



MINUTES

SOUTHERN NEVADA DISTRICT BOARD OF HEALTH MEETING

July 27, 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*)
Frank Nemec, Secretary – At-Large Member, Physician (*in-person*)
Bobbette Bond – At-Large Member, Regulated Business/Industry (*via WebEx*)
Nancy Brune – Council Member, City of Las Vegas (*in-person*)
Pattie Gallo – Council Member, City of Mesquite (*via WebEx*)
Joseph Hardy – Council Member, City of Boulder City (*in-person*)
Brian Knudsen – Mayor Pro Tempore, City of Las Vegas (*in-person*)
Jim Seebock – Council Member, City of Henderson (*via WebEx*)
Tick Segerblom – Commissioner, Clark County (*in-person*)
- ABSENT:** Scott Black – Mayor Pro Tempore, City of North Las Vegas
Scott Nielson, Vice-Chair – At-Large Member, Gaming
- ALSO PRESENT:** Linda Anderson, Georgi Collins, Harold Collins, Sarah Collins, Cassidy Cotton,
(In Audience) Javier Rivera-Rojas, Jeff Waufle
- LEGAL COUNSEL:** Heather Anderson-Fintak, General Counsel
- EXECUTIVE SECRETARY:** Fermin Leguen, MD, MPH, District Health Officer (*absent*)
- STAFF:** Talibah Abdul-Wahid, Elizabeth Adelman, Adriana Alvarez, Larry Armstrong, Jonna Arqueros, Maria Azzarelli, Josephine Baltazar, Mateo Beers, Tawana Bellamy, Haley Blake, Jennifer Bowers, Amanda Brown, Cory Burgess, Dan Burns, Victoria Burris, Erika Bustinza, Jonathan Bustinza, Joe Cabanban, Nicole Charlton, Andria Cordovez Mulet, Johanna Corpuz, Fidel Cortes, Shea Crippen, Beverly Cuasito, Jeffrey Dawson, Aaron DelCotto, Banessa Diaz-Villa, KJ Dionisio, Liliana Dominguez, Corina Estrella, Brian Felgar, Gimmeko Fisher-Armstrong, Jason Frame, Kimberly Franich, Monia Galaviz, Khang Giang, Sandra Gordon, Jacques Graham, John Hammond, Heather Hanoff, Amineh Harvey, Valerie Herzog, Carmen Hua, Daniel Isler, Danielle Jamerson, Michael Johnson, Stacy Johnson, Mikki Knowles, Theresa Ladd, Miriam Lee, Josie Llorico, Cassius Lockett, Cortland Lohff, Randy Lockett, Hetal Luhar, Cassondra Major, Bernadette Meily, Alicia Mitchell, Marites Navarro, Semilla Neal, Todd Nicolson, Brian Northam, Lorraine Oliver, Verallynn Orewyler, Laura Palmer, James Park, Kyle Parkson, Melanie Perez, Desiree Petersen, Luann Province, Audrey Rangel, Larry Rogers, Alexis Romero, Kim Saner, Aivelhyn Santos, Chris Saxton, Dave Sheehan, Karla Shoup, Jennifer Sizemore, Randy Smith, Candice Stirling, Ronique Tatum-Penegar, Rebecca Topol, Greg Tordjman, Lizbeth Vasquez, Angeles Viote, Jorge Viote, Brian Weissenburger, Donnie Whitaker, Candyce White, Edward Wynder, Lourdes Yapjoco, Joseph Yumul

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

RECOGNITION *[Addition]*

1. COVID-19 Testing and Vaccination Clinic Staff

Earlier this month, the Health District COVID-19 Testing Clinic, located at the north-side of this building, along with the COVID-19 Vaccination Clinic, located just inside the main doors, closed. There were many staff that worked in these clinics, some of which have done so since the start of the COVID-19 pandemic. The Chair, on behalf of the Health District and the District Board of Health, extended deep gratitude for their dedication, and long hours, to ensure that testing and vaccinations were accessible to Southern Nevadans, and countless visitors. The Chair further advised that for anyone looking for COVID-19 testing and vaccines should visit the Health District website for updated information.

III. OATH OF OFFICE

The Oath of Office was administered to members Commissioner Kirkpatrick, Councilwoman Brune, Councilwoman Gallo, Mayor Hardy, Mayor Pro Tempore Knudsen, Councilman Seebeck, Commissioner Segerblom.

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.

