



MINUTES

SOUTHERN NEVADA DISTRICT BOARD OF HEALTH PUBLIC HEALTH ADVISORY BOARD MEETING

April 27, 2026 – 8:30 A.M.

Meeting was conducted In-person and via Microsoft Teams
Southern Nevada Health District, 280 S. Decatur Boulevard, Las Vegas, NV 89107
Red Rock Trail Conference Room

MEMBERS PRESENT: Kenneth Osgood, Chair – At-Large Member, Physician (*in-person*)
Susan VanBeuge, Vice-Chair – At-Large Member, Nurse (*in-person*)
Ronald Kline – Member, City of North Las Vegas (*in-person*)
Paul Klouse – Member, City of Boulder City (*in-person*)
Brian Labus – At-Large Member, Environmental Health (*in-person*)
Holly Lyman – Member, City of Henderson (*in-person*)
Jennifer Young – Member, City of Las Vegas (*in-person*)

ABSENT: N/A

ALSO PRESENT: Maddie Proctor

LEGAL COUNSEL: Edward Wynder, Associate General Counsel

EXECUTIVE SECRETARY: Cassius Lockett, PhD, MS, District Health Officer

STAFF: Emily Anelli, Tawana Bellamy, Daniel Burns, Victoria Burris, Joe Cabanban, Nancy Cadena, Andria Cordovez Mulet, Aaron DelCotto, Xavier Gonzales, Victoria Harding, Carmen Hua, Jessica Johnson, Horng-Yuan Kan, Bob Kingston, Heidi Laird, Anil Mangla, Kimberly Monahan, Brian Northam, Luann Province, Katarina Pulver, Cheryl Radeloff, Larry Rogers, Alexis Romero, Chris Saxton, Randy Smith, Laura Valentino, Lourdes Yapjoco, Lei Zhang

I. CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL

The Chair called the Public Health Advisory Board meeting to order at 8:31 a.m. Andria Cordovez Mulet, Executive Assistant, administered the roll call and confirmed a quorum was present.

II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Pledge of Allegiance was stated by those in attendance.

III. FIRST PUBLIC COMMENT: A period devoted to comments by the general public about those items appearing on the agenda.

Seeing no one, the Chair closed this portion of the meeting.

IV. ADOPTION OF THE APRIL 27, 2026 MEETING AGENDA *(for possible action)*

A motion was made by Member Kline, seconded by Member Klouse, and carried unanimously to approve the April 27, 2026 Agenda, as presented.

V. CONSENT AGENDA: Items for action to be considered by the Southern Nevada District Board of Health Public Health Advisory 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/PUBLIC HEALTH ADVISORY BOARD MEETING: January 12, 2026 *(for possible action)*

A motion was made by Member Lyman, seconded by Vice-Chair VanBeuge, and carried unanimously to approve the April 27, 2026 Consent Agenda, as presented.

VI. REPORT / DISCUSSION / ACTION

1. Update on the Health District After Dark; direct staff accordingly or take other action as deemed necessary *(for possible action)*

Laura Valentino, Senior Human Resources Specialist responsible for Academic Affairs, provided an update on the Health District After Dark.

Member Lyman asked whether CEUs could be requested for community health workers. Ms. Valentino said it hadn't been done before but expressed interest in discussing it. Member Lyman noted they have about 50 community health workers who would benefit from the topics and offered to share more information.

Vice-Chair VanBeuge praised the presentation and program, noting its long-term impact, engaging discussions, and relevance to both practice and everyday life. She emphasized the program's value to the community, encouraged broader outreach to increase attendance, and expressed strong support for its continued growth and success.

2. Update on the Community Health Improvement Plan; direct staff accordingly or take other action as deemed necessary *(for possible action)*

Carmen Hua, Health Educator and CHIP Coordinator, presented an update on the Community Health Improvement Plan (CHIP).

Member Labus asked how the Advisory Board could support implementation efforts. Dr. Lockett advised that members can assist by engaging in updates on key indicators and providing guidance, particularly in addressing chronic disease, which he identified as a priority requiring policy, systems, and environmental changes. He encouraged members to

review related objectives and contribute ideas, highlighting examples such as beverage-neutral ordinances that promote healthier default drink options, integrating fruit and vegetable or park prescriptions into electronic health records, and better leveraging community assets like local parks to increase physical activity. While noting that some initiatives were already in place, including healthy vending policies and public health campaigns, Dr. Lockett emphasized the need to expand these efforts for greater community impact.

The Chair referenced the 2017 Health Care Summit report and encouraged members to read the report.

Member VanBeuge expressed appreciation for the report. She emphasized the importance of Board member engagement, encouraging collaboration through outreach to community partners, advocacy, and active participation.

Member Lyman thanked the team for their work and highlighted Dignity Health's ongoing practice of adopting the Health District's priorities every three years to ensure alignment and collaboration across the community, avoiding duplication and focusing on shared implementation strategies.

VII. BOARD REPORTS: The Public Health Advisory Board 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 Public Health Advisory Board unless that subject is on the agenda and scheduled for action. ***(Information Only)***

Member Young expressed interest in exploring a beverage-neutral ordinance and requested information on the feasibility of such an approach. Dr. Lockett agreed to look into this. Member Young also inquired about integrating "food as health" concepts and park prescriptions. Dr. Lockett explained that implementation would be complex, likely requiring partnerships with integrated healthcare networks using platforms such as EPIC, which already offers a park prescription module, along with local coordination, clear guidelines, and identification of a physician or provider champion to lead a pilot effort. Member VanBeuge supported the concept, sharing her own experience prescribing activities to patients and emphasizing the value of learning from best practices in other communities to guide implementation. She also raised questions about the Advisory Board's process for making formal recommendations to the Board of Health.

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

- **DHO Comments**

Dr. Lockett reminded members that as an Advisory Body, they are encouraged to provide formal recommendations to the Board of Health, particularly following presentations or reports.

Dr. Lockett highlighted key updates from the Health District's State of Public Health held on April 7, 2026, including the successful launch of the Street Medicine Program in November

2025, which had already served 107 unduplicated, unhoused individuals within five months—exceeding initial expectations. The program, developed through extensive community listening sessions, focused on addressing primary care gaps and has secured additional funding through Clark County Social Services to expand services and address heat mitigation for vulnerable populations.

Dr. Lockett also addressed ongoing concerns related to substance use, noting that despite a national decline, overdose deaths in the region had previously increased; however, a 23% reduction was observed in 2025 due to multi-pronged prevention efforts, including widespread naloxone distribution. He emphasized that continued work was needed and shared plans to collaborate with the CDC on an Epi-Aid project to better understand local drug use patterns and inform future strategies.

IX. 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.

Victoria Harding, a Health District employee, shared her perspective as a long-time staff member, expressing pride in the Health District’s current direction and progress. She noted that despite a workforce of over 800 employees, there were limited opportunities to share ideas or stay informed about broader public health initiatives. Ms. Harding highlighted personal interest in priorities such as nutrition and exercise and expressed a desire to play a more active role in supporting these efforts, even at the community level. Ms. Harding suggested the creation of a formal mechanism, such as a suggestion box, to capture ideas and feedback from staff, emphasizing that employees could provide valuable insights to support public health strategies and advance organizational goals.

Seeing no one further, the Chair closed this portion of the meeting.

X. ADJOURNMENT

The Chair adjourned the meeting at 9:33 a.m.

Cassius Lockett, PhD, MS
District Health Officer/Executive Secretary

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