



## MINUTES

**Southern Nevada District Board of Health Meeting  
August 22, 2019 – 8:30 a.m.  
Southern Nevada Health District, 280 S. Decatur Boulevard, Las Vegas, NV 89107  
Red Rock Trail Conference Room A and B**

**BOARD:  
(Present)** Scott Black – Chair, Mayor Pro Tempore, City of North Las Vegas  
Olivia Diaz – Council Member, City of Las Vegas  
Marilyn Kirkpatrick – Vice Chair, Commissioner, Clark County (arrived at 8:38 a.m.)  
Brian Knudsen – Council Member, City of Las Vegas  
Frank Nemec – Secretary, At-Large Member, Physician  
Scott Nielson – At-Large Member, Gaming  
Tick Segerblom – Commissioner, Clark County  
Dan Stewart – Council Member, City of Henderson  
Brian Wursten – Council Member, City of Mesquite

**(Absent):** James Adams – Council Member, City of Boulder City  
Nicole Brisson – At-Large Member, Regulated Business/Industry

**ALSO PRESENT:  
(In Audience)** None

**LEGAL COUNSEL:** Annette Bradley, Esq

**EXECUTIVE  
SECRETARY:** Joseph P. Iser, MD, DrPH, MSc, Chief Health Officer

**STAFF:** Heather Anderson-Fintak, Maria Azzarelli, Michelle Cintron, Margarita DeSantos, John Hammond, Michael Johnson, Fermin Leguen, Joann Rupiper, Christopher Saxton, Jennifer Sizemore, Jacqueline Wells, Leo Vega

**I. CALL TO ORDER**

Chair Black called the Southern Nevada District Board of Health meeting to order at 8:32 a.m.

**II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

**III. OATH OF OFFICE (Held Out of Order After Public Comment)**

The Oath of Office was administered to new member Brian Knudsen and new officers Chair Scott Black, Vice Chair Marilyn Kirkpatrick and Secretary Frank Nemec by Michelle Cintron, Executive Administrative Secretary.

**IV. 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 step up to the speaker's podium, 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 Chairman or the Board by majority vote.

Victoria Harding, SNHD/SEIU, is concerned that she had no information regarding Consent Agenda Item VI.5., Petition #04-20, related to the Civil Fingerprint Based Background Check Program for current and prospective employees as the District currently does not fingerprint employees. This item was not discussed with Ms. Harding, she found out about it on the agenda, and it would need to be bargained if implemented.

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

**V. ADOPTION OF THE AUGUST 22, 2019 AGENDA (for possible action)**

Dr. Iser reported Consent Agenda Item VI.2. – Petition # 01-20: Approval of Service Agreement Between Southern Nevada Health District and Accela to Fund the Annual Renewal of the License and Support Agreement for Maintenance of the Envision Connect Software will be tabled until September.

Chair Black recommended moving Consent Agenda Item VI.5. – Petition #04-20: Approval of Interlocal Contract Between Southern Nevada Health District and the Nevada Department of Public Safety to use the Civil Fingerprint Based Background Check Program from the Consent Agenda for further discussion.

*A motion was made by Member Stewart seconded by Member Nielson and carried unanimously to approve the August 22, 2019 Agenda as amended.*

**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: July 25, 2019 (for possible action)**

**~~2. PETITION# 01-20: Approval of Service Agreement Between Southern Nevada Health District and Accela to Fund the Annual Renewal of the License and Support Agreement for Maintenance of the Envision Connect Software; direct staff accordingly or take other action as deemed necessary (for possible action)~~**

**3. PETITION #02-20: Approval of Agreement Between Southern Nevada Health District and Regional Transportation Commission of Southern Nevada to Provide Bus Passes at a Reduced Rate; direct staff accordingly or take other action as deemed necessary (for possible action)**

**4. PETITION #03-20: Approval of Budget Augmentation to the Board Approved Southern Nevada Health District General Fund Budget for the Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 2020 to Meet Financial Requirements of NRS 354.598005; direct staff accordingly or take other action as deemed necessary (for possible action)**

**5. PETITION #04-20: Approval of Interlocal Contract Between Southern Nevada Health District and the Nevada Department of Public Safety to use the Civil Fingerprint Based Background Check Program; direct staff accordingly or take other action as deemed necessary (for possible action)**

**6. PETITION #05-20: Approval of Interlocal Contract Between Southern Nevada Health District and the City of Las Vegas to Provide Services to Support the Racial and Ethnic Approaches to Community Health (REACH) Grant; direct staff accordingly or take other action as deemed necessary (for possible action)**

**7. PETITION #07-20: Approval of Agreement Between the Southern Nevada Health District and Language Access Network, LLC as Interpreters for Limited English Proficient and Deaf and Hard of Hearing Patients; direct staff accordingly or take other action as deemed necessary (for possible action)**

