



MINUTES

SOUTHERN NEVADA DISTRICT BOARD OF HEALTH MEETING

May 27, 2021 – 9:00 a.m.

Southern Nevada Health District, 280 S. Decatur Boulevard, Las Vegas, NV 89107
Meeting Hosted via Webex Event

- MEMBERS PRESENT:** Scott Black – Chair, Mayor Pro Tempore, City of North Las Vegas
James Adams – Council Member, City of Boulder City
Bobbette Bond - At-Large Member, Regulated Business/Industry
Karen Dutkowski – Council Member, City of Mesquite
Marilyn Kirkpatrick – Vice Chair, Commissioner, Clark County
Brian Knudsen – Council Member, City of Las Vegas
Frank Nemecek – At-Large Member, Physician
Scott Nielson – At-Large Member, Gaming
Tick Segerblom – Commissioner, Clark County
- ABSENT:** Olivia Diaz – Council Member, City of Las Vegas
Dan Stewart – Council Member, City of Henderson
- ALSO PRESENT:** None
(In Audience)
- LEGAL COUNSEL:** Heather Anderson-Fintak, Associate General Counsel
- EXECUTIVE SECRETARY:** Fermin Leguen, MD, MPH, District Health Officer
- STAFF:** Maria Azzarelli, Scott Carls, Andria Cordovez Mulet, Aaron DelCotto, Jason Frame, Andrea Green, Richard Hazeltine, Michael Johnson, David Kahananui, Jerry Keating, Christi Kindel, Cassius Lockett, Larry Rogers, JoAnn Rupiper, Christopher Saxton, Jennifer Sizemore, Leo Vega, Karen White

I. **CALL TO ORDER and ROLL CALL**

The Chair called the Southern Nevada District Board of Health Meeting to order at 9:03 a.m. Andria Cordovez Mulet, Executive Assistant, administered the roll call.

II. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

- III. **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 Chair or the Board by majority vote.

Regina from SEIU Local 1107 attended in-person to provide an update regarding negotiations. Regina advised that negotiations started several months ago and SCIU passed many proposals and they have not had much conversation with the Health District, on the management side. Both sides agreed to open and close their proposals by June 4, 2021. Regina advised that they have not received much information back from the Health District. Regina further advised that they worked really hard on the proposals that they did pass and there has not been much progress. In closing, Regina stated that as the past year has been really challenging, they hope that the employees will be recognized for their hard work and efforts.

Ken submitted a comment in writing regarding the mask mandate and children. ([Attachment #1](#))

Jamie Sullard submitted a comment in writing regarding the COVID-19 vaccine and the mask mandate for children and the Clark County School District. ([Attachment #2](#))

IV. ADOPTION OF THE MAY 27, 2021 MEETING AGENDA (for possible action)

The following amendments were discussed:

- Removal of Item V.2 Petition #42-21; and
- Addition of "SNHD Recent Federal Grants" under Item IX Health Officer and Staff Reports.

A motion was made by Member Kirkpatrick seconded by Member Knudsen and carried unanimously to approve the May 27, 2021 Agenda as amended.

V. 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**: April 22, 2021 (for possible action)

~~2. **PETITION #41-21: Approval of Lease Agreement between CRP III Walnut LV, LLC and SNHD for warehouse space**; (direct staff accordingly or take other action as deemed necessary (for possible action)~~

3. **PETITION #42-21: Approval of Interlocal Agreement amendment with SNHD and Las Vegas Convention and Visitors Authority for occupancy and use of Convention Center Space to Health District for COVID-19 public health emergency and SNHD's operations to provide COVID-19 Vaccine to the public**; direct staff accordingly or take other action as deemed necessary (for possible action)

Petition #41-21 was removed from the Consent Agenda and will be brought forward at a later date.

A motion was made by Member Kirkpatrick seconded by Member Adams and carried unanimously to approve the May 27, 2021 Consent Agenda as amended.

VI. 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. **Staff Recommends Approval of the Variance Request for an Application to Construct a Septic System located at 2177 Via Spes Nostra St., Mount Charleston, Nevada; direct staff accordingly or take other action as deemed necessary (for possible action)**

Robert Fyda, Environmental Health Engineer/Supervisor, presented the variance request to obtain the approval for an Application to Construct a Septic System located at 2177 Via Spes Nostra St., Mount Charleston, Nevada. Mr. Fyda advised that the property is served by a public water system that is not in the Las Vegas Valley Water District; it is in the Camp Lady of Snows subdivision. The applicant has obtained approval to connect to the water supply and is looking to install a septic system. The applicant is asking for a waiver on the lot size and a waiver for the property lines set

back to 5 feet. The applicant has proposed a design. Mr. Fyda advised that staff recommends approval of the variance request with four conditions.

