MINUTES
Public Health Advisory Board Meeting
July 13, 2020 – 8:30 A.M.
Southern Nevada Health District, 280 S. Decatur Boulevard, Las Vegas, NV 89107
Red Rock Trail Room A and B

BOARD: 
(Present) Kenneth Osgood – Chair, Physician
Michael Collins – Vice Chair, Registered Nurse
Ronald Kline – Member, City of North Las Vegas
Francisco Rojas – Member, Environmental Health
Dick Tomasso – Member, City of Mesquite
James Wright – Member, City of Las Vegas
Tina Coker – Member, City of Henderson
Paul Klouse – Member, City of Boulder City

ABSENT: None

ALSO PRESENT: None
(In Audience)

LEGAL COUNSEL: Annette Bradley, General Counsel, Esq.

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

STAFF: Michelle Cintron, Andrea Green, Michael Johnson

I. CALL TO ORDER
Chair Osgood called the Public Health Advisory Board Meeting to order at 8:38 a.m.

II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

III. 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. 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, the Chair closed this portion of the meeting.

IV. ADOPTION OF THE JULY 13, 2020 AGENDA (for possible action)
A motion was made by Member Collins seconded by Member Coker and carried unanimously to adopt the July 13, 2020 Agenda as presented.

V. CONSENT AGENDA: Items for action to be considered by the 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/Advisory Board Meeting: January 13, 2020; direct staff accordingly or take other action as deemed necessary (for possible action)
A motion was made by Member Kline seconded by Member Collins and carried unanimously to approve the January 13, 2020 Public Health Advisory Board Meeting minutes as presented.
VI. REPORT/DISCUSION/ACTION

1. **Review and Accept Recommendations from the Southern Nevada Health District Board of Health At Large Member Selection Committee Meeting on June 22, 2020 and Administer Oath of Office**; direct staff accordingly or take other action as deemed necessary (for possible action)

   A motion was made by Member Rojas seconded by Member Kline and carried unanimously to accept the recommendations from the Southern Nevada Health District Board of Health At Large Member Selection Committee Meeting from June 22, 2020 and Oath of Office.

2. **Accept Recommendations from the Southern Nevada Board of Health Nomination of Officers Meeting on June 22, 2020 for FY2020-2021 for the Advisory Board Positions of Chair and Vice Chair**; direct staff accordingly or take other action as deemed necessary (for possible action)

   A motion was made by Chair Osgood seconded by Member Wright and carried unanimously to accept the recommendations from the Southern Nevada Board of Health Nomination of Officers Meeting from June 22, 2020 for FY2020-2021 for the Advisory Board Positions of Chair and Vice Chair.

3. **Receive Report and Discuss Accreditation Update**; direct staff accordingly or take other action as deemed necessary (for possible action)

   Fantasia Pridgon, Quality Improvement and Performance Coordinator, updated the Board on the District’s accreditation activities.

   There was no action taken on this item.

4. **Receive Report and Discuss QI Rapid stART**; direct staff accordingly or take other action as deemed necessary (for possible action)

   Lourdes Yapjoco, Community Health Nurse Manager and Fantasia Pridgon, Quality Improvement and Performance Coordinator, updated the board on QI Rapid stART. (Attachment 1)

   There was no action take on this item.

5. **Receive Report and Discuss Community Health Improvement Plan (CHIP) Annual Report**; direct staff accordingly or take other action as deemed necessary (for possible action)

   Dontia Yates, Health Educator I, presented the Community Health Improvement Plan Annual Report to the board. (Attachment 2)

   There was no action taken on this item. Will present this item again at the next Public Health Advisory Board Meeting.

6. **Receive Report and Discuss Community Engagement Plan**; direct staff accordingly or take other action as deemed necessary (for possible action)

   Laura Valentino, Academic Affairs Coordinator, presented the Community Engagement Plan to the board. (Attachment 3)

   There was no action taken on this item.

7. **Discuss and Approve Recommendations to the Southern Nevada District Board of Health on July 23, 2020**; direct staff accordingly or take other action as deemed necessary (for possible action)

   Chair Osgood inquired if Member Tomasso received a follow up regarding illegal vending. Member Tomasso meet with Aaron DelCotto, Christopher Saxton, and Larry Rogers regarding enforcing
illegal vendors. They proposed that SNHD create an Illegal Vendor Team who appears before the SNHD Hearing Officer who can issue citations. Aaron DelCotto will check with legal to see if the Solid Waste Team receives its authority from an NRS, an ordinance or from a health board regulation, to issue citations. Member Tomasso will follow up with Aaron DelCotto, after this meeting so he can give an update at the next Public Health Advisory Board Meeting.

Member Coker expressed how the SNHD was passive and should not have to wait on recommendations from the CDC regarding COVID-19.

Member Collins expressed concerns regarding SNHD response to the COVID-19 pandemic. He believes SNHD should have been more proactive, but he doesn’t think SNHD had enough data to be proactive. He agrees with Dr. Leguen’s response regarding SNHD and the CDC. He also agrees with what Tina Coker expressed and feels something should be presented to the board regarding SNHD authority regarding pandemics. He suggested a recommendation, that the Southern Nevada Board of Health, develop a pandemic response team that would be responsible for condemning threats and taking that response to the local government agencies and to be sure we have the best protection based off of the data that is available to us.

Member Tomasso expressed that no one was prepared or even expecting COVID-19 to happen, and that things are still changing every day. He feels that if Dr. Leguen thinks the comments from Tina Coker and Michael Collins is true, then he can act on it, if not then we do not need to bring that recommendation that Michael Collins proposed to the board. He feels we shouldn’t point fingers at SNHD.

Dr. Leguen explained to the board, that the SNHD standard is to communicate to the CDC. SNHD works closely with the state and the state is our immediate reference for recommendations. He reminded the board members that SNHD does not have the authority to open or shut down the state. SNHD stood up our ICS team that has been handling the pandemic since February 2020. He invited members of the board to visit the SNHD website regarding our recommendations.

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

Dr. Leguen made a recommendation for the next meeting to have a presentation on Public Health Response from the SNHD public health preparedness manager. Chair Osgood inquired about a previous board presentation regarding suicide and marijuana. Dr. Leguen suggested that at the next meeting we bring an updated report on suicide and marijuana.

VIII. HEALTH OFFICER & STAFF REPORTS (Informational Only)
  - CHO Comments
  - COVID Update
  - Contact Tracing

IX. 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.

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

X. ADJOURNMENT
Chair Osgood adjourned the meeting at 10:48 a.m.

Fermin Leguen, MD, MPH, Acting Chief Health Officer
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