**8. PETITION #08-20: Approval of Amendment to Ryan White Part A Interlocal Contract with Clark County Social Services to Add Two New Service Categories in the Ryan White**

**Program: Medical Nutrition Therapy and Mental Health Services**; direct staff accordingly or take other action as deemed necessary (*for possible action*)

*A motion was made by Secretary Nemec seconded by Vice Chair Kirkpatrick and carried unanimously to approve the August 22, 2019 Consent Agenda as amended.*

**Discussion – Item VI.5. Petition #04-20:** Maria Azzarelli, Manager, Office of Chronic Disease and Health Promotion, explained in 2017, through the State of Nevada Substance Abuse Prevention & Treatment Agency (SAPTA), funds were granted to do work in the community with tobacco retailers. At that time, Ms. Azzarelli was informed that if the program wanted to receive these funds, the employee that would be working on the project, Malcolm Ahlo, Coordinator of the Tobacco Control Program, would have to go through a finger print background check. Once the background check was complete, the resulting report would remain in Human Resources. This background check was accomplished, the grant funds were released, and the project was completed. A few weeks ago, an email was received from the Nevada Department of Public Safety indicating that future funds would not be eligible without the background check for the employee, and they also requested the contractual agreement that was before the Board. The parameters of the contract do not apply to District employees, it is unique to individual working on the project.

Ms. Harding believes this could be a potential issue if something is found when an existing employee is fingerprinted, as it is more extensive than a regular background check.

Ms. Angela Lewis, Human Resources Supervisor, explained there is a process within NRS when there is a negative report on an employee's fingerprint. The person is afforded the ability to make any remedy.

Chair Black, noting this item is not highly time sensitive, suggested it be tabled until the next meeting to ensure there are no unintended consequences.

**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 #01-20: Request for Approval of Renewal of Authorization of Sunrise Hospital & Medical Center as a Level II Center for the Treatment of Trauma**; direct staff accordingly or take other action as deemed necessary (*for possible action*)

John Hammond, Emergency Medical Services and Trauma System Manager (EMS&TS) and Chad Kingsley, Regional Trauma Coordinator, presented the application for renewal authorization submitted by Sunrise Hospital & Medical Center. Staff recommended approval of the request to seek designation as a Level II center for trauma based on their demonstrated willingness to submit trauma data to SNHD and the State Trauma Registry; to actively participate in the Regional Trauma Advisory Board (RTAB) and EMS/Trauma Performance Improvement activities; to provide standard financial information to assist in the assessment of the financial stability of the trauma system; and to comply with all the applicable SNHD regulations and State Health Division requirements for authorized and designated centers for the treatment of trauma.

There were no public comments.

*A motion was made by Vice Chair Kirkpatrick seconded by Member Wursten and unanimously carried to approve the Request for Renewal of Authorization of Sunrise Hospital & Medical Center as a Level II Center for the Treatment of Trauma recommendations as presented.*

## **VIII. REPORT / DISCUSSION / ACTION**

1. **Update - Home Visitation Project**; direct staff accordingly or take other action as deemed necessary (*for possible action*)

Margarita DeSantos, Community Health Nurse Manager, presented the Embracing Healthy Baby Project ([Attachment 1](#))

Ms. DeSantos confirmed there was no carryover in staff from the Healthy Start program and new Community Health Workers (not Community Health Nurses) will be recruited for this program. Dr. Fermin Leguen, Director of Clinical Services reported the cost of Community Health Workers is substantially less than that of the Community Health Nurses and a more efficient use of limited resources for this program. Joann Rupiper, Chief Administrative Nurse, explained when the Healthy Start program was discontinued, those positions were eliminated, and open positions were offered to the two remaining nurses. One of those nurses was Lorraine Oliver, who is now in a new position.

Routine program updates will be provided in the Clinical Services monthly report and Dr. Iser will provide a full update on this program in January 2020.

*There was no action taken on this item.*

2. **Receive/Discuss and Approve Board of Health Committees and Committee Memberships**; direct staff accordingly or take other action as deemed necessary (*for possible action*)

### **AT LARGE MEMBER SELECTION COMMITTEE**

The current At Large Member Selection Committee consists of Members Scott Black and Marilyn Kirkpatrick.

There were no Committee Interest forms received. Members Frank Nemeč and Brian Knudsen expressed interest in this committee.

### **CHO SUCCESSION COMMITTEE**

The current CHO Annual Review Committee, which will be replaced by the CHO Succession Committee, consists of Members Scott Black, Marilyn Kirkpatrick and Frank Nemeč.

Committee Interest forms were received from Members Olivia Diaz, Marilyn Kirkpatrick and Dan Stewart. Members Frank Nemeč and Scott Black wish to remain on this committee. Member Tick Segerblom self-nominated for this committee.