Regena Ellis, representing SEIU, commented on the movement of the Sexual Health Clinic into the Federally Qualified Health Center (FQHC) and the effect on the employees. Ms. Ellis read from the Minutes from the March 23, 2023, on page 9, related to the vision of clinical services and the incorporation of the Sexual Health Clinic into the FQHC operations. Ms. Ellis indicated that the Advanced Practice Registered Nurses (APRN) and Physician Assistants (PA) had been mandated to sign a new job description. Ms. Ellis indicated that SEIU was not notified of the changes to the job descriptions and that the providers have raised concerns. Ms. Ellis suggested that the Board of Health inquire as to how many providers have left the Health District and the FQHC. Ms. Ellis indicated that staff had expressed concerns and disagreements with the removal of a public health service and moving the Sexual Health Clinic into the FQHC. Ms. Ellis stated that the impact on the public was by losing access to a low-cost service provided by the Sexual Health Clinic and by moving it into the FQHC would have a negative impact on retention of providers. Ms. Ellis urged to let the providers work in the area that they applied for, were hired for, and accepted to work in and not in an area they believe to be outside their scope of practice. Ms. Ellis encouraged the Board of Health to look at the billing from the Finance Department, particularly the patients that went through the Sexual Health Clinic and what they were billed. Ms. Ellis indicated a concern about access to the Sexual Health Clinic and the inability for patients to pay for services for a communicable disease.

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

V. ADOPTION OF THE JULY 27, 2023 MEETING AGENDA *(for possible action)*

A motion was made by Member Nemeč, seconded by Member Hardy, and carried unanimously to approve the July 27, 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:** June 22, 2023 *(for possible action)*
 - 2. PETITION #01-24: Approval of the Interlocal Contract between the Southern Nevada Health District and the Clark County School District to provide healthcare services, which may include general immunizations, seasonal influenza clinics, and other community health programs;** direct staff accordingly or take other action as deemed necessary *(for possible action)*
 - 3. PETITION #02-24: Approval of the Insurance Coverage Renewal through Chubb for Southern Nevada Health District's Medical Professional Liability Insurance, coverage period 08/01/2023 – 08/01/2024;** direct staff accordingly or take other action as deemed necessary *(for possible action)*
 - 4. PETITION #03-24: Approval of Contract Renewal (A03) with Info-Tech Research Group to provide Strategy, Governance, Security, Policy and Operational Consulting and related activities;** direct staff accordingly or take other action as deemed necessary *(for possible action)*
 - 5. PETITION #34-23: Approval of Augmentation to the Southern Nevada Health District FY2023 Budget [clerical correction];** direct staff accordingly or take other action as deemed necessary *(for possible action)*

A motion was made by Member Hardy, seconded by Member Brune, and carried unanimously to approve the July 27, 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, Discuss and Approve the Recommendations from the Nominations of Officers Committee for the Officers (Chair, Vice-Chair and Secretary) of the Southern Nevada District Board of Health for a One Year Term Beginning July 1, 2023;** direct staff accordingly or take other action as deemed necessary *(for possible action)*

Member Brune provided a summary of the Nomination of Officers Committee meeting on July 26, 2023.

A motion was made by Member Hardy, seconded by Member Knudsen, and carried unanimously to approve the recommendation from the Nomination of Officers Committee and appoint Member Kirkpatrick as Chair, Member Nielson as Vice Chair, and Member Nemeck as Secretary of the Southern Nevada District Board of Health for FY2024.

2. **Receive, Discuss and Approve the Recommendations from the Nominations of Officers Committee for the Officers (Chair and Vice-Chair) of the Public Health Advisory Board for a One Year Term Beginning July 1, 2023;** direct staff accordingly or take other action as deemed necessary *(for possible action)*

Member Brune provided a summary of the Nomination of Officers Committee meeting on July 26, 2023.

A motion was made by Member Hardy, seconded by Member Nemeck, and carried unanimously to approve the recommendation from the Nomination of Officers Committee and appoint Dr. Francisco Sy as Chair and Dr. Kenneth Osgood as Vice Chair of the Public Health Advisory Board for FY2024.

- 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 a discussion on the septic conversion with the water district.

Chair Kirkpatrick requested a presentation on the food vendor legislation that recently passed.

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

- DHO Comments

In addition to Dr. Leguen's written report, Dr. Cassius Lockett, Director of Disease Surveillance and Control, on behalf of Dr. Leguen, reminded the Board members to complete the Strategy Survey from Huron Consulting for the development of the Health District's Strategic Plan.

- Overview of the Office of Acute Communicable Disease Control

Kimberly Franich, Communicable Disease Manager, provided an overview of the Office of Communicable Disease Control.

Member Bond joined the meeting at 9:26 a.m.

