



MINUTES

SOUTHERN NEVADA DISTRICT BOARD OF HEALTH MEETING

September 28, 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:** Scott Nielson, Vice-Chair – At-Large Member, Gaming (*in-person*)
Frank Nemec, Secretary – At-Large Member, Physician (*in-person*)
Scott Black – Mayor Pro Tempore, City of North Las Vegas (*in-person*)
Bobbette Bond – At-Large Member, Regulated Business/Industry (*in-person*)
Pattie Gallo – Council Member, City of Mesquite (*via WebEx*)
Joseph Hardy – Council Member, City of Boulder City (*via WebEx*)
Brian Knudsen – Mayor Pro Tempore, City of Las Vegas (*in-person*)
Tick Segerblom – Commissioner, Clark County (*in-person*)
- ABSENT:** Nancy Brune – Council Member, City of Las Vegas
Marilyn Kirkpatrick, Chair – Commissioner, Clark County
Jim Seebeck – Council Member, City of Henderson
- ALSO PRESENT:** Linda Anderson, Christopher Boyd, Jordan Bunker, Chaunsey Chau-Duong,
(In Audience) Georgi Collins, Cassidy Cotton, Rich Easter, Maya Holmes, Katie Horn, Gabe
Hunterton, Bradley Mayer, Javier Rivera-Rojas, Gina Stroughter, Carole Wingfield
- LEGAL COUNSEL:** Heather Anderson-Fintak, General Counsel
- EXECUTIVE SECRETARY:** Fermin Leguen, MD, MPH, District Health Officer
- STAFF:** Renita Anderson, Anna Angeles, Lisa Archie, Larry Armstrong, Jonna Arqueros,
Jacqueline Ayala, Maria Azzarelli, David Barragan, Sean Beckham, Tawana
Bellamy, Haley Blake, Jennifer Bowers, Amanda Brown, Nicole Bungum, Cory
Burgess, Dan Burns, Victoria Burris, Joe Cabanban, Nicole Charlton, Andria
Cordovez Mulet, Fidel Cortes, Shea Crippen, Rebecca Cruz-Nanez, Corey
Cunnington, Cherie Custodio, Edna Del Rosario, Cesar Dela Pena, Aaron
DelCotto, Brandon Delise, Lily Dominguez, Mark Easley, Claudette Fajardo,
Renee Fejeran, Kaylina Fleuridas, Xavier Foster, Kimberly Franich, Nicholas
Gabler, Monica Galaviz, Tina Gilliam, Cheri Gould, Jacques Graham, Dianne
Haddix, Maria Harris, Carmen Hua, Dan Isler, Danielle Jamerson, Michael
Johnson, Horng-Yuan Kan, Micah King, Mikki Knowles, Kendra Lett, Brittany
Lewis, Josie Llorico, Cassius Lockett, Cortland Lohff, Randy Lockett, Sandy
Lockett, Cassondra Major, Jonas Maratita, Lourdes Medina, Kimberly Monahan,
Gabriela Montaldo, Liz Munford, Brian Northam, Lorraine Oliver, Veralyynn
Orewyler, Laura Palmer, Kyle Parkson, Neleida Pelaez, Melanie Perez, Luann
Province, Yin Jie Qin, Larry Rogers, Alexis Romero, Kim Saner, Aivelhyn
Santos, Chris Saxton, Dave Sheehan, Karla Shoup, Rosanna Silva-Minnich,
Jennifer Sizemore, Randy Smith, Betty Souza-Lui, Daniele Staple, Amy Stines,
Rosanne Sugay, Shaqweta Summerville, Ronique Tatum-Penegar, Candyce
Taylor, Will Thompson, Greg Tordjman, Shylo Urzi, Lizbeth Vasquez, Michelle
Villanueva, Donnie Whitaker, Edward Wynder, Lourdes Yapjoco, Merylyn
Yegon, Christian Young, Joseph Yumul, Susan Zannis

I. CALL TO ORDER and ROLL CALL

Vice-Chair Nielson 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

Member Knudsen joined the meeting at 9:04 a.m.

III. RECOGNITION

1. Barbershop Health Outreach Program (BSHOP) – Maria Azzarelli, Nicole Bungum, Lisa Archie, Amineh Harvey

- 2023 Nevada Public Health Association's Program of the Year

The Vice-Chair recognized the Barbershop Health Outreach Program. To address disparities in hypertension and diabetes in the African American community, the Office of Chronic Disease Prevention & Health Promotion developed the Barbershop Health Outreach Program (BSHOP). The program started as a pilot program in 2018 with 1 participating barbershop. Since then, the program has grown to include 11 Black-owned barbershops and 3 Black-owned beauty shops. Through regular in-shop outreach, the OCDPHP team and volunteers provide blood pressure and prediabetes screening, education, and referral. The approach is tailored to meet the needs of the African American community, which is the intended audience. Barber and Beauty shops are important partners in the BSHOP initiative. OCDPHP staff trains both the owners and the barbers and stylists as part of the initiative. Through this partnership, the barbers and stylists become advocates for blood pressure and prediabetes screening and encourage participation among their clients. The BSHOP program has also grown to include new program components including community screenings, barber-led community walks, and Shop Talk events. In the last fiscal year, over 650 people received blood pressure and prediabetes screening, education, and referral in one of the participating BSHOP locations. On behalf of the Southern Nevada Health District and District Board of Health, the Vice-Chair congratulated the entire team for this well-deserved honor.

