions relating to emergency management
- AB24 – Revises the membership of the Committee on Emergency Medical Services
- SB118 – Revises provisions relating to public health

Member Brune joined the meeting at 9:22 a.m.

2. **PETITION #30-23: Receive, Discuss and Approve the Implementation of the E3 and M2 Salary Ranges as recommended by Pontifex Consulting Group;** direct staff accordingly or take other action as deemed necessary (*for possible action*)

Joe Cabanban, Human Resources Manager, presented the E3 and M2 salary ranges.

A motion was made by Member Nielson, seconded by Member Black, and carried unanimously to approve the implementation of the E3 and M2 salary ranges, as presented.

3. Discuss and Approve Recommendations from the June 22, 2023 Finance Committee meeting regarding Petition #34-23: Approval of Augmentation to the Southern Nevada Health District FY2023 Budget; direct staff accordingly or take other action as deemed necessary *(for possible action)*

Donnie (DJ) Whitaker, Chief Financial Officer, presented the two resolutions regarding the budget augmentation, as follows:

- **Resolution #03-23**
 - General Fund: Increase the appropriation of the General Fund by \$7,443,106, from \$59,147,054 to \$66,590,160
- **Resolution #04-23**
 - Grant Fund, Special Revenue: Decrease the Grant Fund (Special Revenue) by \$28,075,894, from \$123,554,647 to \$95,478,753

A motion was made by Chair Kirkpatrick, seconded by Member Nemeč, and carried unanimously to accept the recommendations from the Finance Committee to approve Petition #34-23 related to the Budget Augmentation to the Southern Nevada Health District (i) General Fund (Resolution #03-23) and (ii) Grant Fund (Special Revenue) (Resolution #04-23) Budget for the Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 2023, as presented, to meet the mandatory financial requirements of NRS 354.598005.

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)***

Chair Kirkpatrick requested that Karla Shoup, Environmental Health Manager, address the items raised by Mr. Darby during the first public comment. Ms. Shoup was joined by Candice Stirling, Environmental Health Supervisor. Ms. Shoup advised that the Aquatic Facility Regulations were derived from the CDC Model Aquatic Health Code (MAHC). The MAHC Annex explains the specific rationale and guidelines. Ms. Shoup advised that the Health District's definition of an Imminent Health Hazard, which was the issue with Tiburon Estates, came directly from the MAHC, which also contains the list of Imminent Health Hazards. Ms. Shoup advised that the aquatic team could look into their internal policies and procedures, however, did not want to compromise public safety. Dr. Leguen raised liability concerns if inspectors veer from established and recognized guidelines. Chair Kirkpatrick suggested it might be time to revisit the Aquatic Facility Regulations. Member Nielson stated that he would like the public commentor to know that he was not being targeted because a facility he was familiar with was closed for similar reasons. Further, Member Nielson suggested revisiting what is considered an imminent health hazard. Dr. Leguen advised that staff was planning a presentation on the aquatic program at the next Board meeting. Further to an inquiry from Member Bond, Ms. Shoup advised that the Imminent Health Hazards were listed on the Health District's website and would be included in the presentation at the next meeting.

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

- DHO Comments

There were no additional items raised in addition to the written report.

- SNHD Financial Report, as of April 30, 2023

Ms. Whitaker, Chief Financial Officer, provided an overview of the Financial Report, as of April 30, 2023. In response to the conversation from the Finance Committee, Ms. Whitaker provided additional information comparing the April projected financials to the proposed augmented budget.

Chair Kirkpatrick recommended a presentation on the pharmacy at a future meeting.

- Overview of the Sexual Health Clinic

Lourdes Yapjoco, Director of the Primary & Preventive Care Division, provided an overview of the Sexual Health Clinic transition to the FQHC Division.

Member Brune left the meeting at 10:56 a.m. and did not return.

Further to an inquiry from Chair Kirkpatrick on the effect of the change on the employees, Ms. Yapjoco advised that they would simply be under a different division. There was some discussion as to the Board members to receive a tour of the Sexual Health Clinic lobby.

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. Primary & Preventive Care Division Monthly Activity Report

Member Bond left the meeting at 11:08 a.m.

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

Member Bond returned to the meeting at 11:11 a.m.

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.

Chair Kirkpatrick inquired on the upcoming special events scheduled to ensure their permits are received in a timely fashion. Larry Rogers, Environmental Health Manager, advised that he had met with representatives for F1 and that they are approximately five months ahead of schedule. Mr. Rogers further advised that preliminary meetings have commenced with representatives for the Super Bowl.

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

XIII. ADJOURNMENT

The Chair adjourned the meeting at 11:12 a.m.

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

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