

MINUTES

SOUTHERN NEVADA COMMUNITY HEALTH CENTER GOVERNING BOARD MEETING

March 19, 2024 – 2:30 p.m.

Meeting was conducted In-person and via WebEx Event
Southern Nevada Health District, 280 S. Decatur Boulevard, Las Vegas, NV 89107
Red Rock Trail Rooms A and B

- MEMBERS PRESENT:** Jose L. Melendrez, Chair – Consumer Member (*via Webex*)
Donna Feliz-Barrows, Vice-Chair – Consumer Member (*via Webex*)
Scott Black – Community Member, City of North Las Vegas (*via Webex*)
Sara Hunt – Community Member (*in person*)
Luz Castro – Consumer Member (*via Webex*)
Blanca Macias-Villa – Consumer Member (*via Webex*)
- ABSENT:** Erin Breen – Community Member
Brian Knudsen – Consumer Member
Jasmine Coca – Community Member
- ALSO PRESENT:**
- LEGAL COUNSEL:** Edward Wyner, Associate General Counsel
- CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER:** Randy Smith
- STAFF:** Andria Cordovez Mulet, Cassius Lockett, Cassondra Major, David Kahananui, Donna Buss, Emily Anelli, Fermin Leguen, Jacqueline Ayala, Jacques Graham, Jonas Maratita, Jonna Arqueros, Julie Maldonado, Kim Saner, Kimberly Monahan, Kimberly Monahan, Kyle Parkson, Lourdes Yapjoco, Luann Province, Luann Province, Merylyn Yegon, Ryan Kelsch, Sandy Lockett, Tabitha Johnson, Tawana Bellamy, Todd Bleak

I. **CALL TO ORDER and ROLL CALL**

The Chair called the Southern Nevada Community Health Center (SNCHC) Governing Board Meeting to order at 2:32 p.m. Tawana Bellamy, Senior Administrative Specialist, administered the roll call and confirmed a quorum.

II. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

- III. **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.

Ms. Bellamy 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.

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

IV. ADOPTION OF THE MARCH 19, 2024 MEETING AGENDA *(for possible action)*

A motion was made by Member Castro, seconded by Member Hunt and carried unanimously to approve the March 19, 2024 Meeting Agenda, as presented.

V. CONSENT AGENDA: Items for action to be considered by the Southern Nevada Community Health Center Governing Board 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 – SNCHC GOVERNING BOARD MEETING:** February 20, 2024 *(for possible action)*
- 2. Approve Credentialing and Privileging of Providers Taryn Ouma, LMFT, LCADC and Rithy Khim;** direct staff accordingly or take other action as deemed necessary *(for possible action)*
- 3. Approval of the Medical Management of Vaccine/Medication Reactions/Medical Events Policy;** direct staff accordingly or take other action as deemed necessary *(for possible action)*

A motion was made by Member Black, seconded by Member Macias-Villa, and carried unanimously to approve the Consent Agenda, as presented.

VI. REPORT / DISCUSSION / ACTION

- 1. Receive, Discuss and Accept the January 2024 Year To Date Financial Report;** direct staff accordingly or take other action as deemed necessary *(for possible action)*

Donnie (DJ) Whitaker, Chief Financial Officer presented the January 2024 Year to Date Financial Report as of January 31, 2024. Ms. Whitaker noted that the report includes the budget augmentation approved in January 2024.

A motion was made by Member Black, seconded by Member Castro, and carried unanimously to accept the January 2024 Year to Date Financial Report, as presented.

VII. 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 board reports.

VIII. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR & STAFF REPORTS (Information Only)

- CEO Comments

Mr. Smith provided a summary of the employee engagements efforts across the health center, acknowledging staff who volunteered their time to fill the role of an Employee Engagement Champion. Mr. Smith commented that leadership thought it would be essential to have champions to help gain a good understanding of the needs of employees. Mr. Smith further provided an overview of engagement activities that were developed from townhall meetings in three areas: trust, retention and future success.

Member Feliz-Barrows joined the meeting at 2:46 p.m.

- Mr. Smith shared some highlights from the February 2024 operations report.

Further to an inquiry from Member Black regarding the health center's capacity to grow without displacing people that need medical help, Mr. Smith commented, yes, the health center has capacity to grow without displacing people. Mr. Smith further commented that we need to make a more concerted effort through our marketing and our engagement with our Medicaid plans and Medicaid clients that are already being served at the Health District.

Further to an inquiry from Member Black about a funding mechanism that HRSA has contemplated with the FQHC to create a CHC foundation to have a supplemental and targeted revenue stream for specific types of medical services that people cannot pay for, Mr. Smith advised that HRSA does not have any restrictions on fund raising. Mr. Smith commented that he would need to check if this was something the Health District is allowed to do since the health center operates as a co-applicant at the Health District.

Member Feliz-Barrows expressed appreciation for Mr. Smith's efforts to improve the situation and commented that he provided a great report.

There were no further comments.

IX. INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

- Community Health Center (FQHC) February 2024 Operations Reports

- X. 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.

XIII. ADJOURNMENT

The Chair adjourned the meeting at 3:31 p.m.

Randy Smith
Chief Executive Officer - FQHC

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