



MINUTES

SOUTHERN NEVADA DISTRICT BOARD OF HEALTH MEETING

October 26, 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 (*via WebEx*)
Frank Nemec, Secretary – At-Large Member, Physician (*in-person*)
Bobbette Bond – At-Large Member, Regulated Business/Industry (*in-person*)
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 (*in-person*)
Tick Segerblom – Commissioner, Clark County (*in-person*)
- ABSENT:** Scott Black – Mayor Pro Tempore, City of North Las Vegas
- ALSO PRESENT:** Christopher Boyd, Georgi Collins, Harold Collins, Emily Duong, Kiran Gill, Katrina Gorospe, Maya Holmes, Cody Hoskins, Michelle Jackson, Max Lea, Bradley Mayer, Stephen Randolph, Frances Tibayan, Lucas Vu, Susan Waschevski, Cassidy Wilson, Minnie Wood
(In Audience)
- LEGAL COUNSEL:** Edward Wynder, Associate General Counsel
- EXECUTIVE SECRETARY:** Fermin Leguen, MD, MPH, District Health Officer
- STAFF:** Talibah Abdul-Wahid, Elizabeth Adelman, Maria Azzarelli, Tania Baldwin, Tawana Bellamy, Haley Blake, Amanda Brown, Cory Burgess, Dan Burns, Victoria Burris, Joe Cabanban, Christopher Castillo, Robert Cole, Katherine Constanza, Andria Cordovez Mulet, Fidel Cortes, Shea Crippen, Susan Crutchfield, Rebecca Cruz-Nanez, Jason Frame, Kimberly Franich, Joe Ginty, Cheri Gould, Jacques Graham, Maria Harris, Richard Hazeltine, Carmen Hua, Dan Isler, Jessica Johnson, Stacy Johnson, Theresa Ladd, Heidi Laird, Brittany Lewis, Josie Llorico, Cassius Lockett, Randy Luckett, Sandy Luckett, Cassandra Major, Deborah Moran, Christian Murua, Todd Nicolson, Brian Northam, Verallynn Orewyler, Kyle Parkson, Yin Jie Qin, Jeff Quinn, Larry Rogers, Alexis Romero, Kim Saner, Chris Saxton, Karla Shoup, Jennifer Sizemore, Randy Smith, Rosanne Sugay, Will Thompson, Rebecca Topol, Greg Tordjman, Tamera Travis, Donnie Whitaker, Merylyn Yegon

I. CALL TO ORDER and ROLL CALL

The Chair called the Southern Nevada District Board of Health Meeting to order at 9:04 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 Nielson joined the meeting at 9:06 a.m.

III. RECOGNITION

1. **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)

The Chair recognized Dr. Fermin Leguen, Dr. Cassius Lockett and Jeff Quinn who co-authored the chapter "Expanding workforce surge capacity and the multijurisdictional response to the COVID-19 pandemic in the Las Vegas metropolitan area" in the book entitled "*Inoculating Cities: Case Studies of the Urban Response of the COVID-19 Pandemic*". This book captured the experiences of municipalities around the world, particularly 9 countries and 3 US cities, in responding to the COVID-19 pandemic and documented several of the innovative ways in which cities responded to the pandemic. We continue to recognize the efforts of the Health District in response to the pandemic. On behalf of the Southern Nevada Health District and District Board of Health, the Chair congratulated Dr. Leguen, Dr. Lockett and Mr. Quinn for this recognition.

3. **Misty Robinson (Public Health Preparedness Supervisor) (heard out of order)**
 - Co-authored the *Public Health Emergency Preparedness and Response After COVID-19* published in Health Security

The Chair recognized Misty Robinson who co-authored, with other local health department authors she worked with through the National Association of County and City Health Officials (NACCHO) Preparedness Policy Advisory Group (PPAG), the article "*Public Health Emergency Preparedness and Response After COVID-19*" published in Health Security. The article highlighted initial reflections on the public health emergency response and preparedness to inform discussions about improvements necessary to ensure we are better prepared for the next pandemic. The Health District continues to learn and develop the efforts of the Health District in response to COVID-19. On behalf of the Southern Nevada Health District and District Board of Health, the Chair congratulated Ms. Robinson for this recognition.

2. **All Saints Sexual Health Clinic Team (heard out of order)**
 - CDC STD Prevention Success Stories – Health Care with Heart: Southern Nevada Health District Expands Community Access with Church Based STI Clinic

The Chair recognized the All Saints Sexual Health Clinic Team that was recently featured by the CDC in their STD Prevention Success Stories – entitled "Health Care with Heart: Southern Nevada Health District Expands Community Access with Church Based STI Clinic". Patients that visited the All Saints Sexual Health Clinic could access a full spectrum of STI treatment and prevention services in a welcoming, unexpected location – a local church, which was recognized as a more intuitive method of STI health care. The clinic averaged 115 patient visits per month. On behalf of the Southern Nevada Health District and the District Board of Health, the Chair congratulated the Team for this recognition.