2. Fermin Leguen, MD, MPH (District Health Officer); Cassius Lockett, PhD (Director of Disease Surveillance and Control); Jeff Quinn, MPH (Manager, Office of Public Health Preparedness)

- Published "Inoculating Cities" (Chapter addressing Southern Nevada's COVID-19 Response)

This recognition was moved to the October Board of Health meeting.

3. Fermin Leguen, MD, MPH (District Health Officer)

- Proclamation from the Clark County Commission

Further to a recognition at the Board of Clark County Commissioners meeting last month, Commissioner Segerblom recognized Dr. Fermin Leguen for Hispanic Heritage Month and his contributions to the community.

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.

Carol Wingfield read a written statement, which was also submitted in writing prior to the meeting, that will be affixed to these minutes. Ms. Wingfield is a certified nurse practitioner and past employee of the

Health District. Ms. Wingfield commented on her experiences while working at the Health District and her recent departure.

Regena Ellis is a Community Health Nurse at the Health District, an Executive Board member of SEIU Local 1107, and speaking on behalf of the represented workers at the Health District. Ms. Ellis stated that there was an urgent need to invest in the public health workforce to protect the health of the community members. Ms. Ellis expressed appreciation to the Board for their support, and urged passing of the 1.875% bonus for the Health District staff, which was a critical first step towards retaining, recruiting, and recognizing staff. Ms. Ellis suggested that more needed to be done to acknowledge the dedication of staff, many of which worked the frontlines throughout the COVID-19 pandemic. Ms. Ellis stated that the Health District staff were essential for the health and economy of the community, and outlined all the services that were provided by the Health District. Ms. Ellis indicated that SEIU Local 1107 stood along with the Health District during the recent Legislative Session to secure funding through Senate Bill 118. Ms. Ellis stated that she looked forward to working with the Health District to ensure good jobs and the highest quality of public services for the community.

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

V. ADOPTION OF THE SEPTEMBER 28, 2023 MEETING AGENDA *(for possible action)*

A motion was made by Member Black, seconded by Member Nemeec, and carried unanimously to approve the amended September 28, 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:** August 24, 2023 *(for possible action)*
2. **PETITION #06-24: Approval of the Interlocal Agreement between the City of Henderson and the Southern Nevada Health District for the Southern Nevada Public Health Laboratory Expansion;** direct staff accordingly or take other action as deemed necessary *(for possible action)*
3. **PETITION #07-24: Approval of the Architectural and Engineering Design Agreement between the Southern Nevada Health District and Broyles International, LLC for installation of an elevator and buildout of the 2nd floor mezzanine;** direct staff accordingly or take other action as deemed necessary *(for possible action)*
4. **PETITION #08-24: Approval of the Lease Agreement between W Buffalo LLC and the Southern Nevada Health District for office space located at 2500 N. Buffalo Drive, Las Vegas, NV 89128;** direct staff accordingly or take other action as deemed necessary *(for possible action)*
5. **PETITION #09-24: Approve the amendment to the Self-Funded Group Medical and Dental Benefits Exclusive Provider Organization (EPO) Plan among Clark County, Clark County Water Reclamation District, University Medical Center of Southern Nevada, Las Vegas Convention and Visitors Authority, Las Vegas Valley Water District, Clark County Regional Flood Control District, Regional Transportation Commission of Southern Nevada, Southern Nevada Health District, Henderson District Public Libraries, Mount Charleston Fire Protection District, Las Vegas Metropolitan Police Department, Moapa Valley Fire Protection District and Eighth Judicial District Court adopting an amended Self-Funded Group Medical and Dental Benefits EPO Plan, effective January 1, 2024;** direct staff accordingly or take other action as deemed necessary *(for possible action)*
6. **PETITION #10-24: Approve the amendment to the Self-Funded Group Medical and Dental Benefits Preferred Provider Organization (PPO) Plan among Clark County, Clark County Water Reclamation District, University Medical Center of Southern Nevada, Las Vegas**

Convention and Visitors Authority, Las Vegas Valley Water District, Clark County Regional Flood Control District, Regional Transportation Commission of Southern Nevada, Southern Nevada Health District, Henderson District Public Libraries, Mount Charleston Fire Protection District, Las Vegas Metropolitan Police Department, Moapa Valley Fire Protection District and Eighth Judicial District Court adopting an amended Self-Funded Group Medical and Dental Benefits PPO Plan, effective January 1, 2024; direct staff accordingly or take other action as deemed necessary *(for possible action)*

7. **PETITION #12-24: Approval of the Contract between the Southern Nevada Health District and Argentum Partners for government affairs consulting services;** direct staff accordingly or take other action as deemed necessary *(for possible action)*
8. **Accept the transfer of associated budgeted funds with the Public Health Programs (Express STI Testing, Linkage to Care, Congenital Syphilis Case Management Program and Expedited Partner Treatment) from the Southern Nevada Community Health Center to the Primary and Preventive Care Division;** direct staff accordingly or take other action as deemed necessary *(for possible action)*

A motion was made by Member Nemec, seconded by Member Black, and carried unanimously to approve the September 28, 2023 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.