Chair Black opened Public Comment.

Seeing no one, the Chair closed the Public Comment portion.

A motion was made by Member Kirkpatrick seconded by Member Nemecek and carried unanimously to approve the Variance Request for an Application to Construct a Septic System located at 2177 Via Spes Nostra St., Mount Charleston, Nevada with the following conditions:

- Petitioner will submit a Cone of Influence letter signed by a State of Nevada registered professional engineer stating the separation distance and that the stress influence of the building foundation will not adversely affect the septic tank and the stress influence of the septic tank will not adversely affect the building foundation.*
- The applicants and their successor(s) in interest shall abide by all local governmental regulations requiring connection to community sewage systems. Use of the ISDS shall be discontinued and the structure it serves shall be connected to any community sewage system constructed in the future to within four hundred feet (400') of the applicants' property line when connection can be made by gravity flow and the owner(s) are notified and legally required to do so.*
- The applicant and their successor(s) will abide by the operation and maintenance requirements of the most current SNHD regulations governing individual sewage disposal systems.*
- Construction of the ISDS must be commenced within one (1) year of the date hereof. If the construction has not been commenced within that period, this variance shall automatically expire and be of no further force and effect, unless application is made and approved for an extension of time prior to the expiration date by the applicants or the applicants' successor(s) in interest.*

VII. REPORT / DISCUSSION / ACTION

- 1. Receive Report and Discuss the Monthly Update on the Legislative Session; direct staff accordingly or take other action as deemed necessary (*for possible action*)**

Bradley Mayer provided the Board of Health with an overview of recent developments in the legislative session that relates to the health District. Mr. Mayer touched upon the following bills:

- AB192 – revises provisions governing the testing of pregnant women for certain sexually transmitted infections
- SB211 – establishes requirements relating to testing for sexually transmitted diseases
- SB325 – establishes provisions relating to pharmacists dispensing and insurance companies to cover HIV prevention drugs
- SB424 – creates the Public Health Resource Office
- AB349 – revises provisions governing motor vehicles
- SB386 – revises provisions relating to certain businesses
- AB59 – revises various provisions relating to tobacco
- AB345 – revises provisions related to substance use disorders and safe injection sites
- SB275 – revises provisions relating to HIV modernization
- SB209 – related to employers providing time off to employees for COVID-19 vaccination
- AB360 – revises provisions relating to vapor products
- AB343 – provides for walking audits of urbanized areas
- SB318 – makes various changes relating to improving access to governmental services for persons with limited English proficiency
- AB96 – revises provisions relating to emergency response employees
- SB36 – revises provisions relating to plans for responses to crises, emergencies and suicides by schools

- SB379 – provides for the collection of certain data concerning providers of health care
- SB390 – revises provisions relating to behavioral health

VIII. 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 requested an agenda item at the next meeting on the food truck regulations.

Chair Black advised that May was National Bicycle Month and Mental Health Awareness Month. He recently joined a number of Health District staff on being trained, and certified, in safeTALK, which is suicide prevention training. Chair Black encouraged any other Board Members that may be interested to reach out to the Health District.

Member Bond requested an agenda item at the next meeting on a discussion and/or presentation on how EMS makes decisions on Level 4 transports.

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

- DHO COMMENTS

In addition to this written report, Dr. Leguen advised that, earlier this week, Clark County passed 1 million residents with at least one dose of the COVID-19 vaccine. Dr. Leguen further advised that the Health District started offering the COVID-19 vaccine to adolescents with the hope to vaccinate as many adolescents as possible during the summer, in advance of the next school year. Recently the FDA and CDC reviewed and approved that the COVID-19 vaccine can be administered simultaneously with other vaccines which is helpful with the back to school vaccines. Dr. Leguen advised that, last Saturday was the African Day Celebration in Clark County and he attended with his daughter, who is a teenager, and she was able to get the vaccine. Dr. Leguen encourages the community to do the same.

With the retirement of Annette Bradley, Heather Anderson-Fintak is the Health District's General Counsel. Ms. Anderson-Fintak was the Associate General Counsel at the Health District for almost 9 years.

Christi Kindel joined the Health District as Associate General Counsel. Ms. Kindel has been an attorney for over 20 years. Throughout her career, Ms. Kindel worked for and represented local government entities, most recently as Deputy District Attorney for Nye County.

