



## MINUTES

### **Southern Nevada District Board of Health Meeting July 25, 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)** Marilyn Kirkpatrick – Chair, Commissioner, Clark County  
James Adams – Council Member, City of Boulder City  
Scott Black – Vice Chair, Mayor Pro Tempore, City of North Las Vegas

Olivia Diaz – Council Member, City of Las Vegas  
Frank Nemeč – At-Large Member, Physician  
Scott Nielson – At-Large Member, Gaming  
Tick Segerblom – Commissioner, Clark County  
Dan Stewart – Council Member, City of Henderson  
Brian Wursten – Secretary, Councilmember, City of Mesquite

**(Absent):** Nicole Brisson – Regulated Business/Industry  
Brian Knudsen – Council Member, City of Las Vegas

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

**LEGAL COUNSEL:** Heather Anderson-Fintak, Esq

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

**STAFF:** Cory Burgess, Michelle Cintron, Amy Hagan, Michael Johnson, Fermin Leguen, Christopher Saxton, Jennifer Sizemore, Jacqueline Wells, Leo Vega

**I. CALL TO ORDER**

Chair Kirkpatrick called the Southern Nevada District Board of Health meeting to order at 8:35 a.m.

**II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

**III. OATH OF OFFICE**

The Oath of Office was administered to new/reappointed members James Adams, Scott Black, Olivia Diaz, Marilyn Kirkpatrick Dan Stewart and Brian Wursten by Michelle Cintron, Executive Administrative Secretary.

**IV. RECOGNITIONS**

The Oath of Office was administered to new Deputy Health Officers Summer Holloway, Victoria Rich, Pamela Roche, Kristine Vasilevsky and Heather Woods by Dr. Joe Iser, Chief Health Officer.

**V. 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.

Lorraine Oliver, noting that she has appeared before the Board in March, April, May and in June it was indicated that someone was going to be on vacation in July and the Healthy Start discussion was supposed to be agendaized for discussion in July, however, it is not. The Healthy Start program has not been started, although newspaper articles from March indicate the money is there for this program. Ms. Oliver respectfully asked the Board, if they have in fact approved funding for this program, to follow through and see what happened. This program needs to continue but was summarily shut down due to lack of HRSA funding. Ms. Oliver recalled the article from the Review-Journal that said there was funding available and no one asked for it, which brought her to tears, as she has asked the Board for funding along with clients and partners. She appealed to the Board for funding and to include staffing as it was before.

Regena Ellis, SEIU, works with Ms. Oliver as a patient advocate but has a background in neonatal ICU. Ms. Ellis has seen the devastation that happens to infants when there is not access to pre-natal care, education and follow-up on infants that are in the neonatal ICU. These are very important aspects for members of our society and Ms. Ellis asked the Board again, to provide funding for the Healthy Start program.

Victoria Harding, SNHD/SEIU, welcomed new members and thanked outgoing members for their service. She noted the current Chair has taught her to be stable and do things right and in the appropriate manner. She advised new Board members that the focus is on the community, public health and how the District serves the community. Regarding public health initiatives, health equity is one of the biggest things going on, and that is never discussed at the District as it relates to comparisons across the nation, current movements in the community. Ms. Harding believes this would be relevant to discuss at Board meetings, as the number one example of health equity is the death rate of black babies is three times higher nation-wide than any other race.

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

**VI. ADOPTION OF THE JULY 25, 2019 AGENDA (for possible action)**

*A motion was made by Member Stewart seconded by Member Nielson and carried unanimously to approve the July 25, 2019 Agenda as presented.*

**VII. 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: June 27, 2019 (for possible action)**

*A motion was made by Member Segerblom seconded by Member Wursten and carried unanimously to approve the July 25, 2019 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 to be heard.*

**IX. REPORT / DISCUSSION / ACTION**

1. **Receive Report, Discuss and Accept Recommendations from the June 27, 2019 Nomination of Officers Committee for One Year Term Beginning July 2019 for Southern Nevada District Board of Health and Southern Nevada District Public Health Advisory Board**; (Committee: Chair: Kirkpatrick; Members Brisson, Nemec); direct staff accordingly or take other action as deemed necessary (***for possible action***)

Member Nemec, Chair of the Nomination of Officers committee, reported the recommendations for the Board of Health as Chair – Scott Black, Vice Chair – Marilyn Kirkpatrick and himself (Frank Nemec) as Secretary.

A motion was made by Member Stewart seconded by Member Nielson and unanimously carried to accept the recommendations of the Nomination of Officers Committee for the Board of Health members as presented.

Chair Kirkpatrick turned the gavel over to the new Chair, Mayor Pro Tempore Scott Black.

Member Nemec reported the recommendations for the Advisory Board as Chair – Kenneth Osgood, Vice Chair – Michael Collins.

A motion was made by Vice Chair Kirkpatrick seconded by Member Stewart and unanimously carried to accept the recommendations for the Advisory Board as presented.

2. **Receive Report and Accept Recommendations from the July 8, 2019 Southern Nevada District Public Health Advisory Board Meeting**; direct staff accordingly or take other action as deemed necessary (***for possible action***)

Due to lack of quorum, the Advisory Board was unable to make recommendations for this meeting. There was no action taken on this item.

- 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***)

Member Nielson thanked Vice Chair Kirkpatrick for her service as Chair and the improvements that she has brought to the District and community.