### **FINANCE COMMITTEE**

The current Finance Committee consists of Members Marilyn Kirkpatrick, Frank Nemeč, Scott Nielson and Dan Stewart. Committee Interest Forms were received from Members Olivia Diaz, Marilyn Kirkpatrick, Brian Knudsen, Scott Nielson and Dan Stewart. Member Nemeč is no longer interested in this committee.

### **NOMINATION OF OFFICERS**

The current Nomination of Officers Committee consists of Members Nicole Brisson, Marilyn Kirkpatrick and Frank Nemeč. A Committee Interest form was received from Members Olivia Diaz and Brian Knudsen. Member Scott Black self-nominated for this committee and Member Nemeč wishes to remain on this committee. Ms. Brisson did not submit an interest form for continuance on this committee.

**ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH FEE COMMITTEE**

This committee was dissolved on June 27, 2019 per BGP-0041(A)(iii).

A motion was made by Member Stewart seconded by Member Diaz and carried unanimously to approve carried to the SNHD Board of Health Committees as follows:

**AT LARGE MEMBER SELECTION COMMITTEE**

Scott Black  
Marilyn Kirkpatrick  
Brian Knudsen  
Frank Nemec

**CHO SUCCESSION COMMITTEE**

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Marilyn Kirkpatrick  
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- 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)***

Member Stewart asked for clarification on the structure of the Advisory Board. Dr. Iser advised under NRS, it is composed of five members who are appointed by the cities and three at-large members. Member Stewart noted that he was told by Advisory Board member Tina Coker that the Advisory Board has difficulty making quorum. He urged the Board of Health appointed members to ensure that members are assigned to the Advisory Board that want to be engaged, as that board can be very helpful to the community and the Board of Health.

Member Stewart asked about the status and timelines for the new EMS laws. Chad Kingsley, Regional Trauma Coordinator, explained with the passage of AB317, the trauma center applications have now been shifted to the State and the District's regulations recently passed by the Board essentially null, as the District's regulations must mirror the State's regulations and the State has not yet written regulations. As pertaining to the applicants, the current process is vague until the State defines how they will accept applications. They have requested the District's data from the state registry, and it is unclear if Regional Trauma Advisory Board (RTAB) will be involved. Mr. Kingsley also informed that the Trauma Needs Assessment Tool is complete and will be brought before the Board soon.

Member. Nemec provided an update on the Fast Track Cities 90/90/90 program, which strives for 90% of people living with HIV to know their HIV status, 90% of people diagnosed with HIV to receive treatment protocol and 90% of people who received treatment to have viral suppression. This program has moved from condoms and needle exchange programs to aggressive pharmacologic therapy that can prevent the initial disease by taking a prophylactic daily dose of an anti-viral agent. For those who have been exposed to HIV, there is a post-exposure treatment protocol to prevent the infection from taking root and for those that have HIV there are treatment suppression protocols that make the virus undetectable so that the person is no longer transmittable. A program coordinator has been identified for the District and a citing ceremony is tentatively planned for October 10 for the mayors and governor to publicly commit themselves to supporting this project.

Member Segerblom reported the County Commission recently voted to regulate the IV Therapy “hangover” programs located on the strip.

*Member Nielson left the meeting at 10:05 a.m. and did not return*

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

- CHO Comments
  - Tentative New Board Member Orientation is scheduled for September 26 at 1:00 p.m.
  - Dr. Iser provided a West Nile update, noting there is no direct correlation between the location of positive pools and individual cases.
  - Emily Paulson, Executive Director, Nevada Homeless Alliance, presented an update on Homelessness in Clark County. ([Attachment 2](#))
  - Joann Rupiper, Chief Administrative Nurse and Vit Krushaar, Medical Investigator, presented on overview of the Hepatitis A Outbreak. ([Attachment 3](#))
  - Dr. Iser reported the Overdose to Action (OD2A) grant outcome should be known soon and there is full expectation that the District will receive this grant.
  - Dr. Iser noted that the Board will be contacted by staff that are spreading rumors that may be true, but most likely are not true, and asked board to not believe rumors. He asked the Board to come to him for validation if they are told rumors.

**XI. INFORMATIONAL ITEMS**

1. Administration Monthly Activity Report
2. Clinical Services Monthly Activity Report
3. Community Health Monthly Activity Report
4. Environmental Health Monthly Activity Report

**XII. 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. No action may be taken upon a matter raised under this item of this Agenda until the matter itself has been specifically included on an agenda as an item upon which action may be taken pursuant to NRS 241.020. Comments will be limited to five (5) minutes per speaker. Please step up to the speaker’s podium, 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 Chairman or the Board by majority vote.

**XIII. ADJOURNMENT**

The Chair adjourned the meeting at 11:10 a.m.

Joseph P. Iser, MD  
Chief Health Officer/Executive Secretary

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