There were no items heard.

IX. REPORT / DISCUSSION / ACTION

1. **PETITION #13-24: Approval of a one-time bonus for all Southern Nevada Health District Employees employed as of September 1, 2023 of 1.875% of their annual income to be paid on the pay period ending October 13, 2023;** direct staff accordingly or take other action as deemed necessary *(for possible action)*

Kim Saner, Deputy District Health Officer-Administration, presented the request for approval of a one-time bonus for all Health District employees, employed as of September 1, 2023 of 1.875% of their annual income.

Member Segerblom stated that the one-time bonus was not a gift and that it was earned by staff.

Heather Anderson-Fintak, General Counsel, advised that the term "gift" was due to a determination from the Government Employee-Management Relations Board (EMRB) and the Health District wanted to ensure that it was clear that the one-time bonus was an unconditional gift with no strings attached.

A motion was made by Member Nemec, seconded by Member Bond, and carried unanimously to approve the one-time bonus for all Southern Nevada Health District Employees employed as of September 1, 2023 of 1.875% of their annual income to be paid on the pay period ending October 13, 2023.

2. Review, Discuss and Approve SNHD Staff Recommendations regarding the Voluntary Septic Conversion Program; direct staff accordingly or take other action as deemed necessary *(for possible action)*

Chris Saxton, Director of Environmental Health, presented staff's recommendations regarding the Voluntary Septic Conversion Program. Dan Burns, Environmental Health Manager, was also in attendance.

Further to an inquiry from Member Knudsen, Mr. Saxton advised that the Health District was meeting with the Southern Nevada Water Authority (SNWA) and local jurisdictions to determine a communication strategy. Member Knudsen requested that the Board be kept apprised of the communication strategy.

Further to an inquiry from Member Bond, Mr. Saxton advised that the delay in commencing any conversion was due to the funds required for each conversion. Mr. Saxton advised that each conversion was approximately \$40,000 and there were approximately \$8,000 septic permits.

Further to an inquiry from Member Segerblom, Mr. Burns advised that, following a conversion, once a septic tank has been pumped and disconnected, it may be abandoned in place.

A motion was made by Member Nemeec, seconded by Member Black, and carried unanimously to approve the following staff recommendations:

- *Set-up the program for only those areas where sewer conversion is available per AB220 and to establish a Memorandum of Understanding with the Southern Nevada Water Authority (SNWA), directing that this program pass enrollees' funding to SNWA;*
- *Proceed with creating a program to obtain funds from those who volunteer to enroll in the AB220 financial assistance program; and refer those who do not wish to enroll in this program to SNWA for other conversion program options; and*
- *Should an enrollee wish to have 100 percent conversion coverage, AB220 requires paying an annual enrollment fee. To set up a program, the annual fee on those who volunteer to enroll, can be tied to CCWRD's annual published rates according to AB220. [CCWRD annual rates are currently published through July 1, 2028. July 1, 2023 is \$253.20, July 1, 2024 is \$260.16 and July 1, 2028 is \$290]*

Member Segerblom left the meeting at 9:41 a.m. and did not return.

3. Approval of the 2024 Board of Health Meeting Schedule; direct staff accordingly or take other action as deemed necessary *(for possible action)*

The Board was advised that the proposed 2024 meeting schedule followed the timeline approved by the Board the previous year.

A motion was made by Member Nemeec, seconded by Member Bond, and carried unanimously to approve the 2024 Board of Health Meeting Schedule, 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)***

There were no items raised.

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

- DHO Comments

Mr. Saxton, on behalf of Dr. Leguen, reminded the Board members to review Dr. Leguen's written report and the monthly divisional reports.

- Overview of TB Surveillance at the Clark County School District (CCSD)

Jennifer Bowers, Communicable Disease Supervisor, and Dr. Rosanne Sugay, Medical Epidemiologist, provided an overview of TB Surveillance at the Clark County School District (CCSD).

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. Primary & 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.

Richard Eide inquired whether the outlying jurisdictions were eligible to participate in the septic conversion. Mr. Eide further commented on whether the fees for an Imminent Health Hazard were the same for small business as large business, and specifically noted the recent finding of an Imminent Health Hazard at the TI Las Vegas Hotel & Casino. Mr. Eide thanked Member Black and other Board members for their assistance in arranging a meeting with representatives of the Environmental Health Division. Mr. Eide indicated that the meeting was informative and suggested an avenue of arbitration for small businesses to raise their concerns.

The Vice-Chair requested that Mr. Saxton assist Mr. Eide regarding his inquiry on the septic conversion.

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

XIV. ADJOURNMENT

The Chair adjourned the meeting at 9:56 a.m.

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

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