



MINUTES

**Southern Nevada District Board of Health
July 23, 2020 – 9:00 a.m.
Southern Nevada Health District, 280 S. Decatur Boulevard, Las Vegas, NV 89107
Meeting Conducted Via Webex Event**

**BOARD:
(Present)** Scott Black – Chair, Mayor Pro Tempore, City of North Las Vegas
Bobbette Bond - At-Large Member, Regulated Business/Industry (*joined 9:05 a.m.*)
Olivia Diaz – Council Member, City of Las Vegas
Marilyn Kirkpatrick – Vice Chair, Commissioner, Clark County
Brian Knudsen – Council Member, City of Las Vegas
Frank Nemec – At-Large Member, Physician
Scott Nielson – At-Large Member, Gaming
Tick Segerblom – Commissioner, Clark County
Dan Stewart – Council Member, City of Henderson

(Absent): James Adams – Council Member, City of Boulder City
Brian Wursten – Council Member, City of Mesquite

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

LEGAL COUNSEL: Annette Bradley, General Counsel

**EXECUTIVE
SECRETARY:** Fermin Leguen, MD, MPH, Acting Chief Health Officer

STAFF: Heather Anderson-Fintak, Michelle Cintron, Robert Fyda, Andrea Green, Amy Hagan, Michael Johnson, Alfred McGugin, Joann Rupiper, Christopher Saxton, Jennifer Sizemore, Leo Vega, Karen White

I. CALL TO ORDER/ ROLL CALL/ SCOTT BLACK, CHAIR

Chair Black called the Southern Nevada District Board of Health Meeting to order at 9:00 a.m. All Board Members joined the meeting by teleconference and the roll call was administered by Michelle Cintron, Executive Assistant.

II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

III. OATH OF OFFICE

The Oath of Office was administered to new member Bobbette Bond, Regulated Business/Industry and renewed members Frank Nemec, and Scott Nielson by Michelle Cintron, Executive Assistant. The oath was also administered to the Board Officers: Scott Black, Chair; Marilyn Kirkpatrick, Vice Chair; and Brian Knudsen, Secretary.

Member Kirkpatrick exits the meeting 9:02 a.m.

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 Chairman or the Board by majority vote.

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

V. **ADOPTION OF THE JULY 23, 2020 MEETING AGENDA** *(for possible action)*

A motion was made by Member Stewart seconded by Member Knudsen and carried unanimously to approve the July 23, 2020 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**: June 25, 2020 *(for possible action)*
2. **PETITION #01-21: Approval of Biocontainment Cube System and Curtain Divider System Lease Agreements for Use at the Non-Congregate Shelter Between Southern Nevada Health District and Ahern Rentals, Inc.**; direct staff accordingly or take other action as deemed necessary *(for possible action)*
3. **PETITION #02-21: Approval of Insurance Coverage Renewal Through Nevada Public Agency Insurance Pool (POOL/PACT) for the Southern Nevada Health District's General Liability, Business, Auto, Property, Employment Practices, Cyber Risk, and Environment, Coverage Period 7/1/2020 – 7/1/2021**; direct staff accordingly or take other action as deemed necessary *(for possible action)*
4. **PETITION #03-21: Approval of Interlocal Agreement for Contact Tracing Services Between Southern Nevada Health District and Clark County, Nevada on Behalf of the Department of Family Services**; direct staff accordingly or take other action as deemed necessary *(for possible action)*
5. **PETITION #04-21: Approval of the Amendment to the Interlocal Service Agreement C2000093, Between Southern Nevada Health District and Las Vegas Metro Police Department, to Collaborate on Training and Enhancement Related to Pre-arrest and Pre-trial Diversion for Those with Substance Use and Those Vulnerable to Overdose. The Amendment Extends the Period or Performance to August 31, 2021 and Will Allow for Completion of Specified Trainings Within the Scope of Work to Enhance Officer Lead Diversion that Were Delayed Due to Travel Restrictions Related to COVID-19**; direct staff accordingly or take other action as deemed necessary *(for possible action)*
6. **PETITION #05-21: Approval of Amendment to the Existing Service Agreement C1900036 Between Southern Nevada Health District and Info-Tech Research Group for Strategy, Governance, Security, Policy and Operational Consulting and Related Activities**; direct staff accordingly or take other action as deemed necessary *(for possible action)*
7. **PETITION #06-21: Approval of Insurance Coverage Renewal Through Chubb Insurance for the Southern Nevada Health District's Medical/Professional Liability, Coverage Period 8/1/2020 – 8/1/2021**; direct staff accordingly or take other action as deemed necessary *(for possible action)*

A motion was made by Member Kirkpatrick seconded by Member Nielson and carried unanimously to approve the July 23, 2020 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.

There were no items to be heard.

VIII. **REPORT / DISCUSSION / ACTION**

1. **Receive Report, Discuss and Approve the Structure for Town Hall Meetings for District Health Officer Recruitment**; direct staff accordingly or take other action as deemed necessary (*for possible action*)

Amy Hagan, Director of Human Resources and Organizational Development, provided an update on the recruitment activities. The recruitment is active, and a nationwide search has been initiated by Korn Ferry. Ms. Hagan commented a decision is to be made regarding the initial town hall meeting being either virtual or an in-person meeting, and whether there will be a second town hall meeting once the top three candidates have been selected. She added there is an opportunity to merge the second town hall meeting with input from the public on the strategic plan.