4. **Southern Nevada District Board of Health**
 - COVID-19 Pandemic

Dr. Leguen recognized the Southern Nevada District Board of Health for their unwavering support to our community, agency, and staff through the COVID-19 pandemic. They advocated for resources so that the Health District could provide public health services when and where our residents needed them the most. All Board members at the time were instrumental in the Health District's efforts to ensure residents were informed as the pandemic evolved and new information became available — never saying "no" when asked to participate or assist in public, community, and outreach events. On behalf of the Southern Nevada Health District, Dr. Leguen presented a signed COVID-19 framed poster to Councilman Scott Black and Commissioner Marilyn Kirkpatrick, as the Chair and Vice-Chair, respectively, during the critical period of the pandemic.

Member Brune congratulated the individuals that received recognition and noted that there had been several staff members recently that were recognized for publishing articles. Member Brune

thanked the Health District Leadership for supporting staff to prepare the publications and recognized the commitment from staff in contributing to publications while continuing to fulfill their full-time duties.

- 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 OCTOBER 26, 2023 MEETING AGENDA** *(for possible action)*

A motion was made by Member Hardy, seconded by Member Nemecek, and carried unanimously to approve the amended October 26, 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:** September 28, 2023 *(for possible action)*

A motion was made by Member Knudsen, seconded by Member Hardy, and carried unanimously to approve the October 26, 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.

- 1. MEMORANDUM #02-24: Approval of the Solid Waste Management Plan for Clark County, Nevada;** direct staff accordingly or take other action as deemed necessary *(for possible action)*

Brian Northam, Environmental Health Manager, presented the 2023 Solid Waste Management Plan and advised that the only items that were updated related to the financials and staffing.

The Chair opened for Public Comment. Seeing no one, the Chair closed the Public Comment period.

A motion was made by Member Hardy, seconded by Member Bond, and carried unanimously to approve the Southern Nevada Health District 2023 Solid Waste Management Plan, as presented.

- VIII. REPORT / DISCUSSION / ACTION**

- 1. Presentation on the Community Health Improvement Plan (CHIP) Update and the Community Health Assessment (CHA) Process;** direct staff accordingly or take other action as deemed necessary *(for possible action)*

Carmen Hua, Health Educator II, presented on the Community Health Improvement Plan (CHIP) and the Community Health Assessment (CHA) Process.

Chair Kirkpatrick requested an update on recent legislation regarding walkability in the community. Further, Chair Kirkpatrick requested information that the Health District would like the Board members to distribute to their constituents. Dr. Leguen advised that communications/information on Health District initiatives would be shared with Board members, after a standardized process has been developed. Dr. Leguen raised the Community Health Ranking, which was a nation-wide system that looks at several health indicators, that are not directly managed or controlled by the Health District, but jurisdictional partners. Dr. Leguen suggested that Board members could assist by encouraging jurisdictional partners to share information with the organization that populates the Community Health Ranking.

- 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, due to scheduling and timing of other meetings, the agenda for the November Board of Health meeting be minimized to only items that require immediate attention.

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

- DHO Comments

In addition to his written report, Dr. Leguen advised that the latest COVID-19 vaccine was being provided through 'commercialization', which is through insurance programs. However, a federal program, called "The Bridge", is available for uninsured individuals. Dr. Leguen further advised that the Respiratory Syncytial Virus (RSV) vaccine has been made available for pregnant women and seniors 60 years and over, however, there is a limitation in the supply. Once the RSV vaccine is available, the Health District will advise the community.

- FY2024 Financial Report, from July 1 through August 31, 2023

Donnie (DJ) Whitaker, Chief Financial Officer, provided an overview of the FY2024 Financial Report, from July 1 to August 31, 2023.

Ms. Whitaker provided the Board with an update on the audit process, advising that the audit was on schedule and it was anticipated that the single audit report and financial audit report would be presented to the Board of Health at the November meeting.

- Special Events and Legionella Programs

Chris Saxton, Director of Environmental Health, provided an overview of the Special Events and Legionella Programs.

Further to an inquiry from Member Knudsen, Mr. Saxton advised that his team would provide contact information for the Legal Aid office related to landlord/tenant issues.

Member Nemeč left the meeting at 10:27 a.m. and did not return.

Mr. Saxton advised that the first task force meeting related to sidewalk vending was held and confirmed that a representative from Southern Nevada was not included on the task force. Ms. Saxton advised that the task force requested a presentation from the Health District on their current processes related to sidewalk vending.

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

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 10:29 a.m.

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

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