Member Nemec reported the FastTrack Cities Initiative, spearheaded by Marlo Tonge, Communicable Diseases Manager and Dr. Iser, is moving forward. This program will develop a surveillance program for HIV and AIDS in the community to help achieve parity with some of the other communities that have made more progress in identifying and treating HIV to help decrease the spread of the disease.

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

- CHO Comments

Dr. Iser welcomed the new members and informed that orientation will be scheduled in September. He also thanked outgoing leadership for their service.

The State of the District address was held on July 18. It was well attended by both media and community members.

The District is currently in Incident Command System (ICS) mode for Hepatitis A cases as they are more than doubled from last year. Dr. Vit Krushaar, Incident Commander, and staff are in touch with partners to provide services as wide spread as possible at homeless encampments, tunnels and other known areas where the homeless are known to gather. The primary target

population for those who have been ill is the homeless and substance using population. The District will continue to provide updates as they occur.

Back-to-School immunization clinics have started and are going well.

The Clark County Health District monument from the 625 Shadow Lane building was rescued when the building was being destroyed by Dirk Ravenholt, son of District founder Otto Ravenholt. Mr. Ravenholt visited with Dr. Iser recently and dropped off historical memorabilia and arrangements will be made to return the monument this location.

Staff has been in contact with Tim Burch, Clark County Social Services. regarding the home visitation program. Initially, it was thought that Clark County would be able to provide funds to continue this program this year, however, in discussions with Chair Black and Vice Chair Kirkpatrick, \$200,000 in 8010 funds has been released to be budgeted to this program and it will be restarted on a more limited basis. The budget amendment to include this line item will come before the Board in August. Vice Chair Kirkpatrick added that she met with Mr. Burch on July 24 and the county can also add funds to this program after the District puts money into it first. The program will need to service ages 0-3 children in order for the county to fund. Dr. Iser will provide a brief presentation of the formation of the new program at the next meeting.

After a year of no West Nile Virus, as of July 24, the community has had three cases identified this week, bringing the total to up to five for this season. Traps have been set and samples have been taken.

## **XII. INFORMATIONAL ITEMS**

### **1. Board of Health**

- A.** Letter from the City of Boulder City appointing Council member James Howard Adams as member of the Southern Nevada District Board of Health and reappointing Warren Harhay as the Public Health Advisory Board representative, both for the term July 1, 2019 – June 30, 2021.
- B.** Letter from Clark County reappointing Commissioner Marilyn Kirkpatrick as member of the Southern Nevada District Board of Health for the term July 1, 2019 – June 30, 2021 and Commissioner Tick Segerblom for the term of January 7, 2019 – June 30, 2021.
- C.** Letters from the City of Henderson reappointing Council member Dan Stewart as member of the Southern Nevada District Board of Health and reappointing Ms. Tina Coker as the Public Health Advisory Board representative, both for the term July 1, 2019 – June 30, 2021.
- D.** Letters from the City of Las Vegas appointing Council members Brian Knudsen and Olivia Diaz as members of the Southern Nevada District Board of Health and reappointing Dr. James Wright as the Public Health Advisory Board Member for the term July 1, 2019 – June 30, 2021.
- E.** Letters from the City of Mesquite reappointing Councilman Brian Wursten as member of the Southern Nevada District Board of Health and reappointing Mr. Dick Tomasso as Public Health Advisory Board representative, both for the term July 1, 2019 – June 30, 2021.
- F.** Letters from the City of North Las Vegas reappointing Mayor Pro Tem Scott Black as member of the Southern Nevada District Board of Health and reappointing Mr. Ronald Kline as Public Health Advisory Board representative, for the term July 1, 2019 – June 30, 2021.

### **2. Monthly Reports**

- A.** Administration Monthly Activity Report
- B.** Clinical Services Monthly Activity Report
- C.** Community Health Monthly Activity Report

**D. Environmental Health Monthly Activity Report**

- XIII. 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.

Lorraine Oliver, current HIV nurse hoping to get back to Healthy Start nurse, explained to new members that the Healthy Start program is an initiative that started in other states in the late 80's, early 90's. Ms. Oliver corrected Ms. Harding's statement, reporting that it is the mothers that die at a rate three times higher after their third baby and the African American babies die at a rate twice higher. With no disrespect to the Community Health Workers, although they are exceptional, they are not Registered Nurses and are not qualified to drill into the social problems the mothers are having. Ms. Oliver has been in public health for a long time and it has always meant immunizations, family planning, tuberculosis, epidemiology and STDs. Ms. Oliver suggested that the Board drill down and find out if public health at the District is beginning to meet the missions as the community is at the top of the list in syphilis and there is the Hep A outbreak. Ms. Oliver would like to know why John Shannon was fired and believes it was because the staff liked him. Most of the Healthy Start staff was relocated to various other positions and the program needs to restart. The program lead, who was with the program since its' inception, was promised a position in health equity, but was laid off. Ms. Oliver encouraged the Board to look into why this position was laid off. She asked the Board to look into what the District is doing that is not public health as it is shifting into a doctor's office with a little public health on the side. She also asked to Board to investigate anything that is going on against the District related to fraud or unsettled law suits.

**XIV. ADJOURNMENT**

The Chair adjourned the meeting at 9:22 a.m.

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

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