Dr. Cassius Lockett returned the Health District as the new Director of Disease Surveillance and Control. Dr. Lockett was previously at the Health District as the Director of Community Health. Most recently, Dr. Lockett was the Director, Public Health Policy & Planning for the San Mateo County Health.

- COVID-19 Update ([Attachment #3](#)) and Vaccination Campaign Update

Dr. Michael Johnson, Director of Community Health, advised that over the last month there has been a steady decrease in the number of new COVID-19 cases; the 7-day moving average is 96 cases per day, which is down from 171 cases a couple weeks ago. Dr. Johnson advised that there is a decrease in cases associated with CCSD, with both faculty and students. Dr. Johnson further advised that hospital capacity was strong and manageable. The mortality rate is also declining, with a 7-day moving average of 2 deaths per day, which is down from 3.3 a couple weeks ago. The positivity rate continues to decline over the last month, with a 7-day moving average of 3.9%, which is down from

5.1% a couple weeks ago. The syndromic surveillance continues to decline with a 7-day moving average of 4%, which is down from almost 5.5% a couple weeks ago.

Member Kirkpatrick expressed her recognition of the Health District staff, particularly in epidemiology and vaccination, in their efforts during the pandemic.

JoAnn Rupiper, Chief Administrative Nurse, provided an update on the COVID-19 vaccination campaign and advised that two grants were recently received and used to hire staff. Starting in June, Ms. Rupiper advised that a tour for vaccination will start at different high schools daily. The Health District is moving from large PODS to smaller, more focused teams that will be in various neighborhoods.

Member Nemec inquired if the Health District has researched a lottery incentive for vaccination, as being done on other states. Ms. Rupiper advised that communication has commenced with the State.

Dr. Leguen advised that the rate of initial doses administered for 16 years and older is 55%.

Member Adams suggested a one-page information sheet that can be sent to people regarding the ease of obtaining the vaccine.

Ms. Rupiper advised of a project with Allegiant Stadium where the public can visit the stadium and get their vaccine. Details are currently being finalized.

- Senate Bill 4 Update

Christopher Saxton, Director of Environmental Health, provided an update on the implementation of Senate Bill 4 and advised that there have been 88 inspections/re-inspections over the last month. Mr. Saxton advised that 677 inspections/re-inspections have been conducted since October 1, 2020. Staff is currently on the fourth round of inspections for resorts, lodging facilities 200 plus room. Mr. Saxton further advised that funding for the program was received last year. The State has provided the opportunity to apply under the ELC grant, however no funds have been received at this point for this year.

Member Bond inquired on whether the Health District had a position on the proposed changing to SB4. Mr. Saxton advised that staff reviewed the proposed changes and did not object to any of the changes.

- SNHD Recent Federal Grants

Karen White, Chief Financial Officer, provided an updated on the following Health District's new and renewing grants. ([Attachment #4](#))

- Title X Family Planning
- American Rescue Plan
- American Rescue Plan – Health Center Construction and Capital Improvements
- Ryan White Part B Case Management
- Ryan White Part B CHC Detention Center
- Ryan White Part B Pharmacy
- Ryan White Early Intervention
- Epidemiology & Laboratory Capacity (ELC) – Two CDC grants
- COVID-19 Vaccine Supplemental
- Nevada State Immunization Program COVID-19 Supplemental Funding
- Nevada Immunization & Vaccine for Children Flu

X. **INFORMATIONAL ITEMS**

1. Administration Monthly Activity Report
2. Community Health Monthly Activity Report
3. Environmental Health Monthly Activity Report
4. Primary & Preventive Care Monthly Activity Report

- XI. **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 Chair or the Board by majority vote.

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

XII.

CLOSED SESSION – To Be Held Prior to Adjournment

Go into closed session, pursuant to NRS 241.015(3)(b)(2), to receive information from the Health District's Attorney, regarding potential or existing litigation involving a matter over which the Board has supervision, control, jurisdiction or advisory power, and to deliberate toward a decision on the matter and pursuant to NRS 288.220 for the purpose of conferring with Health District management regarding labor issues; and direct staff accordingly. ***(For possible action)***

The Chair started the Closed Session at 10:47 a.m.

*Member Bond left the meeting at 11:05 a.m. and did not return.
Member Nielson left the meeting at 11:09 a.m. and did not return.
Member Segerblom left the meeting at 11:12 a.m. and did not return.*

The Chair closed the Closed Session at 11:20 a.m.

XIII. **ADJOURNMENT**

The Chair adjourned the meeting at 11:20 a.m.

Fermin Leguen, MD, MPH
District Health Officer/Executive Secretary

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