Further to an inquiry from Member Brune, Ms. Franich advised that the Health District had partnered with HopeLink to assist them with their capacity to support their staffing. Member Brune further inquired regarding the case counts for the various disease investigations. Ms. Franich advised that all cases were investigated and the investigation timeline depended on the specific disease.

Further to an inquiry from Member Hardy, Ms. Franich advised that if food borne illnesses arise from food vendors, the disease surveillance team would be able to track it.

Further to an inquiry from Member Knudsen, Ms. Franich advised that NAC 441A provided the authority for providers and labs to advise the Health District on positive results. Ms. Franich further stated that if the positive results were reported to the state, then they would be redirected to the Health District for investigation.

Further to an inquiry from Chair Kirkpatrick, Ms. Franich advised that her team were in discussions related to wastewater surveillance.

Chair Kirkpatrick requested an organizational chart that showed the different programs within each division.

- Overview of the Aquatic Health Hazards and Enforcement

Candice Stirling, Environmental Health Supervisor, and Alicia Mitchell, Environmental Health Supervisor, provided an overview of Aquatic Health Hazards and Enforcement.

Further to an inquiry from Member Hardy, Ms. Stirling advised that the stance taken by the manufacturers was that if there was a crack in a drain cover it may indicate that it was old or brittle and should be replaced. Ms. Stirling advised that, regarding any degree of damage to a drain cover that can be identified, it was better to air on the side of caution and close the pool until another cover that was intact and structurally sound throughout could be installed.

Further to an inquiry from Member Brune, Ms. Mitchell advised that there were over 5,000 pools that are inspected once a year. Further to a follow-up from Chair Kirkpatrick, Ms. Mitchell advised that the closure rate was 11% out of the 5,000. Ms. Stirling advised that approximately 20% of venues were able to be reinspected basically at the end of the inspection, but it depends on the nature of the closure. Ms. Stirling further advised that disinfectant or water chemistry violations were generally quicker to fix, whereas broken drain covers could take longer.

Ms. Stirling advised that municipalities have largely adopted the CDC's Model Aquatic Health Code but may have added items that were specific to their local jurisdiction.

Chair Kirkpatrick advised that she would attend some pool inspections.

Further to inquiries from Member Bond, Ms. Mitchell advised that manufacturers would not commit to the level of a broken drain cover and indicate that if there is a crack or chip, the pool must be closed immediately. Ms. Stirling advised that there were 12 inspectors and that re-inspections are normally done on the same day or the following day.

Further to an inquiry from Member Segerblom, Ms. Mitchell advised that the regulations outlined the requirement to either immediately fix the problem or close the pool.

Further to an inquiry from Member Brune, Ms. Mitchell advised that apartment complexes had the most closures with the most common issues being with the water chemistry, gates and drain covers.

XI. INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

1. Board of Health

- A.** Letter from the City of Boulder City reappointing Mayor Joe Hardy as member of the Southern Nevada District Board of Health and reappointing Paul Klouse as the Public Health Advisory Board representative, both for the term July 1, 2023 – June 30, 2025.
- B.** Letter from Clark County reappointing Commissioner Marilyn Kirkpatrick and Commissioner Tick Segerblom as members of the Southern Nevada District Board of Health, both for the term July 1, 2023 – June 30, 2025.
- C.** Letters from the City of Henderson appointing Councilman Jim Seebeck as member of the Southern Nevada District Board of Health and reappointing Holly Lyman as the Public Health Advisory Board representative, both for the term July 1, 2023 – June 30, 2025.
- D.** Letters from the City of Las Vegas reappointing Councilman Brian Knudsen and Councilwoman Nancy Brune as members of the Southern Nevada District Board of Health, and reappointing Jennifer Young as the Public Health Advisory Board representative, all for the term July 1, 2023 – June 30, 2025.
- E.** Letters from the City of Mesquite reappointing Councilwoman Pattie Gallo as member of the Southern Nevada District Board of Health for the term July 1, 2023 – June 30, 2025.
- F.** Letters from the City of North Las Vegas reappointing Mayor Pro Tempore Scott Black as member of the Southern Nevada District Board of Health and reappointing Ronald Kline as the Public Health Advisory Board representative, both for the term July 1, 2023 – June 30, 2025.

2. Monthly Reports

- A. Administration Division Monthly Activity Report
- B. Community Health Division Monthly Activity Report
- C. Community Health Center (FQHC) Division Monthly Report
- D. Disease Surveillance and Control Division Monthly Activity Report
- E. Environmental Health Division Monthly Activity Report
- F. Primary & 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 Chair adjourned the meeting at 10:20 a.m.

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

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