Chair Black summarized consideration is being given to a virtual town hall for the community to weigh in about what they would want in a District Health Officer. This would be followed by a more hands-on approach to an in-person meeting with input on the strategic plan. Member Segerblom recommended the meeting take place at the County Commission Chambers and it be televised.

A motion was made by Member Stewart seconded by Member Knudsen and carried unanimously to conduct a virtual Town Hall Meeting, published widely, at the County Commission Chambers within the next 45 days.

- 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 Kirkpatrick is concerned about staff and encouraged they take time off for self-care before heading into the flu season, so staff is well rested. Chair Black acknowledged the Office of Epidemiology and Disease Surveillance for training other individuals in the area of contact tracing. He thanked the disease investigators for their willingness to open up and share their knowledge.

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

- CHO COMMENTS

Dr. Leguen reported the Southern Nevada Board of Health Public Health Advisory Board At-Large Members for the term beginning July 1, 2020 through June 30, 2022 were recommended as follows: Kenneth Osgood, physician representative; Michael Collins, registered nurse representative; Francisco Rojas, environmental health services representative; appointed member Paul Klouse for Boulder City.

Member Kirkpatrick returned 9:24 a.m.

It was reported the Tobacco Free Policy was signed by all local health departments in Nevada. It encourages all businesses to protect the health of the customers, staff and community.

The Environmental Health division is conducting arbovirus disease surveillance, and currently there are zero (0) cases of West Nile Virus.

- COVID Update

Michael Johnson, Director of Community Health, provided an update on the response to COVID-19. He reported there are over 34,000 positive cases in Clark County as of July 22, 2020. The increase in cases are a result of 1) increased testing; 2) increased transmission; and 3) delays in lab reporting. The district continues to hire additional contact tracers and medical investigators through funding by the ELC grant. **(Attachment 1)**

- COVID Online Test Results Portal

Jason Frame, Chief Information Officer, Information Technology Office, reported on the online portal for COVID test results. He noted patients can now register for testing through use of their phones and check in online. Data which were previously entered manually can be collected electronically and automatically submitted to the laboratory.

- Non-Congregate Shelter Facility Update

Sean Beckham, Facility Services Manager, provided a brief update on the non-congregate shelter facility. He reported for phase one structure, the proposals for the sprinkler system are under review in order to complete the structure. The phase two structure is undergoing electrical and fire protection review, with the permit forthcoming.

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
5. FQHC 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 Chairman or the Board by majority vote.

Lorraine Oliver, recently retired SNHD employee and now a member of the public, commented addressed her concerns related to COVID. As someone who remains connected to fellow coworkers, she knows there are lots of elderly people who may not reside in old age homes and sometimes require specific help. At least on two occasions the District drove up to these facilities and tested these individuals, but she is not certain those living in private residences have been helped. Second, as it related to the new to be leader of the facility, she was disheartened to hear the District is not paying attention to languages. As she mentioned at the last meeting, the District is not hiring the person who will address racial disparity in our community. This is now a worldwide issue. SNHD should not just say great words and put good things on their website but show good faith and do the grass roots efforts to address this topic. There is a position that was designed for this and SNHD has not yet hired to fill it. She understands there are finance issues; however, when the US news states people of color are dying disproportionately that should become part of the focus and a case could be made for some of the monies coming into the District to be allocated to this issue.

Last, she mentioned the issue of black mothers and babies is still not addressed. She is aware an alternative program has been set up for the Healthy Start, which according to the last report by Margarita de Santos, the program is handling eleven clients. These issues need to be addressed, and it is prudent and okay to hire people who look like the people being served. There are three African American nurses who are fully trained on the team and ready to do the work for Healthy Start. She noted an understanding about the grant money being gone, but focus should be placed on one of those nurses to get the program off the ground. She wants to continue bringing this issue to the Board and does not mean any disrespect, but the fact is the Board is almost entirely white with one Hispanic. So, consideration should be given to the situation with black mothers and babies, not such that they have tried to harm their babies, but rather it's circumstantial. Anyone with awareness of what is going on in

our country, would be aware black mothers are stressed all the time and at every moment for their children. Nice words are not enough and more needs to be done. She thanked the Board for their time and attention.

Victoria Harding, SNHD and SEIU, thanked the staff for the amount of work being done. She noted there are mental health issues; extensive hours being worked; dealing with deaths and the school system. The staff is impacted by all this; then there are layoffs and are more people coming through our doors. Employees definitely need rest and getting extra people is appreciated. She asked when coming across staff, remember their contributions and be thankful.

Chair Black closed by noting his appreciation for the Health District staff during these unprecedented times. The Board is thankful to all staff at every level for their work.

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

XIII. ADJOURNMENT

The Chair adjourned the meeting at 10:50 a.m.

Fermin Leguen, MD, MPH
Acting Chief Health Officer/Executive Secretary

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